



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

Age: 13 yrs. & Over

HEAR

June 14 – Hear Instructions

Scripture:

Sing along with me:

Ancient words

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWgoU_Lv3Dw

Memory Verse:

Proverbs 4:13 (NIRV)

13 Hold on to my teaching. Don't let it go. Guard it well. It is your life.

Let us read together

Proverbs 8:32-36 (NIRV)

32 “My children, listen to me.

Blessed are those who keep my ways.

33 Listen to my teaching and be wise.

Don't turn away from it.

34 Blessed are those who listen to me.

They watch every day at my doors.

They wait beside my doorway.

35 Those who find me find life.

They receive blessing from the Lord.

³⁶ But those who don't find me harm only themselves.

Everyone who hates me loves death.”



Message:

Let us talk about it:

Hear Instruction

Two very significant words. The word **hear** indicates that you are listening. How often do your parents or teacher start by telling you to listen? Your friends sometimes start by telling you to listen. What is so important about listening. Are you listening? Are you hearing me? Those are questions that you hear so often. (Can you think of other questions?) What are you listening to? Who are you listening to?

The hymn writer, George B. Blanchard, writes

*Listen to the voice of Jesus – O so sweet
As the little children gather round his feet.
Young ones to his knees are climbing there to rest,
Older ones stand round him waiting to be blessed.*

That hymn writer starts not only by telling you to listen, but who he wants you to listen to. Will you be able to recognize the voice of Jesus? What are you hearing right now?

There are a lot of things that make it difficult to listen to your teachers, to your parents, to your friends. (List four of these things). Similarly, there are a lot of things that make it difficult to hear God. Is it noisy around you? You see God does not shout at you. Even some TV shows make us believe that being rough and strong is living like God wants us to be. Some people may even want to tell that the way your worship God is wrong.

In Matthew 13: 1 – 23, Jesus told a story about a farmer who planted some seeds. Some of the seeds fell on stony ground, some in the weeds, and some in good dirt. In His story Jesus explained that on the stony ground, the soil was shallow, the seeds could not take root, so they grew up quickly and then died. There was not enough soil, so they did not grow. Of the seeds that fell in the weeds, the seeds grew up but the weeds also grew and took all the nourishment and the space which the seeds needed, so those seeds also did not grow. But the seeds that were planted in the good soil grew very well and the farmer reaped a bountiful crop. So it is with our listening. Yes we hear things, but sometimes we are so distracted, that what we hear does not “sink” in. Or we do not hear everything, because we are busy otherwise and do not understand what we hear, and then we cannot act on it. But those who are listening will not only hear, but will be able to find meaning in what we hear.

Now, let us look at the word instruction. One definition of the word instruction given by the Cambridge dictionary is something that someone tells you to do. Other definitions include

written directions of how to use or manipulate machinery. I am going to concern you with what someone tells you. For that instruction to be effective, you have to hear it. You have to listen to voice of the instructor. Sometimes we hear things, but don't understand them. Then we ignore them. Sometimes it is not that we do not understand the instructions, but yet we still ignore them. Hear instruction. Yes! In hearing instruction, you have to obey the instructions.

Proverbs 8:32 admonishes us to Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. Note that the verse did not stop at “hearing”, but it went on to say “be wise”. So we must be wise in hearing, understanding and following instructions.

Jesus' disciples didn't always understand what he was saying. For them it wasn't a lot of noise or distractions but they just didn't understand what Jesus was saying. They had to ask Jesus what He was talking about and then Jesus told them all about what He was trying to say to them before. Then they understood. According to John 14:1-11, after Jesus told His disciples that He was the way, the truth, and the life, Philip asked Him to show them the Father. Jesus replied, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

We need to listen to God. We know that God does exist. We know that we are worshiping God in a way that pleases God. We know that living like God wants us to live is the best way to live. And we know that when we don't understand something, we are supposed to ask questions so that we will understand.

A Prayer for hearing instructions.

O Father, I praise you for Your infinite wisdom. I am thankful that You are willing to pour it out to those who ask. Today, I pray that as I seek and ask for wisdom, my ears will be opened so that I can clearly hear Your instructions. Remove all selfish thoughts so that I can discern Your voice. Help me not only to hear Your word but to put it into practice. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

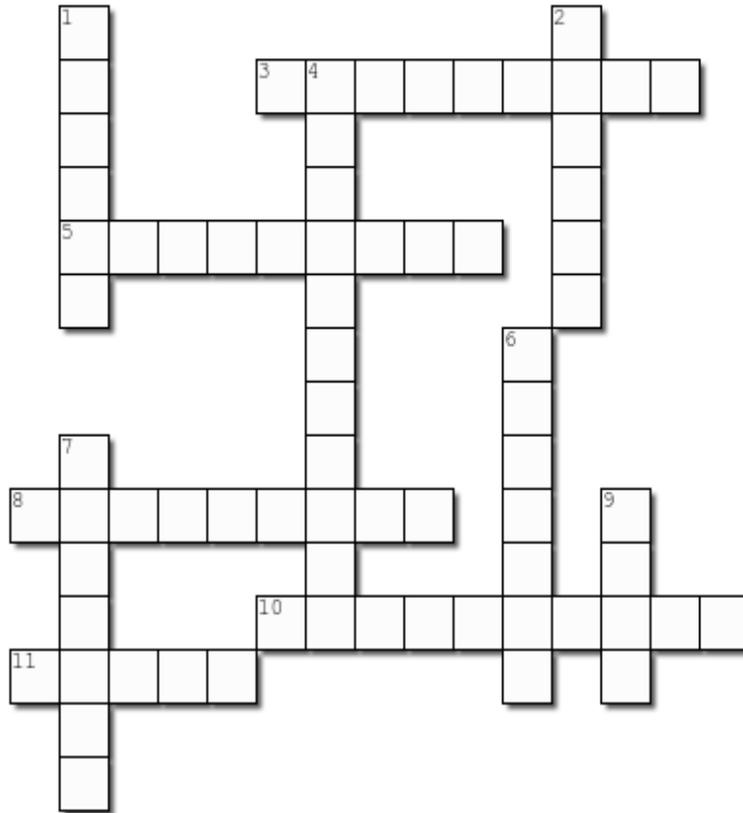


Activity: Complete the following crossword puzzle.

Name: _____

Hear Intructions

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Clues

Across

- 3.** a course or path along which someone moves
- 5.** successful in producing a desired or intended result
- 8.** identify someone or something
- 10.** aware of what someone is telling you
- 11.** show or explain to someone how to do something

Down

- 1.** give one's attention to a sound
- 2.** having knowledge and good judgement
- 4.** a direction or order
- 6.** the accomplishment of an aim or purpose
- 7.** the state of being uncared for
- 9.** using your ears only

(Answers next week)

Answers from last week

Unscramble the letters to make words.

Solutions

1.easy	4.time	7.strength	10.tolerance	13.thanks
2.determine	5.wait	8.anxious	11.success	14.trust
3.patience	6.help	9.prayer	12.frustrated	15.tired

