

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Matthew 11:2-11

2 When John **heard** in prison what the Messiah was doing, **he sent word** by his disciples 3 and said to him, “**Are you the one who is to come**, or are we to wait for another?” 4 Jesus answered them, “Go and **tell John what you hear** and **see**: 5 the **blind receive their sight**, the **lame walk**, the **lepers are cleansed**, the **deaf hear**, the dead are raised, and the **poor have good news brought to them**. 6 And **blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me**.”

7 As they went away, Jesus **began to speak** to the crowds about John: “What did you **go out into the wilderness to look at**? **A reed shaken by the wind**? 8 What then did you go out to see? **Someone dressed in soft robes**? Look, **those who wear soft robes** are in royal palaces. 9 What then did you go out to see? A **prophet**? Yes, **I tell you**, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one **about whom it is written**, ‘**See**, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ 11 **Truly I tell you**, among **those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist**; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

*Eye - S, *Math - I, *Music - S, People - S, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial MWD			<p>Vss. 4-5 – Jesus is making the case for who he is by stacking up the evidence. Get some large blocks or boxes and label them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Blind See” • “Lame Walk” • “Lepers Cleansed” • “Deaf Hear” • “Dead Raised” • “Poor Get Good News.” <p>Stack them up!</p> <p>You could start with a smaller stack of smaller blocks labeled with what John may have been expecting –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Holy Wrath!</i> • <i>Righteous Fury!</i>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Purging Evil!</i> • <i>Cleaning House!</i> • <i>Kicking Butts!</i> • <i>Crushing Opponents!</i> <p>Then put the Jesus Stack in front of John's stack, dwarfing it and hiding it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>Vss. 7-9 – Have some reeds or cattails and a nice, soft robe to show.</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>Vss. 7-9 – Jesus sets up two opposite absurdities for what people may have gone to look at. It sets the parameters for what he will tell them about John.</p> <p>Would you go all the way to the wilderness to see a reed? Would you go there to see what you know is not there? No? Then the answer must be the thing that must be there and must be worth seeing.</p>	<p>← An iteration loop is a computer programming tool where a certain process is repeated either a preselected number of times or until a preselected condition is met. For example, it might repeat a mathematical function 10 or 100 or 1,000,000 times, often using the outcome as part of the input for the next repetition, OR it might repeat the function until the difference in the outcome from one run to the next is less than .01%.</p> <p>Here, Jesus is using a very short iterative loop that swings from one extreme to the other and then settles on the correct solution.</p>	<p>← EYE smart sfx of this: three cups with one pea.</p>
Body - Kinesthetic			
<p>Musical</p> <p>D2</p>			<p>See below a poetic rendition of verses 2-6. It's not very polished, so maybe you can do a better version.</p>
Natural			
People - Interpersonal	<p>Commentary by James Alison, The Christian Century</p>		<p>Discuss:</p> <p>1) What signs have you</p>

	<p>“Jesus points toward something objective, the signs of the One coming in. The blind receive their sight, the lame walk and so on—the whole Isaiah package.”</p> <p>And</p> <p>“What is it like to be stretched out in a wrathful world in expectation of the arrival of an incommensurable power who is not wrathful?”</p>		<p>seen that point to Jesus’ presence in the world? Where have you witnessed sight being restored (literally or metaphorically) or people being made able to move again?</p> <p>2) How do we receive a Messiah who fights for us by dying?</p> <p>3) Jesus does not proclaim <i>himself</i> in his answer; he proclaims <i>the kingdom of God</i> - the life into which we are baptized and living. Does this make a difference?</p>
Self - Intrapersonal	<p>Commentary by Daniel Harrel, CC</p> <p>“Jesus proves that victory only comes through defeat. Losing really is good for you. Praise the Lord.”</p>		<p>Print these sentences and hand them out to people to place somewhere they’ll see them. Have them contemplate what is worth losing.</p>

John was in prison.
He heard about his cousin,
But it didn’t sound like
He was being the Messiah right.
Gave his folk a task:
Find this guy and ask –
“Are you the one,
The one who is to come?
Should we be looking further,
And waiting for another?”

Jesus said to them
“Go and tell our friend
All you hear and see –
Take no offense at me!
The blind receive their sight!
The lame can walk upright!
The lepers’ skin is clean!
The deaf can hear again!
The dead now live once more!
There’s good news for the poor!”