



## 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 25**

**Sing with me**

*I have decided to follow Jesus*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9h9UjIkMM>

**Memory verse Luke 9:62 (NIV)**

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**Scripture: Luke 9: 57 – 62 (NIV)**

**Read with me**

**Following Jesus**

57 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

58 Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

59 He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

61 Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

62 Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

## Let us talk about it

Excuses, excuses, excuses. Has anyone ever asked you to go somewhere with them, or do something for them and you gave an excuse why you could not do it? I am sure it must have happened to you. Or, maybe you did it to someone! Is Jesus asking you to follow Him? Maybe you will ask “How do you know that?”

From the time Jesus started His ministry, He was asking people to follow Him. Jesus called His disciples, drawing to Himself followers who would help Him in His work and continue to spread His good news. The first two men Jesus called were actually brothers, Simon and Andrew. Simon and Andrew were fishermen, so they spent their days out on the Sea of Galilee together casting nets and catching fish. Fishing was very important in two ways. It provided them with food to eat and it provided them with money. They sold their fish and so they had money to buy food, clothing, and anything else they needed. So for Simon and his brother Andrew, fishing was everything. It took up all their time and provided them with everything they needed to survive. But remember, they dropped everything. Jesus saw them casting their nets and called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people.” (Mark 1:17 NIV).

Jesus promised if they followed Him, they will be fishing for men. They left their nets, their fish, their home, their friends, their money. Simon and Andrew dropped everything to follow after Jesus. A little while later, Jesus met two other fishermen, brothers James and John. Again, Jesus invited them to follow Him, and again they dropped everything, including their father, who was in the boat with them. Can you imagine that? They had probably heard about Jesus, but they did not know him. Yet they dropped everything and followed Jesus.

Yes, Jesus is still asking people to follow Him, but like those first disciples, are we are still really required to drop everything? Maybe not in the same manner, but we are still required to make some sacrifices. We still have homes, parents, families, money, and refrigerators filled with food. Instead of dropping everything, God asks us to drop somethings. Now, it is okay to love our families, of course, and to have things we love and hobbies. But the problem comes when we let those things or people get in the way of how we serve God. We don't want anything to come between us and our love for God.

Can you think of anything God might want you to get rid of? Are you super busy? Then God may want you to drop some of the things you are doing so that you will have more time for reading the Bible, or praying or going to church, or even getting involved in some community activity. If Jesus calls you, will you be able to do like the disciples and drop everything, or will be like the men in our Bible passage and offer an excuse? Note that Jesus had a retort for each excuse given. But He has a love and a plan for you which is better than anything else you could try to put your hope in.

God wants your full commitment. He does not want you to change their mind about serving him, so don't look back at what you had. If you cannot finish the job God has given, you will not be fit for God's kingdom, it is what Jesus said. How can God entrust you with the ruler-ship in

His Kingdom if you have not done your part? If you are called, and you accept that call, then you must never try to go back to your old ways. Because of the many pleasures the world could offer, there is the tendency to look back and be regretful of accepting the call in the first place. And how do we know we are following Jesus? When we make time to serve God, read our Bibles and pray every day. When we show respect for those in authority. When we are committed to serving God, loving God and acting in His will. When we can tell our friends and family about Christ, wonderful things will result! It isn't always easy at first, but we can rest assured that it is the best thing for us, because it is what He asked. "You shall no other Gods but me". (Exodus 20:3).

**Let us pray:**

Dear God, we thank You for the Bible, and the words of Jesus Christ. Help us to obey them and follow His directions. We thank You for Your love towards us. We pray that we will keep our eyes on Jesus, and not to look back. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Answers for last week's trivia quizz.)

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Answer	Moses	yes	Deborah	Samuel	David	yes	The ark of the covenant is brought to the temple	Rehoboam	Mary	true



## ACTIVITY

The following word search is based on Luke 9:57 – 62 (NIV) . The twenty (20) words are horizontal, vertical, or diagonal, backwards or forwards. Circle the words as you get to them.

### The Cost of Following Jesus

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V N M O N A I O U C D L O D N  
I A A A N Y L S L L Q U N A G  
F K H O R K R K L L F I E H S  
B A F F C L O M I D O C C D Y  
U Y T A O A A C B N A W R J S  
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H U S J U R G D Q Z Z O O L N  
E E W H E R E V E R H O C J I  
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FOXES	WHEREVER	HOLES	FATHER	FAMILY
PLOW	LOOKS	BIRDS	HAND	KINGDON
HEAD	ROAD	BACK	PLACE	WALKING
FOLLOW	ALONG	NESTS	BURY	MAN

## Bible Trivia

See how many of the following Trivia questions you can answer. The answers are found in the verses given. In following Jesus, we are required to read our Bible. Have fun.

1. In Jesus' parable about the sower, on how many kinds of soil did the seeds fall? (Mark 4) \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to Jesus, what was the "leaven" of the Pharisees? (Luke 12:1) \_\_\_\_\_
3. To whom, and about whom, did God say, "I will harden his heart, so that he shall not let the people go."? (Ex. 4:1) \_\_\_\_\_
4. To whom did God say, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth"? (Gen 9:1) \_\_\_\_\_
5. To whom did God say, "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears, behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord."? (II Kings 20:1-11) \_\_\_\_\_
6. To whom did God say, "Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there..."? (Ex 24:12) \_\_\_\_\_
7. To whom did God say, "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city, and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me."? (Jonah 1:2) \_\_\_\_\_
8. To whom did God say, "Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I shall announce My words to you." (Jer 18:1-10) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who has said in his heart, "There is no God."? (Ps.14:1) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who was told to carry the cross for Jesus? (Matt 27:31-33) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Who lost one of his ribs while in a deep sleep? (Gen 2:21-22) \_\_\_\_\_
12. Who said, "Though He slay me, I will hope in Him."? (Job 13:15) \_\_\_\_\_
13. Who was the first to see the stone was removed from the tomb after the Resurrection? (John 20:1) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Who knelt with tears and pleaded before the king for her people? (Esther 8:3 - 4) \_\_\_\_\_
15. Who was the first disciple to follow Jesus? (John 1: 35 - 42) \_\_\_\_\_