



## 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 3

Sing with me:

*I love you Lord*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bxi4PI0Bf7g>

**Memory Verse: Romans 12:9 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good*

**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. Honour 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.**

Over the next seven weeks, we will be discussing this passage, Romans 12: 9 – 21.

We start today by taking a close look at verse 9. Let us repeat this verse again,

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

So what do we mean when we talk about love being sincere. Actually, Paul would have been saying to us, our love must be sincere. It is about us. Can you say that your love is sincere? The Collins dictionary defines sincere as honest, genuine, without deceit, real. When you say someone is sincere, you are saying all those things about them. Is your love sincere? Do you love me only when you see me? Do you love me only when I do something good for you? Will your love be shattered if we fall into disagreement? Read Mark 12: 30 – 31, (NIV) ***30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*** ***31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'*** ***There is no commandment greater than these.***"

Jesus in explaining love to the young lawyer made it quite clear what it means for sincerity in love. As you would love yourself, then you should love others. In 1 Corinthians 13, many conditions of love are given to us. verses 4 – 7 illustrate what sincerity in love is; ***4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.***

Verse 6 takes us to our next point which tells us to hate what is evil. If your love is sincere, then hating what is evil will be automatic. The important thing is hating what is evil. Hate what is evil but love what is good and do what is just and right in your community. Amos 5:15 says ***“Hate evil, and love the good, and establish judgement in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.”***

This means we can show God’s love by doing what is right in our communities, on our street, in our schools, in our church. This also means doing what is right for our friends. If you see your friend doing something you know is wrong, and could get him or her into trouble, will you just stand aside and say nothing? Will you warn the person, or at least try to stop the person from that action? Will you speak up on the person’s behalf? Let us seek justice for those who cannot speak up for themselves, and do good for those who need it.

Let us repeat our memory verse again as we seek to be sincere in love, and in our will to do good.

Romans 12:9 ***Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good***

### **Let us Pray**

Father God, I praise and thank You for Your love and faithfulness towards me. I ask that You give me eyes to see when evil is before me, and a heart to hate evil so that I can have the desire to flee from its presence. I ask that You would help me not to fall into temptation, but deliver me from evil and draw me closer to You. These things I ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

## ACTIVITY

In this activity you are doing a Bible search. There are three searches all looking for what we can learn about love. Please read your Bible to do the search.

Verse	Question	Example in the Bible
9	What is hypocritical love?	1 John 3: 16 – 18 Matthew 18: 15 – 17 Gal 6:1
10	What other Bible verses tell us to be unselfish and loving toward others?	John 13:34 – 35 John 15: 12, 17 Philippians 2:3 – 4 1 Corinthians 13
11	Describe why following through with selfless love is the real test of how genuine our love is.	Matthew 25: 40
12.	Read the given passages to explain the vital role of diligence, fervency, patient hope, and steadfast prayer when we are examining selfless love.	James 1: 4 – 5 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 18