



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

October 10

Sing with me:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaCBTSQZq1E>

Glen Campbell: Try a little bit of kindness

Memory verse: Romans 12:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.

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.

Last week, we started to look at this Bible passage, Romans 12, 9 – 21. We studied verse 9 which focused on the sincerity of showing love. We said not only should our love be sincere, but we should hate evil and cling to what is good. We want to go on today with showing love. When you love others you want to show them kindness, you will go out of your way to make sure others are happy. And that is exactly what our memory verse is saying to us. Paul, who is the writer of this Book of Romans, in the New King James Version, (NKJV) translation, did not only say to be affectionate, but to be kindly affectionate. The New International Version (NIV) translates this to "be devoted to one another". When you are devoted to someone, you are always ready to be kind to them and by being kind, you can show how much you love them. Remember the commandment which Jesus gave, Matthew 22:39, "love your neighbour as yourself."

Behaving with kindness is just the way we must behave, as Christians. Do you know it will make you feel good just by being kind to someone? What was your facebook message today? Did you say something nice to a friend? Did you say something nice about someone? What about calling a colleague in your class and offering to do homework with them? What about sharing a link to a homework information site?

Did you offer to clean the kitchen sink, or did you just add your plate and walk away? Yes you can show kindness in your home. Kindness goes a long way to making a happy home. Even if it isn't reciprocated, acting with kindness can be very rewarding. A simple act of saying good morning to the garbage collection team as they pass your street is an act of kindness. Or wishing the postman a good day as he or she delivers the mail, even if it bills. Let this quotation be your model for the coming week.

Quotation:

*Never be so busy
as not to think of others.*

Mother Teresa


Let us Pray

O God of mercies, as I think about the story of the good Samaritan, I wonder how I would have reacted to such an opportunity. Would I have taken care of someone who is different to me? I am not sure. I pray that I will have the heart of a good Samaritan. You have promised You will provide good works for me to do as I live out my life. Please give me the eyes to see opportunities for random acts of kindness. I also pray for courage to be kind no matter how awkward or inconvenient the situation. This I ask in Jesus' name, Amen

Activity


Do this scavenger hunt during the week

**KINDNESS
SCAVENGER HUNT**
Home Edition



Directions: Try and complete as many acts of kindness as you can over the next seven (7) days.

- Read to a younger sister or brother (or babies)
- Do someone else's chores
- Help make dinner
- Write a letter or draw a picture for someone in your family
- Give someone in your family a hug
- Let someone else choose (ex. what TV show to watch, what to eat for dinner, etc).
- Give a pet or family member a treat
- Play a game with a family member (board or video game OK)
- Donate toys you don't play with to charity
- Donate food to local food bank or food pantry



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