



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

S.H.I.F.T.

Age: 13 yrs. & Over

August 15

Sing with me:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsBpM9IcBts>

Seek Ye First - Maranatha! Music [with lyrics]

Memory Verse: Luke 12: 31 (NIV)

31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)

Read with me:

11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Let us talk about it:

God wants to be found! If we seek Him with all our heart, He will be found...ALWAYS! He has made each one of us unique and wonderful! Seeking God is establishing a relationship with Him.

Searching for Jesus is nothing new. Remember the story of the wise men?

Those men saw a strange star in the East, a symbol that a king was born. So, they took their gifts and followed the star. But they went to the Palace, where they expected to find a king. Obviously, they were not really following the star, or they would have bypassed the palace. But, you know what? That is where they expected to find a king! I am sure you would have expected that too. But Herod sent them on a search.

Read Matthew 2: 7 – 8

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

Herod did not really mean to worship Jesus, but the search started.

Remember when Jesus was taken to the temple at age 12? Places of worship were not just around the corner where you could go every week. It was quite a journey to go to the temple, and this was done as a yearly journey, at the time of the passover festival. On the way back home, Mary discovered Jesus was not with them, and after searching among the travelers, she and some friends went back to the temple to search for Jesus. Oh yes. He was found, sitting among the teachers learning more about God.

Read Luke 2:46 – 50;

46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” 49 “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

What about the man Zacchaeus? Zacchaeus was a wealthy tax collector who used to rob the people by collecting more tax from them than was due. Zacchaeus heard about Jesus and decided he wanted to see Jesus. Short as he was, he could not see Jesus in the crowds, so he climbed a tree. Indeed, he more than saw Jesus. Jesus was able to change his life to be a nicer person.

Read Luke 19: 8-9

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Some ways in which you can seek Jesus:

- ✓ **Think about Him** and what He can do for you - Psalm 77:12 *“I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.”*
- ✓ **Talk to Him.** When you talk to Jesus every day, He comes around more! It’s true! It’s called praying but you can talk to Him when you are walking, standing or driving in a car or bus. You can talk to Him with your mouth or with your mind. He’s always there, ready to listen.
- ✓ **Tell Him you love Him.** Jesus loves it when you tell Him you love Him and mean it. He has deep feelings and emotions. He can feel love in a very powerful way. Don’t just sing “Jesus Loves Me” but say to Him, “I love YOU Jesus!”
- ✓ **Read about Him.** Spend time reading the Bible if you want to get to know Jesus. The stories in the New Testament are true stories and many of them are the miracles Jesus did when He was on the earth. Read a verse or two every day!
- ✓ **Look for Him.** Matthew 7:7 says, *“Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you.”* Jesus has promised that if you look for Him, you will find Him. When you’re driving in the car or the bus, look up at the sky and ask in your heart, “Are you there, Jesus?” When you go to bed at night ask in your heart, “Are you there, Jesus?” When we do that, He promises to appear.

All in all – Read your Bible pray every day and you will grow, grow, grow.

Let us pray:

Dear God, I humbly ask you to fill me with wisdom. I pray I will get better at making decisions, as I seek to serve You more. Help me to discern Your answers to me, and follow Your will in all that I do. This I ask in Jesus’ name, Amen.

ACTIVITY

Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

Help Zacchaeus climb down from the tree so he can meet Jesus!

