



## 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**

**June 6**

**Sing with me**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nc\\_b0R8SRg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nc_b0R8SRg)

Song: The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock

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| <p>“The wise man built his house upon the rock<br/>The wise man built his house upon the rock<br/>The wise man built his house upon the rock<br/>And the rain came tumbling down<br/>Oh, the rain came down And the floods came up<br/>The rain came down And the floods came up<br/>The rain came down And the floods came up<br/>And the wise man’s house stood firm.</p> | <p>The foolish man built his house upon the sand<br/>The foolish man built his house upon the sand<br/>The foolish man built his house upon the sand<br/>And the rain came tumbling down<br/>Oh, the rain came down And the floods came up<br/>The rain came down And the floods came up<br/>The rain came down And the floods came up<br/>And the foolish man’s house went “splat!” [clap hands once]</p> | <p>So, build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ<br/>Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ<br/>Build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ<br/>And the blessings will come down<br/>Oh, the blessings come down<br/>As your prayers go up<br/>The blessings come down As your prayers go up<br/>The blessings come down As your prayer go up<br/>So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ.”</p> |
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**Memory verse: Luke 6:48 NIRV**

48 They are like a man who builds a house. He digs down deep and sets it on solid rock. When a flood comes, the river rushes against the house. But the water can't shake it. The house is well built.

**Scripture**

Luke 8:46 - 49

**Read with me**

**The Wise and Foolish Builders**

46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and still don't do what I say? 47 Some people come and listen to me and do what I say. I will show you what they are like. 48 They are like a man who builds a house. He digs down deep and sets it on solid rock. When a flood comes, the river rushes against the house. But the water can't shake it. The house is well built. 49 But here is what happens when people listen to my words and do not obey them. They are like a man who builds a house on soft ground instead of solid rock. The moment the river rushes against that house, it falls down. It is completely destroyed."

**Let us talk about it**

A simple question. Why do you go to school? Many of you will say, "to Learn", or "so that I can get a good job later". Very good answers. So, if you are going to school to prepare for the future, you are supposed to be building a strong foundation for the future. But look around you. Do you notice some people look as if they did not go to school? Does it sound like the story Jesus is telling in our scripture reading? Jesus acknowledged many people were listening to His teaching, but not all were really following His teaching. Are you listening to your teachers but not following their advice? Are you hearing your parents but not heeding their advice? What do parents say? "Hard ears, you won't hear! Own way you will feel" You ever heard that? Ask your parent's what it means. What did Jesus say about these people? Those who listen and follow advice are those who build their house on the rock. These are the people who prepare for the future. These are the people who prepare for the hard times to come. These are the people who equip themselves with a good foundation.

Now, what about those who listen, but do not take heed? Or those who do not listen at all? These are the ones Jesus says build their house on the sand, they have no firm foundation. Yes, so now you will ask “What about those big hotels and other beach front properties?” Well, they are not really built on the sand. Before any building can start, the engineers will drill deep into the sand until they reach rock. Large piles are drilled into the ground, so that the buildings are put on a firm foundation. Yes, some of us will appear to be on the sand, but God is so gracious and He gives us more time to prepare.

What God wants is for us to trust Him, to believe His word, and we should be fine. Jesus told this story to help us to understand how He wants us to live. Instead of giving a list of do’s and don’ts Jesus tells stories to make His point. Jesus told this story to help us see that we should be like the wise man. When we are doing things, we should ask God for help and listen for His answers. He will show us what to do and make sure we are safe. The important thing to remember is that we must do what God says. Jesus wants us to hear His teaching and put it into practice. In this way, we will have a strong foundation and we will become wise. The Rock is Jesus Christ, and the house is our life. Being wise or foolish is our choice, but being wise is a choice we can only make if we are willing to build on Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer is communion with God—and it requires us to listen to what God is saying. We need to cultivate our listening skills so we can hear God’s voice, with the ears, actual ears of our head. As we understand that God speaks to us and we hear Him with the ears of our hearts, we need to spend time with Him in prayer. We then become more sensitive to God's voice, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me”; John 10:27 He is a God who hears and answers our prayers.

**Let us pray:**

Dear Lord Jesus, we rely on You completely to survive the storms of life. Help us, dear Jesus, to rely on You, our Rock, so that our foundation will remain strong and secure when the rain, the rising waters and the winds come to test us. In Your name we pray, *Amen*.



## Activity

How do we show that we are listening to the teachings of Jesus?

One way to do this, is to read your Bible, pray every day!

Here are some tips for this week.

Every day, read a verse:

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| Monday    | Jeremiah 33:3 NRSV. | Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.   |
| Tuesday   | Psalms 25:4-5 NRSV  | Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. ... Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. |
| Wednesday | Proverbs 3:5-6 NRSV | Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.                |
| Thursday  | Proverbs 19:20 NRSV | Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future.  |
| Friday    | James 1: 19 NRSV    | You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;   |
| Saturday  | Isaiah 42:20 NRSV   | He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.   |