



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

July 11

Sing with me: A child's prayer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wv2o-1Jo5O4>

Memory verse: Exodus 20: 12

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Scripture: Ephesians 6: 1 - 4

Read with me

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

2 "Honor your father and mother"—this is the first commandment with a promise:

3 "so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

4 And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Let us talk about it

Obedience. What does that word mean? The dictionary definition of the word obedience is compliance with an order, request, or law or submission to another's authority. We obey the traffic rules. In the Caribbean it is the law to drive on the left side of the road. At school, there are school rules and you are encouraged to obey the school rules. Even now in the COVID pandemic, new rules have been generated. Wear your mask. Sanitize your hands as you enter any business place. Keep a safe distance from your friends. You comply as these laws were created for your protection.

According to Holman's Illustrated Bible Dictionary, a definition of biblical obedience is "to hear God's Word and act accordingly." Thus, biblical obedience to God means to hear, trust, submit and surrender to God and His Word.

We are to obey God. So often, in the Bible we read of the persons who were disobedient to God. We know the story of Jonah and what happened to him when he thought he should disobey God. (Jonah). We also know how God punished the people by sending a great flood. Only Noah and his family, who were obedient to God, were saved. (Genesis 6 – 9).

Obedience to parents is an extension of obedience to God. In Colossians 3:20, we read: ***"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord."*** Obedience to parents is pleasing to God and I am sure you want to please God. But then you may ask, but how can I show I am obeying my parents, especially when they want me to do something I don't want to do. Do you know you can obey your parents by doing your chores without waiting to be asked? Do you know just by doing things without being asked is obeying your parent? The word that comes with obeying parents is responsibility. Sometimes, it sounds as if parents are being unreasonable, but they really mean to do the right thing. They want to protect you and look after your best interest.

Parents are asked to protect you. They look after your needs – food, clothes and shelter. Note that in Ephesians, parents have responsibilities also. What does verse 4 say? ***And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the***

Lord. This also means mother. So, while you are asked to honour your parents, parents also have a role.

As you go through the following days, think of ways in which you can be obedient to your parents. You can take obedience further to obeying those set in authority over us, our teachers, our leaders and politicians.

Let us pray:

Dear God, thank you that you have given each of us people to care for us! Thank you especially for our mothers and fathers! Please bless our parents, and help us to respect, obey, and honour them. Amen

Activity:

1. Word Search.

Complete the word search by finding the twenty-four (24) words in the list. Words may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards. Draw a circle around the word as you find it.

How many words did you find in 10 minutes?

Name: _____

Date: _____

EPHESIANS 6:1-4

E J B H V T B W K J H D X L F I T I Z Z F Y D U
P J O B E N V V Q T T B U K R B P O H J G W I J
Y P B B E P W E G R A M O M A C H B V G I W S H
W L R U E V R N U T R C H E G A R U O C N E C A
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S H J U R L U F U I H Z N J V U M R D S C O E H
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X R E K U G V V Q C Z Q E M Z J M I X K A K R Q
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Z U Q D K W O O O D M D O O A O R B P H N Z R N
L J S Q J U Z R V R F E S R H E J I D B T R V P
Q C X O L F H Q P E Q I H A D L F N P M C O A Q
B K K K X U O E R N D Q I S M T A L S S V C M W
T E M V S G N F E L F I A Q H B I O E J Y E F L
T O E X S D O T R E H T A F S C H O K N T L E W
H P J H O S R Q Z V K J R U P S O N D A K E O J
M K N O D G A K H W D Z H K P E S N Q X T M V H

WARN	NURTURE	DISOBEDIENCE	OBEY
ENCOURAGE	PROMISE	ANGER	WRATH
PROVOKE	HOLY SPIRIT	COMMANDMENT	FAMILY
WIFE	HUSBAND	CHILDREN	MOTHER
FATHER	DISCIPLINE	LORD	CHRIST
LOVE	TRAIN	TEACH	HONOR

2. Word Maze.

Help these children reach Jesus.

