



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 27 – Deliverance

Scripture:

Sing along with me:

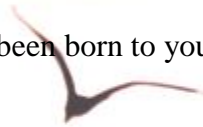
Joy to the world

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30OaM6b48k8>

Memory verse:

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy. It is for all the people.

11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord. St Luke 2: 10, 11 (NIRV)



Read with me: St Luke 20: 1 – 20 NIRV

Jesus Is Born

2 In those days, Caesar Augustus made a law. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world. 2 It was the first time a list was made of the people while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 Everyone went to their own town to be listed.

4 So Joseph went also. He went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David. 5 He went there with Mary to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby. 6 While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. 7 She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

8 There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said,

14 "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven!

And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!"

15 The angels left and went into heaven. Then the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was lying in the manger. 17 After the shepherds had seen him, they told everyone. They reported what the angel had said about this child. 18 All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. She thought about them over and over. 20 The shepherds returned. They gave glory and praise to God. Everything they had seen and heard was just as they had been told.

Message:

Let us talk about it.

Since March this year, the entire world was trying to adjust to the effects of the discovery of a new virus which was called COVID 19. This new strain of the corona virus came to us with flu like symptoms, but then it turned out to be much worse than the flu, and we were not prepared it. The world was not prepared for the devastation which it brought. The millions of deaths, the shut- down of many countries, no one could go in, no one could come out. Many businesses were shut down, many people lost their jobs. Schools were closed. Classrooms became virtual.



Many of us had to get familiar with the technology to keep communication going. Even the church was affected. Many of us started to worship online and even our Sunday School became virtual. Every Sunday, rather than meeting with your group, you logged on to https://sharonmoravian.info/sunday_school and you were able to have a Sunday School lesson.

Today's lesson is the last in this series **SHIFT**. Since this series started, you were being encouraged to let Jesus take control of your life:- Seek God at all times, Heed the teachings of Jesus, Imagining what it will be like to be one of Jesus's disciples, Focus on becoming a child of God, and now, you are Totally Transformed. Today we are being delivered. Just two days we celebrated that all important event, the birth of Jesus. Yes, we did have a lot to celebrate. God had promised to send a Deliverer to His people. And God kept His promise. A special young lady was chosen to be the mother of Jesus. God made that selection Himself. Can you imagine how elated Mary felt to be chosen as the mother of Jesus, the one who would come to deliver the people from their sins? Girls – do you think that if God was making the choice today, He would have chosen you? But, Mary was not the only important person here. What about the young man who had promised to marry her? Now God did not leave it up to Mary alone to tell him her good news. God also let him know what was happening. God approved of him being the earthly father of Jesus.

Yes, God promised a Deliverer. God promised deliverance to His people. You may ask “But were there not people before who could be called Deliverers?” Yes, there were men such as Abraham, Isaiah, Joshua, David and Moses. These were men who did the will of God. Can you think of other great men God had used to preach deliverance to the people? This time however, God wanted to come Himself, He was not sending a messenger. He would come Himself, but He must come as a baby, and live among the people. God, we know, is so powerful that He could be in the heavens above and live among His people at the same time.

A King, born in a stable? A place where animals eat and sleep? The baby Jesus was born in a stable surrounded by animals. There wasn't a clean bed with nice sheets and pillows for Him, only a manger (or trough) out of which animals eat. This wasn't a nice, clean hospital with smart doctors to take care of Him. Does that sound like the kind of place where a King would be born? No. Jesus was born in a humble place because He would be a servant to everyone, even to the point of dying on the cross. You may ask, “So, what does that have to do with the Deliverer?”

Think of humility. The humble shepherds, out in the field watching their sheep was a symbol of humility. They were the first to be told of this birth. I am sure the innkeeper and his wife were excited about this birth. After all God put it in their hearts to have the stable prepared.

The wise men were not told about the birth, but they studied the stars and know there was a new star in the sky. Would you recognize a new star in the sky? They not only saw the new star, but they knew of its significance.

Today, we want to thank God for deliverance. A good king rules over his people with grace and justice. A good king loves his people and wants to take care of them. Since Jesus is our King we must obey Him and trust that He will take care of us. I trust that the blessedness of this Christmas season, celebrating a birth that occurred more than 2000 years ago, will remain fresh in our hearts. We have been delivered.

Let us pray:

Thank you God for sending your Son Jesus to be our Saviour and King, so that we can be delivered. Loving Lord Jesus, You are our help in times of misfortune. You have promised in Your word that you will deliver us from our troubles when we call upon Your Name. We thank you, O God, that when we put our trust in you we can be forgiven for our sins and have a relationship with you! Even now, O God, we thank You for listening to our prayers and delivering us from all problems. In Jesus' mighty name we pray, Amen.



Activity:

A. Use the key given to complete the verse.

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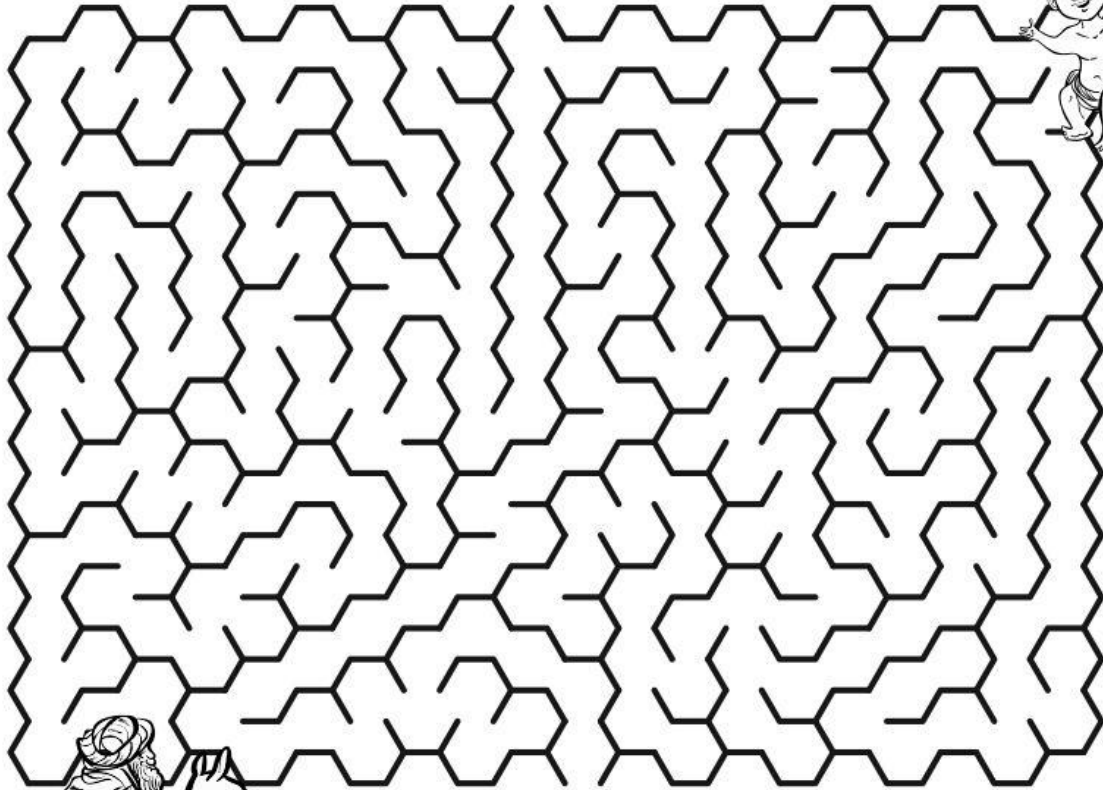
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B. Follow to star with the wise men to Bethlehem.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Help the Wise Men follow the star to find Baby Jesus.

FINISH



START

