



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

FOCUS

November 1 – Be True

Scripture:

Sing along with me:

God make my life a little light

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-WmCLJpWSM>

Memory verse:

Ephesians 4:25

²⁵ So each of you must get rid of your lying. Speak the truth to your neighbor. We are all parts of one body.

Let us read together

Job 2:3 NIRV

Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you thought about my servant Job? There isn't anyone on earth like him. He is honest. He does what is right. He has respect for me and avoids evil. You tried to turn me against him. You wanted me to destroy him without any reason. But he still continues to be faithful."

God singled out Job as an ideal example of a man of integrity. The Lord cherishes followers like Job who choose him and stick with him no matter what:

Titus 2:7-8, NIRV

⁷ *Do what is good. Set an example for them in everything. When you teach, be honest and serious.*

⁸ *No one can question the truth. So teach what is true. Then those who oppose you will be ashamed. That's because they will have nothing bad to say about us.*

Paul taught Titus to lead by setting a good example. Self-control shows spiritual maturity, which manifests God's Spirit in aspects of daily living. A life of humble integrity is above criticism.

Message:

Let us talk about it:

Today, we want to look at being truthful. There are two words that we associate with being truthful – integrity and honesty.

A person of integrity avoids the potential disasters that come from lying. Integrity is the practice of being honest and showing a consistent and uncompromising adherence to strong moral and ethical principles and values. In ethics, integrity is regarded as the honesty and truthfulness or accuracy of one's actions.

Honesty is being free from deceit or untruthfulness. Honesty is a direct reflection of our inner character. Our actions are a reflection on our faith, and reflecting the truth in our actions is a part of being a good witness. Learning how to be more honest will also help us keep a clear conscience.

As a Christian, our life should be one marked with integrity and honesty, yet honesty is something we must work hard at. An honest life is important on so many levels - from relationships with our families, with our friends, in our classroom, and interacting with our neighbours. Matthew 7:16 tells us that we are known by our fruit. "You can tell each tree by its fruit. Do people pick grapes from bushes? Do they pick figs from thorns?" By living a life of integrity and truthfulness, we will be examples of a God of truth and life.

Telling the truth is a part of being honest. When we are honest, we are sincere. Are you sincere?

So, we ask the question, why do people lie? Have you ever told a lie? I am sure that your answer is "yes". Remember that in the commandments we are told not to tell lies. In Exodus 20:16 NIRV, we read, "Do not be a false witness against your neighbour." But sometimes we find ourselves in situations where it is not easy to tell the truth. Sometimes you find that it is easier for us to say something that is not true or not to say anything at all. Can you think of times like this?

Why is it sometimes hard to tell the truth? Let us see. Your best friend did something that you both knew was wrong, and you promised not to say anything. Or you promised not to speak up about it. Or you know that by speaking the truth, you will get the person in trouble. Or your friend will be angry with you, and you certainly do not want that. But think about it, you can get yourself in trouble by not speaking the truth

When we tell the truth, we tell things exactly as they happened. No cover-up for our friends.

Sometimes we find that we do not like a person, and we speak untruths about the person, so that we get them in trouble. Does that sound familiar? Come on, speak the truth.

When we are in a bad situation, it is tempting to lie our way out of it, but lying creates more problems than it solves.

Why were you late for school? What are some of the answers that you give? You woke up late. You did not hear the alarm. You were waiting for your brother. You went by a friend's house. You were liming in the van stand. Which answer is the truth? After all, you are still going to be punished, so why not tell the truth?

Who broke the vase? Who walked mud into the house? Sure, it was Mr. Nobody. You remember him? He did everything that is wrong.

Read the Bible verses below on integrity and honesty and remember God's blessings on those who live by truthful words and actions! Telling the truth is always the wise choice.

A person of integrity seeks to follow the Lord's will in everything. Good people don't always win — in this life. But belief in Christ guarantees eternity with God where we will live in his presence forever.

Psalm 41:11-12 NIRV

- 11 Then I will know that you are pleased with me,
because my enemies haven't won the battle over me.
- 12 You will take good care of me because I've been honest.
You will let me be with you forever.

One of the few things we can control is our character. With God's help we can behave wisely and make wise decisions:

Psalm 101:2 NIRV

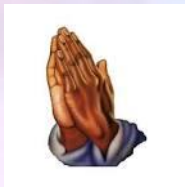
2 I will be careful to lead a life
that is without blame.
When will you come and help me?

In my own home I will lead a life
that is without blame.

Dishonesty is like spiritual leprosy, eating away at the soul. Better to be honest and sleep well at night:

Proverbs 11:3 NIRV

3 Those who do what is right are guided by their honest lives.
But those who aren't faithful are destroyed by their lies.



Let us pray:

O God, give us the courage to tell the truth, even when it costs us, so that people will know we can always be trusted.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

(Answers from last week)

Jesse
Samuel
Harp/lyre
Elah Valley
9 foot 9 inches
King Saul
five
He hit him with a stone from his sling
singing and dancing
1 Samuel



Activity:

BE TRUE

This word-find contains words about being truthful. You can find the words in the grid by looking forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Circle them with a pencil or use a marker to highlight the letters.

But most of all HAVE FUN!!!

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

CHEAT
FAIR
FIB
HONEST
INTEGRITY

LIE
LISTEN
BLAME
PROMISE
RULES

SHARE
STEALING
TRUST
TRUTH
COURAGE