



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 21 – You shall have no other gods.

Scripture:

Sing along with me:

If you can use anything Lord, you can use me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iY2dRkPnoBk>

If You can use anything Lord You can use me
If You can use anything Lord You can use me
Take my hands, Lord and my feet
Touch my heart, Lord and speak through me
If You can use anything Lord You can use me

Lord, You called Moses from the wilderness and You
put a rod in his hand
You used him to lead Your people over to the
Promised Land
Lord, I'm willing to trust in You so take my life Lord
and use it too
Yes, if You can use anything Lord come on and use me

If You can use anything Lord You can use me
If You can use anything Lord You can use me
Take my hands, Lord and my feet
Touch my heart, Lord and speak through me
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[When David fought Goliath and that mighty giant fell](#)
[He proved to his people that God was alive in Israel](#)

Lord, I'm available to You and I'm waiting to be used
Yes I am, Lord

If You can use anything Lord
Come on and use me

Take my hands and my feet
Touch my heart, speak through me

After the multitudes heard the words that Jesus said
He took two fish and five loaves and the multitude was
fed

Lord, what I have may not be much but I know it can
multiply by Your touch
So if You can use anything Lord come on and use me

Memory Verse:

Exodus 20:3 (NIRV)

3 “Do not put any other gods in place of me.

Scripture: *Let us read together*

Exodus 3:1 - 14

Moses was taking care of the flock of his father-in-law Jethro. Jethro was the priest of Midian. Moses led the flock to the western side of the desert. He came to Horeb. It was the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him from inside a burning bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire. But it didn't burn up. 3 So Moses thought, “I'll go over and see this strange sight. Why doesn't the bush burn up?”

4 The Lord saw that Moses had gone over to look. So God spoke to him from inside the bush. He called out, “Moses! Moses!”

“Here I am,” Moses said.

5 “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals. The place you are standing on is holy ground.” 6 He continued, “I am the God of your father. I am the God of Abraham. I am the God of Isaac. And I am the God of Jacob.” When Moses heard that, he turned his face away. He was afraid to look at God.

7 The Lord said, “I have seen how my people are suffering in Egypt. I have heard them cry out because of their slave drivers. I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to save them from the Egyptians. I will bring them up out of that land. I will bring them into a good land. It has a lot of room. It is a land that has plenty of milk and honey. The Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites live there. 9 And now Israel's cry for help has reached me. I have seen how badly the Egyptians are treating them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh. I want you to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. They are my people.”

11 But Moses spoke to God. “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?” he said. “Who am I that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

12 God said, “I will be with you. I will give you a sign. It will prove that I have sent you. When you have brought the people out of Egypt, all of you will worship me on this mountain.”

13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the people of Israel. Suppose I say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ And suppose they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?”

14 God said to Moses, “I am who I am. Here is what you must say to the Israelites. Tell them, ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

Message:

That passage we just read tells us about Moses’ encounter with God. I hope that you remember the story of the mother who placed her baby in a little basket and put him at the water-side for the Pharaoh’s daughter to find him. As she hoped, Pharaoh’s daughter found the baby and named him Moses. He was raised in the palace as an Egyptian, but Moses’ mother was his nanny, so she influenced him as an Israelite. Eventually Moses got into trouble with the Egyptians because he could no longer tolerate the way in which the Israelites were treated and so he was banished from the palace. Moses had to flee. He fled to the desert where he spent the next 40 years of his life. He eventually found a job with his father-in-law taking care of his flock. One day Moses noticed a bush burning, but the bush was not being consumed by the fire.



Can you imagine that? The bush is on fire, but it is not burning. Then Moses hears this voice coming out of the fire. Now he is very scared.

Exodus 3: 3 – 4 describes Moses’ encounter with God. Let us go back and read those verses. God explained to Moses that He knew the struggles of the Israelites, and He was appointing him to be the person to bring the Israelites out of Egypt to a promised land.

Of course, Moses had some questions for God. He did not just get up and go because God sent him. Now read verses 11, 12, and 13 to hear what these questions were. Are there other questions that you would have asked if you were Moses?

Now read verse 14 and see what name God told Moses should say that He was. This name that God gave is very significant. Names in the Bible are very significant in meaning. Remember the name Moses means “drawn out of the water.”

What other names do we call God?

Let us look at this name that God gave Himself.

From this name we know that God is

- a person and therefore we can fellowship with Him.
- self-existent. He has no origins and therefore answers to no one.
- Self-sufficient. God has no needs. He did not need to create humans. He does not need us to do anything for Him.

Now, of course Moses went to Pharaoh. Of course, he had a fight on his hand, but God was with him all the way. So the Israelites left Egypt for the promised land. This was no simple journey. And it took many years. The Israelites suffered many hardships. So much so that they rejected Moses' leadership and started to do their own thing. Many even turned away from God, and started worshipping idols.

At this point God had to issue some guidance. God issued, through Moses a set of rules known as the "*ten commandments*".

In this study, we are only looking at the first commandment. We need to understand why God should be the only god we worship. In Matthew 22:37 when Jesus was asked which of the commandments is the greatest, His response was simply to love God with all your heart, and with all your soul and all your mind. Now if you are worshipping God with all your heart, soul and mind, you will have nothing left to worship any other god. We get to know God through His Son Jesus Christ.

This first commandment in Exodus 20 verses 2 – 3 God starts by telling us who He is;

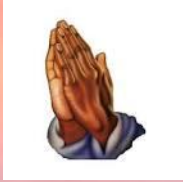
2 "I am the Lord your God. I brought you out of Egypt. That is the land where you were slaves.

3 "Do not put any other gods in place of me."

We start by recognizing who God is. Then we recognize our commitment to Him. We need to let God fill our lives. Name some things that you worship (money, power, friends, games....) The song says my life is nothing without you God. We recognize that God alone is worthy of our praise and worship. We are challenged to worship ~~only the~~ one true God. Nothing in our lives is to be more important than God. This does not mean that we are not to like or want power, or money or success or friends, but we are not to make them more important than God. When we think of the ten commandments you will realize that all the commandments relate to this one. If you love God, and put Him first then you will not dishonour His name, you will set aside a day of worship, you will set aside time for pray, and study of the Bible, you will be respectful to your parents and those in authority, you will be kind to everyone, you will not steal, lie or be jealous of what other people have.

The question I want you to ask yourself is this – “Am I putting anything before God?”

If you have to choose between a church activity and a friend’s party, which will you choose? If you have to choose between choir practice or watching a movie, which will it be? If you had to choose between going riding with your friends or practicing your recorder piece for church, which will you choose?



Let us pray:

O God, today I choose to put You first in my life. I recognize, that I can do nothing without You. I invite You to have Your own way in my life as I seek you first in my life, in all I do. This I ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

(Answers from last week)

Solutions to crossword puzzle:

Across		Down	
3. direction	10. understand	1. listen	6. success
5. effective	11. teach	2. wisdom	7. neglect
8. recognize		3. instruction	9. hear



Activity:

Bible challenge

There are thirty (30) books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph? See how quickly you can find them, before you go after the solution. Circle them as you get to them.

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.



(Answers next week)