



## 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**

December 12

Sing with me:

*Be Thou my vision*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CMclLT\\_Hjg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CMclLT_Hjg)

Memory Verse: Proverbs 1:23 (New Living Translation)

*Come and listen to my counsel.  
I'll share my heart with you and make you wise.*

Scripture: Proverbs 1: 8 – 23 (New Living Translation)

Read with me

A Father's Exhortation: Acquire Wisdom

8 My child, listen when your father corrects you.

Don't neglect your mother's instruction.

9 What you learn from them will crown you with grace  
and be a chain of honour around your neck.

10 My child, if sinners entice you, turn your back on them!

11 They may say, "Come and join us. Let's hide and kill someone!  
Just for fun, let's ambush the innocent!"

12 Let's swallow them alive, like the grave;

let's swallow them whole, like those who go down to the pit of death.

13 Think of the great things we'll get! We'll fill our houses with all the stuff we take.

14 Come, throw in your lot with us; we'll all share the loot."

15 My child, don't go along with them! Stay far away from their paths.  
16 They rush to commit evil deeds. They hurry to commit murder.  
17 If a bird sees a trap being set, it knows to stay away.  
18 But these people set an ambush for themselves; they are trying to get themselves killed.  
19 Such is the fate of all who are greedy for money; it robs them of life.  
Wisdom Shouts in the Streets  
20 Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square.  
21 She calls to the crowds along the main street, to those gathered in front of the city gate:  
22 "How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being simpleminded?  
How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools hate knowledge?  
23 Come and listen to my counsel. I'll share my heart with you and make you wise.

### **Let us talk about it.**

"Listen to me child, I am talking to you". I am sure you have heard that command many times. Why will a person talking to you want to tell you to listen? Why would you want to listen, anyway? But Solomon, in his wisdom shouts to tell us we should listen. Remember, this road you are walking, as a child, trying to get closer God, will sometimes be very difficult, and many obstacles may be in your way. But Solomon wants to help you through these challenges. In verse 10 Solomon warns us to avoid bad company. He goes on to tell us about enticement and its dangers. Do you recognize when a "friend" is not a friend? Were you ever in a situation where a "friend" was inviting you to do something you know is wrong? Certainly, that person cannot be a true friend. But note, Solomon goes on to warn us to stay away from those persons who will want to lead us astray. Solomon acknowledges the behaviour of a bird. When a bird recognizes trouble, it tries to get out of the way in a hurry. If you recognize trouble, he wants you to do like the bird and run away.

But Solomon does not stop there. In verses 20 – 23, he warns you not to be so simple you cannot think for yourself. If you reach that point, then you will be a fool. That certainly is not you. His suggestion is to listen to wise counsel, as there is so much to be learnt. I am suggesting you will only overcome the challenges you are facing in your effort to follow Christ, when you seek guidance in the right places. Take your needs to Christ. Listen to Christ, He will tell you the things you need to keep close to Him.

### **Let us pray**

Dear Father, Lord, without You, I make poor choices and I focus and obsess over foolish things. Father God, forgive me for not seeking Your guidance, for not always trusting Your wisdom and thinking I can handle life on my own. Oh Lord, today I invite wisdom and instruction from You. Give me clarity of vision and teach me the way to go. Oh God, I am willing to listen to Your counsel and I ask You to pour out Your wisdom and instruction on my life. Amen

## Activity

Answer each of the following questions by choosing the correct option (a), (b), (c), (d). Only one (1) answer is correct. All the answers are found in Proverbs 1.

1. My son, if sinners entice you, do not \_\_\_\_\_ . (1:10)

- (a) consent                      (b) follow                      (c) listen                      (d) obey

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- (a) fear                      (b) hearing                      (c) reading                      (d) word

3. What does a father plead with his son to do ? (vs 8)

- (a) Do not forsake his mother's teaching.                      (c) Do not forsake his father's teaching.  
(b) Do not be bothered about his mother's teaching.                      (d) Do not be bothered about his father's teaching.

4. What promised is attached to the father's plea in verses 8, 9

- (a) a wreath to grace your head                      (c) a chain of honour around your neck  
(b) a bracelet around your ankle                      (d) a bracelet around your wrist

5. What forewarning does the father give to his son (v.10)

- (a) give in to sin                      (c) do not give in to sin  
(b) It is good to be enticed                      (d) turn your back on your friends

6. In vs 19, what motivates sinners of whom the father forewarned his son?

- (a) friends                      (b) greed                      (c) hunger                      (d) money

7. The \_\_\_\_\_ robs a person of life

- (a) effort to help others                      (c) choice of friends  
(b) greed for money                      (d) need to succeed

8. Wisdom shouts

- (a) in the streets                      (c) in your ears  
(b) from the mountain top                      (d) whenever she sees people

9. What is the benefit of listening to counsel?

- (a) There is no benefit.                      (c) You will not to read.  
(b) You will be like the bird.                      (d) You will become wise.

10. Who hates knowledge?

- (a) small children                      (b) men and women                      (c) fools                      (d) sick people.

## Moments of Advent.

### The Advent wreath



The Advent wreath is a symbol of the season, with a candle lit each of the four Sundays leading up to, and on Christmas Day.

the first candle symbolizes hope and is called the "Prophet's Candle."

The second candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle."

The third candle symbolizes joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle."

The fourth candle represents peace and is called the "Angel's Candle."

The fifth candle represents light and purity and is called "Christ's candle." It is placed in the middle and is lit on

Christmas Day. This candle is white to represent pure light and victory.

The light of the flickering candle flames reminds us who Jesus is: "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5). Advent candles are often nestled in the evergreen wreath. Additional decorations, like holly and berries, are sometimes added. Their red color points ahead to Jesus' sacrifice and death on the cross, shedding his blood for our sins.

Solutions for today's quizz. I hope that you got them all right.

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