



## 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**

**January 24 - Do not give up**

**Sing with me:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2N3CljcqU0>

Don't grow weary in doing well: Hosanna Music

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6: 9

Don't grow weary in doing well,  
Don't surrender in the fight;  
Keep on storming the gates of hell,  
Keep on doing what you know is right.

For there will be seasons of testing  
And there maybe weeping for a night,  
But soon we'll be reaping the blessing  
If we keep pressing on towards the prize.

Keep on praying in the Spirit,  
Keep on walking in the light;  
Don't be fearful or discouraged,  
Keep on doing what you know is right."

## **Memory verse:**

Galatians 6:9

9 Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.

Scripture Galatians 6:1 - 10 NIRV

## **Read with me**

Do Good to Everyone

6 Brothers and sisters, what if someone is caught in a sin? Then you who live by the Spirit should correct that person. Do it in a gentle way. But be careful. You could be tempted too.

2 Carry one another's heavy loads. If you do, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

3 If anyone thinks they are somebody when they are nobody, they are fooling themselves.

4 Each person should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves. They won't be comparing themselves to someone else.

5 Each person should carry their own load.

6 But those who are taught the word should share all good things with their teacher.

7 Don't be fooled. You can't outsmart God. A man gathers a crop from what he plants.

8 Some people plant to please their desires controlled by sin. From these desires they will harvest death. Others plant to please the Holy Spirit. From the Spirit they will harvest eternal life.

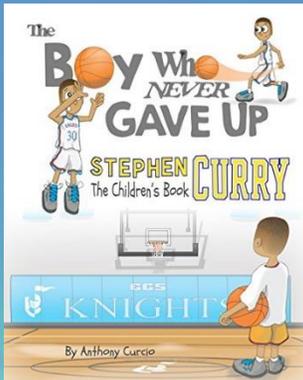
9 Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.

10 So when we can do good to everyone, let us do it. Let's try even harder to do good to the family of believers.

## **Let us talk about it:**

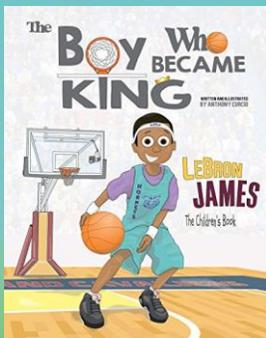
"I give up!" Does that sound familiar? So often we are doing something, and feel as if we are getting nowhere. Everyone is saying things like – "it is so simple!", or "Just try harder!" Yet the more you try, the more you think you are failing. Are you really failing? This is frustrating. What are your dreams?

Take these two young men.



The story is told of a NBA superstar, Stephen Curry, a young boy who many said was too short play in high school, too weak to play in college, and was not good enough to play in the NBA. Against all odds, this small boy followed his dream, and not only made it to the NBA, but became one of the greatest players to ever play the game of basketball. (read about him in the book by Anthony Curcio).

We also have the story of LeBron James, also a basketballer. I am sure that many of you know of him.



The Boy Who Became King, also written by Anthony Curcio, is the inspiring true story of NBA superstar LeBron James. This is the story of a young boy and his loving, single mother and their struggle to make it on their own. With the help of a coach and his family, LeBron was introduced to the game of basketball.

Against all odds, “the kid from Akron” not only made it to the NBA but became a basketball legend and now helps others who are struggling like he and his mother once were.

We also have from American history, the story of the woman Rosa Parks,

Rosa Parks (1913—2005), helped initiate the civil rights movement in the United States when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama bus in 1955. Her actions inspired the leaders of the local Black community to organize the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Led by a young Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the boycott lasted more than a year and ended only when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that bus segregation was unconstitutional. Over the next half-century, Parks became a nationally recognized symbol of dignity and strength in the struggle to end entrenched racial segregation.

Read more about Rosa parks here

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/rosa-parks>

There are many more examples of people who did not give up despite the difficulties. They kept on trying and yes, we too have to keep trying. We must focus on our eternal reward which we will reap if we keep on sowing good work. "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Gal. 6:9).

In Isaiah 40:29 -31 we read

29 He (God) gives strength to those who are tired.

He gives power to those who are weak.

30 Even young people become worn out and get tired.

Even the best of them trip and fall.

31 But those who trust in the Lord

will receive new strength.

They will fly as high as eagles.

They will run and not get tired.

They will walk and not grow weak.

Read verse 31 again. We have to trust God. We cannot do it on our own. What happened to Peter when he tried walking on the water? Peter had a dream of being able to walk on the water like Jesus did. Read Matthew 24:28 – 33. After Jesus encouraged him to walk, Peter took his eyes off Jesus, and as a result he started to sink. This is the assurance that we need to trust in the Lord, and He will strengthen you. Our strength to continue the fight, comes from God. Perhaps you have had difficult times in your personal life, in your church life or at school. As a result you are weary today. The word of encouragement is – Don't give up! Why? Because you will reap a harvest. God will come through for you. When? In due season. Some labour faithfully with little fruit to show for it in this life. But certainly, the harvest will come in the fullness of the kingdom, in God's time.

So like our basketballers, let us focus our dreams on our service to the Lord. Unlike Peter, we need to keep our eyes on Jesus and ignore the others around us who are not working and are hindering us in our work by their opinions and criticisms. We must follow our dreams, and do not give up.

### **Let us pray**

Heavenly Father, guide me and lead me through every trial I face today and every day. Supply me with everything I need to stand tall in the battles of life. Control my mind and strengthen my heart so I can have the confidence to tackle every issue that comes my way. Remove doubt and fill me with self-esteem. Your word teaches that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Help me draw my strength from You and never give up. In Jesus name, Amen.

## Activity

### Find 6 Hidden Words in the Picture



Do not give up. Share with you friends.