



## 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 7

Sing with me:

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FuurRAJkZY>

<p><b>1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God</b> <b>And His righteous,</b> <b>And all these things shall be added unto you</b> <b>Allelu, Alleluia</b></p> <p><i>Alleluia, Alleluia</i> <i>Alleluia, Alleluia</i></p>	<p><b>2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,</b> <b>Seek and you shall find.</b> <b>Knock and it shall be opened unto you</b> <b>Allelu, Alleluia</b></p> <p><b>3. Man shall not live by bread alone,</b> <b>But by every word,</b> <b>That proceeds from the mouth of the</b> <b>Lord,</b> <b>Allelu, Alleluia</b></p>
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**Memory verse: Matthew 5:6 Good News Translation (GNT)**

“Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires;  
God will satisfy them fully!

Scripture: Isaiah 55: 1- 5. (GNT)

**Read with me**

**God's Offer of Mercy**

1 The Lord says,  
“Come, everyone who is thirsty—  
here is water!  
Come, you that have no money—  
buy grain and eat!  
Come! Buy wine and milk—  
it will cost you nothing!

2 Why spend money on what does not satisfy?  
Why spend your wages and still be hungry?  
Listen to me and do what I say,  
and you will enjoy the best food of all.

3 “Listen now, my people, and come to me;  
come to me, and you will have life!  
I will make a lasting covenant with you  
and give you the blessings I promised to David.

4 I made him a leader and commander of nations,  
and through him I showed them my power.

5 Now you will summon foreign nations;  
at one time they did not know you,  
but now they will come running to join you!  
I, the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel,  
will make all this happen;  
I will give you honor and glory.”

**Let us talk about it**

Last week, in our Beatitude, we talked about the comfort we get when loose loved ones. In recent times we experience many losses such as not being able to go out with our friends, or go out and play our favourite sport, or go to the movies. We cannot even go to church or Sunday School and

we are missing that. But you know what? With the creation of new vaccines to control the spread of the COVID 19 virus, we can be comforted by the hope that this dreaded disease can be eliminated. What good news. Something to be happy about.

Now here is something else to be happy about. You are hungry, real hungry. But you are indeed happy. There is food in the cupboard, there are snacks, there is drink in the fridge. And you know what? Because, you are at home so much, you feel even hungrier. Yes, you are hungry, just by being at home. You are hungry for the food that was just cooked. Is that all you are hungry for? I hope you are all logging in to your virtual classrooms, and swallowing up all the food your teachers are giving to you. I hope you are seeking for more. Among the more you should be seeking, is the knowledge of God and His Son Jesus Christ. I want to open up your heart and soul to a different type of food. I want, in this lesson to offer you the food Isaiah told the people that God was offering. Jesus isn't talking about being physically hungry and thirsty. He's talking about being spiritually hungry and thirsty. When our hearts are hungry and thirsty, we need to fill them with the righteousness of God as we seek to learn more about God, as we knock on His door, and as we ask for more knowledge. This knowledge will make us stronger, and we will be able to sing Alleluia to God. The food that is being offered in this beatitude is the knowledge of God and Jesus Christ.

Isaiah, in the passage we read, made it quite clear, this food doesn't need money for purchase. Okay, some of us may have to go to the Bookstore and purchase a Bible, our instructions to find this food that we are so lacking is in the Bible. But once that is done, our food is free. Buy without money is what God is telling his people. In verse 2, God is telling us "Listen to me and do what I say, and you will enjoy the best food of all." Can you think of a greater satisfaction? We just need to listen to God and do what he says. Put away the evil thoughts from our head. The song tells you. "Read your Bible, pray every day and you will grow, grow, grow." As you grow in Christ, you will experience the happiness found in the love of Jesus. The best food is found in knowledge that Jesus loves us. Our happiness is found in trying to please God, and live the life that He wants us to live. Jesus himself told two great commandments in Mark 12: 29 - 31 29 Jesus replied, "The most important one is this: 'Listen, Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength.’ 31 The second most important commandment is this: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’ There is no other commandment more important than these two.” When our body is hungry, we crave chicken and roti, or macaroni pie. But when our heart is hungry, we crave righteousness. Let us try to fill up with important things such as righteousness. Let us dig deep into our Bible and live the life that Jesus set for us to live. Here are some other verses to help get you through the week.

**Micah 6:8 (GNT) - Living a righteous life:**

8 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.

**Matthew 7:21 -22 (GNT) - Requirements for obtaining righteousness (make sure that God recognizes you)**

21 “Not everyone who calls me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only those who do what my Father in heaven wants them to do. 22 When the Judgment Day comes, many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord! In your name we spoke God's message, by your name we drove out many demons and performed many miracles!’ 23 Then I will say to them, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you wicked people!’

**James 1:22 (GNT) - Be doers of the word**

22 Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to his word; instead, put it into practice.

**Let us pray**

Father, I pray that my behaviour and my lifestyle will reflect You. I know acting out of righteousness and justice is more acceptable to You than sacrifice for wrongs that are repeatedly committed. I pray that I will focus on whatever is right and confirmed by Your Word as well as whatever is pure and wholesome.

O Lord, I pray my mind will focus on what is true, honorable, worthy of respect, admirable and of good repute. So that I will remain a righteous person, doing things acceptable in Your sight. I pray that when I fall short, I will not remain in a place of unholiness. Help me, O Lord, to

always pursue the paths of righteousness and may all things praiseworthy be the foundation of my daily life. Amen.



## Activity

Arrange the following words to give a clear sentence.

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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.