

**CHILDREN BROCHURE
MORAVIAN CHURCH – BARBADOS CONFERENCE**

Provincial Theme: Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.



S. – Seek & Submit

H. – Hear & Heed

I. – Imagine & Insight

F. – Focus & Function

T. – Totally Transformed

Age: 8 – 12 yrs

SEEK

April 5 – Seek Love

Scripture:

Matthew 5: 43-48 43 You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbour. Hate your enemy" 44 But here is what I tell you. Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. 45 Then you will be children of your Father who is in heaven. He causes the sun to shine on evil people and good people. He sends rain on those who do right and those who don't. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will get you? Even the tax collectors do that. 47 If you greet only your own people, what more are you doing than others? Even people who are ungodly do that. 48 So be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. (NIRV)

Message:

No one wants to love their enemies. It is easier to shun them and turn our backs on them. However, verse 44 says to love your enemies. It goes further to say that you must pray for those who hurt you. What do you accomplish when you only love those who love you? Anyone can do that. You must go the extra distance to love everyone, whether they love you or not. Jesus loves everyone and died so that all can have eternal life.

When you can love all people, even your enemies, then you will be children of God. To be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect is to love one another with the love of the Lord. So reach out in love, reach out in support of your brother and sister who need the love of the Lord.

Activity:

Fill in the missing words:

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

4 Love is p_____ and k____; love is not j_____ or boastful;

5 it is not a_____ or r____. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not i_____ or r_____;

6 it does not rejoice at w____, but rejoices in the r_____.

7 Love b_____ all t_____, b_____ all things, h_____ all things, e_____ all things.

8 Love never ends; as for p_____, they will pass away; as for t_____, they will cease; as for k_____, it will pass away.

9 For our knowledge is i_____ and our p_____ is imperfect;

10 but when the p_____ comes, the imperfect will pass away.

11 When I was a c_____, I s_____ like a child, I t_____ like a child, I r_____ like a child; when I became a m____, I gave up childish ways.

12 For now we s___ in a m_____ dimly, but then f___ to f____. Now I k___ in part; then I shall u_____ fully, even as I have been fully understood.

13 So f____, h____, l____ abide, these three; but the g_____ of these is love.

