



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 31 - Trust in God.

Sing with me:

I believe - Jonathan Nelson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jcq6ncHUgFM>

Jehovah, you. I trust in you, O Lord. Jehovah you, I trust in you,

I believe, I believe,

Jehovah, you, I trust in you. I believe, I believe,

You are a God of miracles, You are a God of wonders,

You are the God all powerful,

I believe, I believe, I believe, I believe.

Jehovah, you, I trust in you, Oh Lord,

Jehovah, you, I trust in you, I believe, I believe,

You, I trust in you, Oh Lord,

Jehovah you, I trust in you, I believe, I believe,

You are a God of miracles, You are a God of wonders,
You are the God all powerful,
I believe, I believe, I believe, I believe.

So long bye bye, so long bye bye,
Goodbye to me pain and my sorrow,
So long bye bye, So long bye bye, so long bye bye,
Goodbye to me pain and my sorrow, So long bye bye!
Good bye to my sorrow (bye bye), Good bye to my pain (bye bye)
Good bye to my trouble (bye bye), Good bye to my trouble (bye bye)
Good bye fear, you ain't welcome here (bye bye)
Good bye fear, you ain't welcome here (bye bye)
Hey, so long, (bye bye) Yeah, so long, (bye bye)
Yeah, so long (bye, bye) Hey, so long (bye bye)
So long (bye bye) I can't hear you say (bye bye)
I can't hear you say (bye bye), I can't hear you say (bye bye)
Good bye to my trouble (bye bye), Good bye to my pain, y'all (bye bye)
Good bye y'all (bye bye), Everybody raise it up (bye bye)
You are a God of miracles, You are a God of wonders,
You are the God all powerful,
I believe, I believe, I believe, I believe,

So long (bye bye), So long (bye bye), So long (bye bye),
Good bye to my trouble (bye bye), Good bye to my pain, y'all (bye bye)
Somebody wave it bye bye (bye bye), Somebody wave it bye bye (bye bye),

You ain't welcome here (bye bye), you ain't welcome here (bye bye)
Good bye to my trouble (bye bye), Good bye to my pain, y'all (bye bye)
I can't hear you up there (bye bye)
Somebody raise it up say, (bye bye), Somebody raise it up say, (bye bye)
You are a God of miracles, You are a God of wonders,
You are the God all powerful,
I believe, I believe, I believe, I believe,
So long (bye bye), so long (bye bye),
Good bye to my pain and my sorrow,
So long bye bye.

Memory verse:

Philippians 4:19

19 My God will meet all your needs. He will meet them in keeping with his wonderful riches. These riches come to you because you belong to Christ Jesus.

Scripture

Philippians 4:4 – 20 NIRV

Read with me

4 Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! 5 Let everyone know how gentle you are. The Lord is coming soon. 6 Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to him. 7 Then God's peace will watch over your hearts and your minds. He will do this because you belong to Christ Jesus. God's peace can never be completely understood.

8 Finally, my brothers and sisters, always think about what is true. Think about what is noble, right and pure. Think about what is lovely and worthy of respect. If anything is excellent or

worthy of praise, think about those kinds of things. 9 Do what you have learned or received or heard from me. Follow my example. The God who gives peace will be with you.

10 At last you are concerned about me again. That makes me very happy. We belong to the Lord. I know that you were concerned. But you had no chance to show it. 11 I'm not saying this because I need anything. I have learned to be content no matter what happens to me. 12 I know what it's like not to have what I need. I also know what it's like to have more than I need. I have learned the secret of being content no matter what happens. I am content whether I am well fed or hungry. I am content whether I have more than enough or not enough. 13 I can do all this by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.

14 But it was good of you to share in my troubles. 15 And you believers at Philippi know what happened when I left Macedonia. Not one church helped me in the matter of giving and receiving. You were the only one that did. That was in the early days when you first heard the good news. 16 Even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help when I needed it. And you did it more than once. 17 It is not that I want your gifts. What I really want is what is best for you. 18 I have received my full pay and have more than enough. I have everything I need. That's because Epaphroditus brought me the gifts you sent. They are a sweet-smelling offering. They are a gift that God accepts. He is pleased with it. 19 My God will meet all your needs. He will meet them in keeping with his wonderful riches. These riches come to you because you belong to Christ Jesus.

20 Give glory to our God and Father for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us talk about it:

Paul started out as a bully. A persecutor of Christians. The Christians were that group of people who were followers of Jesus Christ. After Jesus' death and resurrection, His disciples continued His mandate to preach to the people and bring them to the saving knowledge of salvation. These people became known as Christians, as we are today, people who follow the teachings of Christ.

Paul, first called Saul, was one of those Jews who persecuted those early Christians. But the God of miracles, the God of wonders, the all powerful God that we sang of earlier, saw in Saul a man who could work for Him. God carried out a tremendous transformation on Saul as he was journeying on the road to Damascus, with the sole purpose of persecution of the Christians there. It was in this miracle transformation that Saul was renamed Paul, and he became an ambassador for Christ.

As ambassador, Paul, now the apostle, visited many of the cities in Greece, telling the people about Jesus Christ. Now there were no radios, no television, no internet, none of those fast means of communication, not even telegram. So, Paul communicated by writing letters. As we say, "The pen is mightier than the sword". You may say that Paul was a creative letter writer. He wrote letters of admonition, and letters of encouragement to the Christians in the many cities that

he visited. Today's lesson is from one of the letters that Paul wrote, Paul's letter to the Christians of Philippi. We should also recognize that Paul's life was not easy, you could say, he got some of his own medicine. He was cast into prison just for preaching about Jesus Christ. This letter to the Philippians was written when Paul was in prison. Even in prison, Paul did not lose his trust in God, and he wanted the Philippians to understand the greatness of God, and the need to trust God.

Paul encouraged the people of Philippi to be strong and to continue doing good things. He told them they should be preaching the same message of love, and not be involved in strife or fussing. He also told them not to complain or disagree with each other, but to shine as lights in a wicked world. (Philippians 2:15). In Philippians 4, Paul reminded the Philippians to rejoice in the Lord. He wanted them to continue to pray and let their request be known to God. Paul was also talking to us, for with this COVID pandemic we need to pray in earnest that God will save this world.

In his letter, Paul is telling us, just as he told the Philippians, that we should control our thinking. Think about things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report. Even as many countries of the world are trying to cope with the Pandemic, we can still call to Christ who gives us strength. In verse 13, Paul encouraged the Philippians to dwell on true and honest thoughts, and rely on Christ who gives them strength. Yes, we too need to gain our strength from Christ. We need to put away evil thoughts. Look at the way we can now use technology to keep us informed, we can still "go to school", we can still communicate with our friends, we can still "go to church", we have our virtual concerts, virtual parties. It is so wonderful. We can say bye bye to pain and sorrow as long as we obey the COVID protocols of our country.

Paul concludes the letter by reminding the Philippians God will meet all their needs, He will meet them in keeping with wonderful riches. We too, like the Philippians, can have these riches because we belong to Christ Jesus. Paul proclaimed that faith in Jesus guarantees a share in His life. Let us say, like the song writer, Jehovah, I trust in you, I believe, I believe, because we believe God will look after us at this time.

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 trust You.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Activity:

What did you learn?

You will need your Bible for this!

Paul

Before Paul became a follower of Jesus he was called Saul.

1. Read Acts 8:3. What do you discover Saul did to followers of Christ?

Saul had been given permission to travel to Damascus and arrest followers of Jesus and bring them back to Jerusalem where they would be put in prison.

2. Read Acts 9:3-6. Who did Saul meet on his way to Damascus?

3. From Acts 9:15-16 What work had God given Saul to do?

4. From Philippians 4:11, why was Paul not saying this?

5. Whom does Paul love and long for? Philippians 4:1

B. Philippians 4

Match the following questions with answers from the right.

Questions	Answers
1. What should you put into practice?	A. Present your request to God.
2. In what should you present your request to God?	B. All understanding.
3. What should you do in every situation (by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving)?	C. In every situation.
4. What should you let be evident to all?	D. Your gentleness.
5. What does the peace of God transcend?	E. Whatever you have learnt or received.

C: Philippi

1. From Acts 16:13-15 who became a follower of Jesus when Paul and his missionary team visited Philippi?

2. Read Acts 16:25-34. Who became a follower of Jesus when Paul and Silas were in prison in Philippi?



Circle, on the map, the following places that Paul visited

3. Antioch
4. Corinth
5. Philippi