



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

March 14

Sing with me:

Great is your mercy toward me - Don Moen

[youtube.com/watch?v=qE-U0I3DrJ0&list=RDqE-U0I3DrJ0&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qE-U0I3DrJ0&list=RDqE-U0I3DrJ0&index=1)

Memory verse:

Matthew 5:7 Good News Translation (GNT)

“Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!”

Scripture: Luke 10:25 - 37. GNT

Read with me

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to receive eternal life?”

26 Jesus answered him, “What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?”

27 The man answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind’; and ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’”

28 “You are right,” Jesus replied; “do this and you will live.”

29 But the teacher of the Law wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?”

30 Jesus answered, “There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. 31 It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. 32 In the same way a Levite also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. 34 He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Take care of him,’ he told the innkeeper, ‘and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him.’”

36 And Jesus concluded, “In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbor toward the man attacked by the robbers?”

37 The teacher of the Law answered, “The one who was kind to him.”

Jesus replied, “You go, then, and do the same.”

Let us talk about it

“O Lord have mercy!” You must have heard that sentence so much. What is mercy? Read Micah 6:8 from the New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

“The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God.”

Now read this same verse from the Good News Translation (GNT),

“No, the Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.”

Let us look at one other translation. The Revised Standard Version, (NRSV) we read

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Note how these translations of the Bible describe what God requires of us.

	NIRV	GNT	NRSV
1	act with justice.	do what is just	do justice
2	love to show mercy	show constant love	love kindness
3	be humble as you live in the sight of your God.”	live in humble fellowship with our God	walk humbly with your God

Note that each translation of the Bible basically describes these requirements in the same way. For number 2, we have “show mercy”, “show constant love”, “love kindness”. This tells us that showing mercy is the same as showing love and showing kindness.

In the Scripture reading about the Good Samaritan, What was Jesus really trying to say to the young lawyer who was trying to trap Jesus? Remember the young lawyer wanted to know what he should do to have eternal life, He very well knew the commandments (i) love the Lord with all heart and soul and (ii) love your neighbour as yourself. Perhaps, he studied the Bible just as you do. But he still did not really understand who was his neighbour.

Go back and read the story, verses 30 – 37. Of the three persons who saw the man who was robbed and beaten and was left to die, only one man was kind to the man. Only one man showed mercy. Only one man showed love. Jesus told the lawyer to “go and do likewise”. Did Jesus mean to go and look for someone who was beaten and left to die so we can be kind to him? Jesus is telling us who read the story, be kind to others, show love to others, and treat others as we would like to be treated.

In this COVID time, you are constantly asked to “stay home”. You and your brothers and sisters are at home together all the time. You are not getting the chance to go out. Who gets the TV remote? How can you show mercy to little brother? Maybe you can watch the same show. Who gets the football? There is not a lot of space outside your house, and you cannot go to Community Centre to play football, so you have to play in that small space. As a family you can play together. Do you demand the ball all the time, just because you are bigger and stronger? Show some mercy to your younger siblings. Did you offer to clean the kitchen sink?

Every time you want a drink, you get a different glass and then put the glass in the sink and leave it there for mummy to wash. Have mercy on mummy. So now we understand, that having mercy does not mean looking for someone who was beaten and left to die, but also helping in your home.

This beatitude we are looking at today, tells us when we show love to others, others people will show love to us; when we are kind to others, we will receive kindness from others; when we are merciful to others, then God will be merciful to us.

Let us pray

Gracious God, fill my mind and heart with truth, love, mercy, gratitude and compassion. Give me the courage to follow You daily in faith, love and hope. Help me to be aware of the needs of the people around me. Help me to grateful for what I have. Help me to kind to others, starting with those in my household. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Activity

Complete the following word search by finding words which may be horizontal, vertical or horizontal. Words may also be written in reverse order. You may circle each word as you find it.



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

K P R B Y V V R X K I N G D O M N D C F
R P N L Z E C J O T T T O R A H S T F Z
A B C G M P S I C S I P T W G L Z F A R
W H B S A L T H R R K Y I W U F I R S M
A H E Q K J N I U O O B S J U A V M T N
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S C P S Y W A L H T D Z R Z K T T N E R
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H F T L D M S Q N X W I O Q B A O U O I
G A L I L E E M V R J F I S D B U G U G
A M A C M R E J O I C E Z E A J S L S H
X D H W D T G T H Y S F S T T Q N P N T
P R O P H E T S B H P U E J A F E C Z D
B G D I S C I P L E S M N A Y X S N V R
P P R A Y E R R I S Y X R O C K S K Y N
L J X F V R R E G F E J L F P I V K Q X

TREASURE
GALILEE
KINGDOM
PRAYER
SALT
ROCK

CROWD
TORAH
REJOICE
PROPHETS
MOUNTAIN
RIGHTEOUSNESS

FASTING
LIGHT
GENEROUS
YESHUA
DISCIPLES
HEAVEN



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More interesting facts about the period of Lent:

1. Lent is the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed as a period of penitence and fasting. Sundays aren't included in the 40-day count.
2. Why is Lent 40 days? The number 40 is a significant number for Christians. Jesus spent 40 days in a desert. Noah had to wait 40 days for his ark to float. And Moses, along with his followers, traveled through the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land.
3. Lent starts on what's known as Ash Wednesday. This is when followers spread ashes on their forehead to signal their repentance to God. The ashes come from burning last year's palms that were distributed on Palm Sunday.
4. Lent doesn't actually end on Easter; it ends on Maundy Thursday, the day Jesus had The Last Supper. Good Friday is when Jesus died on the cross, and on Easter Sunday, He rose from the grave.
5. Lent is derived from an Old English word "lencten" meaning spring or "lengthen." It refers to the lengthening of the days as spring draws near.
6. The observance of Lent dates back to the 4th century. Catholics started the tradition of Lent around the year 325, during the Council of Nicaea. The Council of Nicaea was the first council in the history of the Christian church that was intended to address the entire body of believers.
7. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week. Holy Week, in the Christian church, is the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, and is observed with special solemnity as a time of devotion to the Passion of Jesus Christ. In the Greek and Roman liturgical books, it is called the Great Week because great deeds were done by God during this week.
8. Violet is the symbolic colour for Lent, with altars, statues and other religious paraphernalia veiled in violet fabric. Why violet? The colour is associated with mourning, which anticipates Christ's pain and suffering on the cross; and royalty, which celebrates Christ's resurrection.

9. During Lent, the faithful are encouraged to surrender a particular vice, such as smoking or favourite food items, as a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and test of self-discipline.
10. Prayer is another common practice for those practicing Lent. This, along with fasting, helps Christians stay centered in Christ and God.
11. Lent isn't just about remembering Christ's suffering – it's a time in which believers try to be the best Christian they can possibly be. In the early Lent traditions, Almsgiving (the giving of charity to the poor and needy) was another important aspect of the fast. So the principle of doing Lent generously has been around for hundreds of years before the 40acts generosity challenge began! "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honoured, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor 12:26)
12. The date for Easter has been set for thousands of years. It all has to do with the full moon of the Pashal, or Passover, full moon. Easter will fall between March 22 and April 25. There are mathematical formulas you can use to determine when Easter will fall in any year.
13. Clean Monday: also known as Pure Monday, is the first day of Great Lent throughout Eastern Christianity and is a moveable feast, falling on the 7th Monday before Pascha (Easter), or 48 days before Easter.
14. "Clean Monday", refers to the leaving behind of sinful attitudes and non-fasting foods. It is sometimes called "Ash Monday", by analogy with Ash Wednesday (the day when the Western Churches begin Lent).
15. For Greek Orthodox Christians, Clean Monday marks the beginning of the 40-day fast before Easter. Tradition dictates that the faithful start abstaining from eating animal products and fly a kite. The higher the kite goes, the closer the person comes to God.