



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

SUBMIT

May 31 – Submit to Guidance

Let us sing:

“Lord, I Give You My Heart”

(originally by Reuben Morgan)

<i>This is my desire to honour You Lord, with all my heart, I worship You All I have within me, I give You praise All that I adore is in You</i>	<i>And I will live, And I will live for You And I will live, And I will live for You Oh, and I will live, And I will live And I will live for You</i>
<i>Lord, I give You my heart I give You my soul, I live for You alone Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake Lord, have Your way in me</i>	<i>Lord, I give You my heart I give You my soul, I live for You alone Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake Lord, have Your way in me, Lord, have Your way.</i>

Memory Verse:

Proverbs 6:23 (NIRV)

²³ Your father's command is like a lamp. Your mother's teaching is like a light.
And whatever instructs and corrects you leads to life.

Readings from the Bible: (*Read with me*)

Psalm 5:11-12 (NIRV)

11 But let all those who go to you for safety be glad.

Let them always sing for joy.

Spread your cover over them and keep them safe.

Then those who love you will be glad because of you.

12 Surely, Lord, you bless those who do what is right.

Like a shield, your loving care keeps them safe.


John 14:15 – 21 NIRV

Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will come

15 “If you love me, obey my commands. 16 I will ask the Father. And he will give you another friend to help you and to be with you forever. 17 That friend is the Spirit of truth. The world can’t accept him. That’s because the world does not see him or know him. But you know him. He lives with you, and he will be in you. 18 I will not leave you like children who don’t have parents. I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore. But you will see me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father. You will know that you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Anyone who has my commands and obeys them loves me. My Father will love the one who loves me. I too will love them. And I will show myself to them.”

Message:

Let’s talk about it:



We have been under what I call “house arrest” for many weeks now. The spread of the Corona virus seems to have slowed down, and our Prime Minister in Barbados has recently allowed us out for a little while. We are not out of the woods yet, so we still have to be careful. Mask up and go out only if we have to. Big brother decides that he will take us for a drive. But he made a wrong turn, and we are lost. Now, we can either look at the road map, which we do not know how to read, or ask someone for directions. Either way, we need to get back on to the right road.

In our daily life, we are on a journey which follows a path that God has set before us, and sometimes, we go off track. Inviting the Holy Spirit into our lives is something we should strive to do each day because the Holy Spirit is what guides us along this path that God has set for us. Are you lost? And if you are, you need to ask the Holy Spirit to be your guide.

When we surrender ourselves to Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit enters us and as we constantly seek the Spirit's guidance we will be able to follow God's commands. We must continually strive to allow the Holy Spirit to take over. In so doing we are allowing God to truly guide and direct us in our daily walk with Him. This will minimize the distractions of the earthly life. Are you torn between serving God and serving your friends? Why not serve God first, then ask Him to guide you in choosing friends.

You may ask, "How do I know who is my friend?" Simple. Ask yourself. Do my friends serve God, just as I do? Do my friends encourage me to read the Bible? To sing the songs of the faith? To pray? Is the life style of my friends one that is pleasing to God? So ask God to guide you in making the right choice of friends.

Does this mean that we do not talk to these persons? Of course not! We want them to know Jesus Christ, just as we do. So in seeking and submitting to God's guidance, we will want that through our life, other children and young people will want also to follow God's guidance.

As we continue our journey as Christians, we should also strive to allow the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By doing this, we are letting God truly guide us and we will quickly see that many unimportant things disappear from our lives. That is because the closer our relationship with the Holy Spirit, the closer we are to becoming like Jesus.

In John 14: 16, as Jesus was leaving His disciples, He made a promise to them; He said "I will ask the Father. And he will give you another friend to help you and to be with you forever." Note that Jesus promised to send us a guide. He promised to send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is there to guide us and will help us to maintain that close relationship with God. Let us continue to pray and praise God and ask Him to keep us away from the distractions of the world in which we live.



Prayer for guidance: When we pray for God's guidance and for discernment through the Holy Spirit, we can rest assured that God will provide wisdom!

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your great love and tender mercy toward me. I thank You for Your guidance. Help me know when to stop and listen for Your direction so that I do not try getting ahead of Your plans for my life. Strengthen my heart and bless me as I walk in the ways of Christ in whose name I pray. Help me live today in a way that brings honour to Your holy name and to make choices that will be honourable to you. This I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Activity:

Part of the principle of seeking guidance is following directions.

The following quiz should take you 5 minutes or less. How well do you follow directions?

You will need a pen or pencil and a sheet of writing paper before you start.

5 MINUTE QUIZ

1. Read everything on this page before you start the quiz.
2. Write your name in the top centre of your paper.
3. On the next line, write out the first instruction and circle the word everything in the sentence.
4. Draw a square around the number 5 at the top of the page.
5. On the next line write your favourite colour .
6. Draw a stick figure of yourself at the bottom of your page.
7. On the next line, write all the even numbers of these directions.
8. Write your full address on the next line of your page.
9. On the next line write the following question and its answer.
 $12 + 6 = \underline{\quad}$
10. Draw a box around your name at the top of the page.
11. Write the memory passage.
12. Clap your hands **five (5)** times.
13. Check the clock and write down the time that it is now.
14. Now that you have carefully read everything in this quiz, **do only** numbers 1 and 2.



- Did you follow directions?
- Your first instruction was to read all the directions before starting.
- All you should have on your page is your name.

REMEMBER: submitting to guidance is to **follow directions**.

