



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 24

Sing with me:

Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J7p-7bFE8c>

Memory Verse: Romans 12:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

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.

How can anyone think of blessing a person who is persecuting us? When we think of blessing, we are asking the favour or protection of God. By blessing Paul means genuinely praying for and seeking the well-being of the person. Paul wants us to ask God to be good to the person who has mistreated us.

Paul goes on to tell us not to curse the individual. That really is not about saying “bad” words. Paul does not want us to seek retaliation, or wishing something bad will happen to the person. We are cautioned not to seek vengeance. What Paul wants us to do is to seek ways of helping the person. So we do not speak evil about them, or wish that something bad will happen.

You know, it might not be too difficult if you look to God for guidance. This is where God will help you. Do you know people do not like it when they cannot ruffle you? This does not mean you will sit back and allow others to take advantage of you. Rather than retaliating, think about something good you can do for them. In this way you are seeking to reflect the character of Christ. We want to glorify God in the way we live. The song says “**I’ll be a sunbeam for Jesus**”. Being a sunbeam for Jesus means people will see Jesus shining out of you. Believe that they will be captivated by this sunbeam which will draw them closer to Jesus and away from you.

During this week, think of the ways you can bless others, even those whom you think have not been good to you.

Let us Pray

Father, it will take Your grace for me not to curse those who persecute me. Help me to remember Jesus did the same. Since I have to obey you, O Father, help me remember You are there to strengthen and support me.

I also pray I will always rejoice with those who are rejoicing and I will mourn with those who mourn. Help me to be selfless, putting others before me.
Thank you for answered prayers, in Jesus’ name. Amen

Activity

Last week, you were asked to do a Bible search for verses to support your memory verse. I am sure you enjoyed that. This week you will have a similar exercise.

Day	Verse	Write the Verse here
Sunday, October 24	Romans 12:14	
Monday, October 25	Matthew 5:44	
Tuesday, October 26	Luke 6:28	
Wednesday, October 27	Romans 12:21	
Thursday, October 28	Luke 23:34	
Friday, October 29	James 3:10	
Saturday, October 30	2 Timothy 3:12	

Have a prayerful week!