



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: 13 yrs. & Over

TOTALLY TRANSFORMED

December 13 – Wisdom

Scripture:

Sing along with me:

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

*Read your Bible, pray every day, pray every day
If you want to grow.*

Memory verse: Proverbs 1:5 NIRV

Let wise people listen and add to what they have learned.
Let those who understand what is right get guidance.

Proverbs 1:5 - 7 (NIRV)

Read with me:

5 Let wise people listen and add to what they have learned.

Let those who understand what is right get guidance.

6 What I'm teaching also helps you understand proverbs and stories.

It helps you understand the sayings and riddles of those who are wise.

7 If you really want to gain knowledge, you must begin by having respect for the Lord.

But foolish people hate wisdom and instruction.



Message:

Do we ever have enough education? Really? You may ask! Now that you are in school, you can't wait to finish school. Apart from seeing your friends, what is there exciting about school? But everyone, especially the teachers, parents and other adults think that the best place for children is to be in school. I am sure that in March when your country was under shut down, you were very excited. You did not have to go to school. Then the teachers, those persons who you thought knew it all, started a new training programme. They learnt how to teach online.

Now, there is a new twist to learning. Image that, these teachers who you thought knew it all, had a new shift. Even parents who are now at home have to make that shift. Everyone is seeking new knowledge. Everyone is going back to learning. Getting new knowledge is the trend. Do you think Solomon knew that we would be in a pandemic and therefore will need to get new knowledge? We all need to add to our knowledge. That expensive mobile telephone or laptop now has to be used for purposes other than keeping in touch with your friends, or watching movies. We now need to know how to use these devices for doing schoolwork.

Solomon asked God for Wisdom. He is telling us that we also need to seek wisdom. There are still lots of things that you do not know.

Most importantly, I want to encourage you to learn more of God. In addition to all the knowledge that you get from attending school, knowing about God is the best knowledge that a person can ask for.

Knowledge of God can strengthen your faith. There are many stories in the Bible of people who were led by God and their faith was strengthened. We can think about Moses. You remember the story of Moses who was rescued from the river because his mother was so clever. Moses later was called by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt after the experience of the 10 plagues. Moses followed God's orders and was able to save the Israelites from Pharaoh. Think also about Noah. Noah's faith in God was so strong, that at God's word, Noah built an ark, gathered all the animals, two of each, and saved them from the flood which God had promised would occur. This story of Noah saving the animals and his family shows that no matter how bad things may look, our faith and trust in God can help us to rise above disaster and navigate life's storms.

Knowledge of God can strengthen your hope. Hoping and waiting for something that has been promised to us, but that we've never seen is not easy. Knowing God helps to increase your patience.

Joshua led the Israelites into one of the most famous battles of all time, the Battle of Jericho. He led a group to the city of Canaan and had them surround the city. Eventually, he called for them to come in and take the city. His leadership ability is a great example of patience for us all to follow.

Knowledge of God can strengthen your love. To love Jesus is to truly know Him.

In Ephesians 5:2, Paul tells the people of Ephesus to “*walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.*”

Growing in love takes great knowledge about God. You may have many failures, but your aim is to love others as God has loved you.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we pray for wisdom and guidance in all that we do. We know that we can only think about the present and the past, but only You know the future. We ask You, dear Lord, to plan our future path for us and help us to make the best decision not only for ourselves and our family, but also for those around us. We pray that we will be able to discern which path is right for us. Bless us, O God, with wisdom so that we can make wise decisions. We thank You, Lord for listening to our prayers, asked in Jesus' name. Amen.



Activity:

Make your wisdom star:

To make this star, you will need

Fun foam, or card, or paper

Markers or pens or crayons

Glitter, glue

A small piece of ribbon

Scissors (*make sure that you do not use your mother's scissors that she is using for cutting cloth.*

Cutting paper with a scissors that is used for cutting cloth will make the scissors dull).

Use the template below to draw your star on a piece of paper.

Use the glue to stick the paper on to the foam or card.

Punch a hole in one of the points of the star.

Run a piece of string, long enough to hang the star, into the hole. Tie it securely.

Now we can do one of the following:-

You may now cover both sides of the star with glitter. And let it dry.

Hang your star on the Christmas tree or at a window.

In each point of the star, write the words

HEAR, READ, STUDY, MEMORIZE, MEDITATE

Now decorate your star so that you do not hide the words.

Hang the star where it will remind you of what you need to do to gain wisdom

