



## 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**

**November 7**

**Sing with me:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eTSDO89oKs>

**Memory Verse: Romans 12:18 (NIV)**

18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

**Scripture: Romans 12: 9 - 21 (NIV)**

**Read with me**

**Love in Action**

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **Let us talk about it.**

This week I am going to be a little different. I want you to carefully read this poem and see how closely it explains how to live peaceable with everyone. This poem was written by a poet Max Ehrmann in 1927.

Max Ehrmann (1872-1945) was a scholar and poet, born in Terre Haute, Indiana on September 16, 1872. He was the youngest of five children of German immigrants. He graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana in 1894, and then studied law and philosophy at Harvard University.

After being a lawyer for several years, Ehrmann went to work in his family's business. After 10 years in the business world, Ehrmann retired so he could devote all his time to literary work. Toward the end of his life, during an interview, he told a writer, "At DePauw, I contracted a disease which I have never shaken off. The disease was Idealism. I took it to Harvard with me where I studied philosophy. Because of it I did the thing in life I wanted to do—writing." During his life, Max Ehrmann contributed great thoughts to our literary lexicons, blending the magic of words and wisdom with his worthy observations. Now read on.

### **Desiderata**

Go Placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

By Max Ehrmann © 1927  
Original text

Follow this link as J.G. Moore explains the teaching of the poem.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5QKenJr4Rk>

### **Let us Pray**

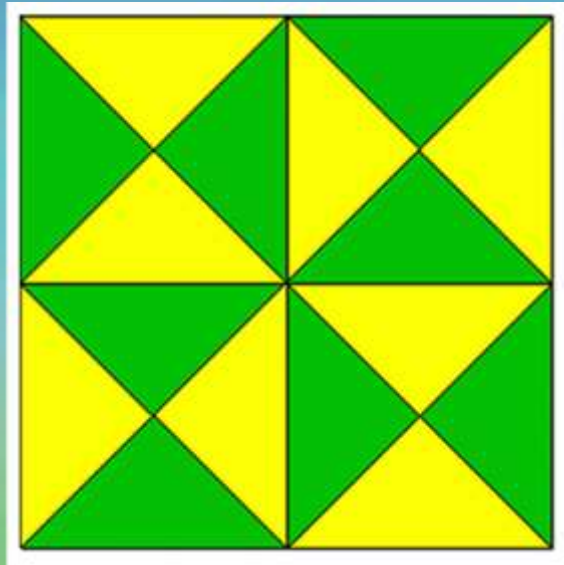
Father God, forgive me for any grudges I've harboured about others and the evil things I've thought about others. Help me to see that living in peace with everyone will bring me closer to you. O God, open my eyes to see and appreciate the beauty of the world, the trees and the stars, the people and all their achievements. Help me, O God to value them as Jesus does. These things I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



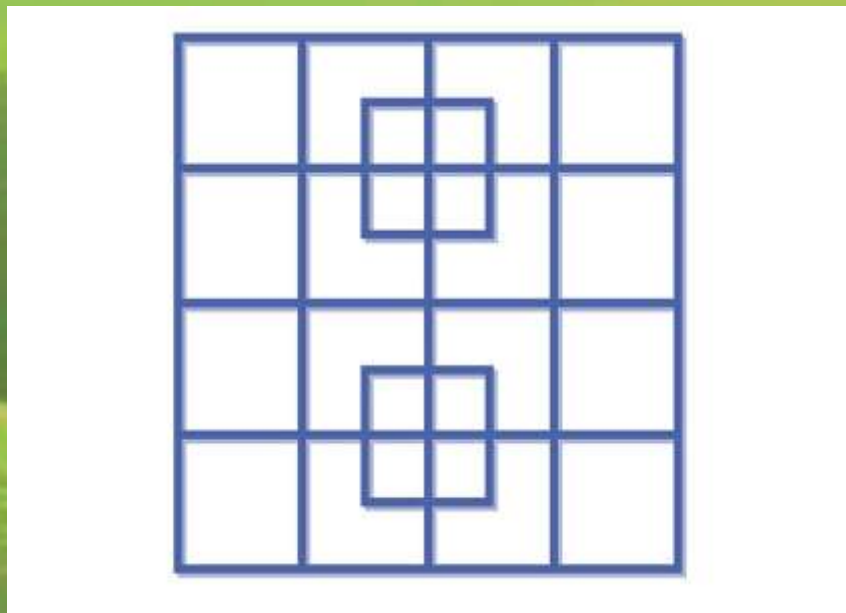
## ACTIVITY

Some brain teasers to work on during the week.

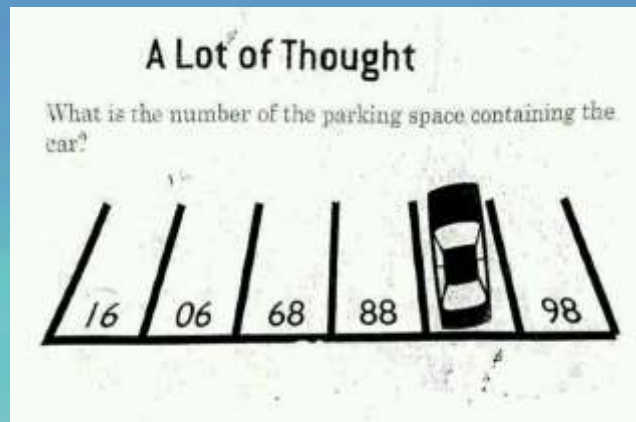
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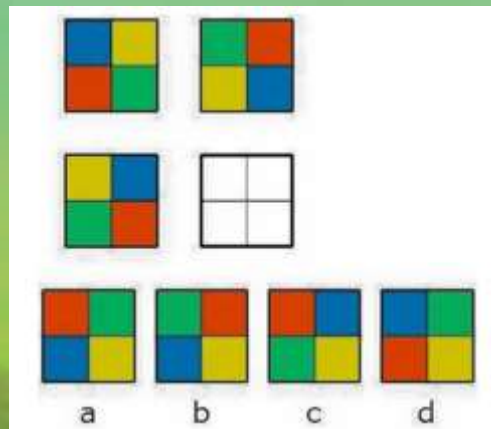
How many squares in this picture?



What is the number of the space where the car is parked?



Which block is in the fourth position?



Answers next week