



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 4

Sing with me:

Order My Steps in Your Word, O Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3FXgRHOfE>

Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir

Memory verse: Exodus 20: 3

You shall have no other gods before me.

Scripture: Psalm 16:5 - 11

Read with me

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.
7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
8 I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
11 You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Let us talk about it

The Israelites needed to be taken out of Egypt because Pharaoh was treating them really badly. He actually made them slaves, because he wanted to crush their spirit. God heard their prayers, and raised up a young man from among them, Moses. Moses was given the task of going to Pharaoh and asking him to let the children of Israel go. Mission accomplished. Moses was able to get the children of Israel out of Egypt. It was not an easy task, but God made it possible.

Now the journey to the promised land had its problems and God realized He had to set some boundaries. The Israelites needed guidance, and so God gave Moses a set of guidelines, which we call "The ten commandments", (Exodus 20). These ten commandments gave the rules by which The Israelites should live. Exodus 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before me." is the first of these guidelines.

Note that God did not tell the Israelites they cannot have other gods, but He told them He must be first in their lives. Nothing, or no one should come before Him. For you today, to truly put God first you have to let go of what others think and follow your heart. By putting God first, you can express yourself in a way which is true to you. You must set boundaries and respect yourself. When the young lawyer asked Jesus "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus simply reminded him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment." Matthew 22: 34 - 40

Putting God first helps you to stay on the right track. But to do this, you need God's direction. This could mean defending your relationship with God and allowing His worship to change your schedule, and accepting that He loves you unconditionally. Sometimes, it is hard to be loyal to the things of this world and God at the same time.

*Did you ever have to choose between going to a cricket match and going to church?
Did you say "no" to reading the Bible lesson at church because you were out with your friends on Saturday night and could not wake up in time for church?
Did you promise to help clean the church on Saturday and then did not go because you went to the movies with your friends?*

Dividing your loyalty between God and the world can cause you to live in confusion. God needs to be your first love. He has great plans for your life, but you will never know the direction God is leading you to if you always put other things before Him. When you put Him first, He will show you the right path to follow so that you can walk in those plans. (Psalm 16:11) When you put God first, all other things fall into their proper place or drop out of your life. Your love of the

Lord will govern the claims for your affection, the demands on your time, the interests you pursue, and the order of your priorities.

Here are three ways that you can practice in putting God first:

Start your day with God.

Make it a priority to spend time with God first when you wake up. In starting your day with God, He will help you start the day on the right track. Even if the day doesn't go as planned, you will be able to endure because your heart will be anchored on God. Yes, there will be times when this will not be possible, but try to make it part of your daily routine.

Please God not Man

Of course we all want to be liked by others. That is why sometimes we go to great lengths to please our friends. But the thing is no matter how much you try to please people; they will always find something to complain about you. By putting God first, you will be intentional about pleasing Him with your thoughts, words, and deeds.

Love others

God has given us the mandate to love others. Choose to love others by treating them right and praying for them. "The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also." 1John 4:21

All in all, putting God first in your life is something that you need to do daily. There will be distractions, but remember, God is with you always. He loves you unconditionally.

Let us pray:

Dear God, today I choose to put You first in my life. I ask You, dear God, to order my steps and order my thoughts. I acknowledge that I can do nothing without You. I ask You to have Your own way in my life as I seek You first in all that I do. This I ask in Jesus's name, Amen.

Activity:

Word Search.

Complete the word search by finding the twenty five (25) words in the list. Words may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards. Draw a circle around the word as you find it.

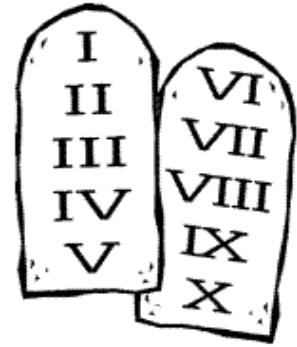
How many words did you find in 10 minutes?

Crossword Puzzle.

Complete the crossword puzzle. Solutions are given at the bottom of the puzzle.

The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3



Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)

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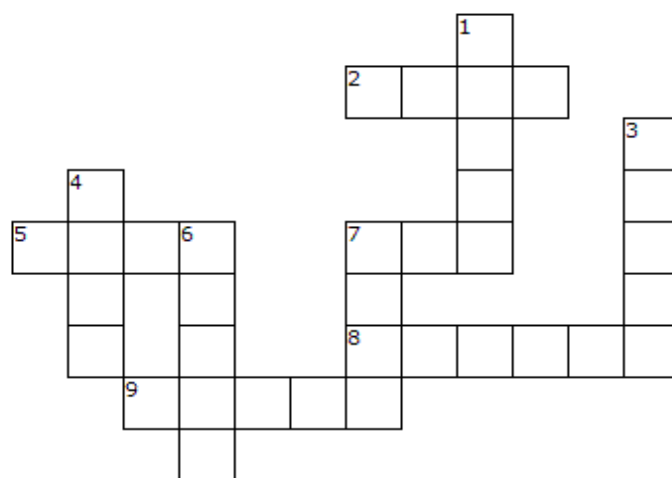
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| COVET | WORSHIP | MOTHER | LONG | FATHER |
| LORD | NEIGHBOR | DONKEY | SEVENTH | STEAL |
| MISUSE | HONOR | ADULTERY | TESTIMONY | HOLY |

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ACROSS

2. You shall not make for yourself an _____. (a false god)
5. You shall have no other _____ before me.
7. You shall _____ commit adultery.
8. You shall not _____. (kill)
9. You shall not give _____ testimony against your neighbor. (untrue)

DOWN

1. You shall not _____. (to want something that belongs to another)
3. _____ your father and your mother.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it _____.
6. You shall not _____. (to take what does not belong to you)
7. You shall not misuse the _____ of the LORD your God.

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