



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

INSIGHT

September 6 – Jesus

Scripture:

Song: Sing with me:

Fill my cup Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4l2yY2r95g>

Like the woman at the well, I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy.
And then I heard my Saviour speaking—
“Draw from My well that never shall run dry.”

Chorus

*Fill my cup, Lord; I lift it up Lord;
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.*

2
There are millions in this world who are seeking
For pleasures earthly goods afford.
But none can match the wondrous treasure
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

3
So my brother if the things that this world gives you
Leave hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and save you
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray—

Memory Verse:

Luke 18:17 NIRV

Anyone who will not receive God's kingdom like a little child will never enter it.”

Scripture: Read with me.

Luke 19:1-10 - Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man named Zacchaeus lived there. He was a chief tax collector and was very rich. 3 Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was. But he was a short man. He could not see Jesus because of the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree. He wanted to see Jesus, who was coming that way.

5 Jesus reached the spot where Zacchaeus was. He looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay at your house today.” 6 So Zacchaeus came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

7 All the people saw this. They began to whisper among themselves. They said, “Jesus has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

8 But Zacchaeus stood up. He said, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of what I own to those who are poor. And if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay it back. I will pay back four times the amount I took.”

9 Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “Today salvation has come to your house. You are a member of Abraham’s family line.

Message:

Let’s talk about it.

What would life be like without friends? We share happy times and sad times with our friends and they often become true brothers and sisters to us.

Today, we want to talk about Jesus as a friend. Jesus taught us that the most important thing about friendship is love. We should not discriminate our friendship. He emphasized the importance of being sincere and loyal in order to make our relationships healthier and more honest. We should recognize the importance of talking to our friends and helping them to correct themselves, just as Jesus would have done. However, we also need to learn how to listen to what they have to tell us.

In our memory verse, Jesus is telling the disciples that one condition for persons to enter the kingdom is if they become as children. Lots of people believe in the innocence of children.

In Luke 18, the parents brought their children to Jesus so that He could bless them. But the disciples turned them away. They told the parents that Jesus had no time for children. But Jesus

said, Oh no! Let the children come. Jesus showed love to the children. “Don’t run them away” he said. Jesus showed love to the children. In Luke 18 we read 16 “Let the little children come to me,” he said. “Don’t keep them away. God’s kingdom belongs to people like them. 17 What I’m about to tell you is true. Anyone who will not receive God’s kingdom like a little child will never enter it.” Jesus is a friend to little children. Jesus wanted the disciples and others to recognize the importance of showing love to children.

Jesus also extended friendship to persons that other people did not like. Zaccheus was a tax collector. He was not a nice man, and often robbed people. One significant thing about Zaccheus was his height. He could not see Jesus because of the crowd. What did he do? He climbed into the tree to get a better vantage point. Remember that Jesus was God, the all-knowing God. So, Jesus knew to look up at that point and see Zaccheus in the tree. Read again, the passage from Luke 19: 1- 10. Zaccheus had no friends because he treated others badly. They in turn treated him badly. When Jesus treated him well, Zaccheus became a better person. Zaccheus even offered to repay all that he had cheated, and to share his acquired wealth with the people.

In another story, Jesus extended His love to a woman. Not just any woman. But a Samaritan woman.

Let us read John 4: 7 – 15 NIRV

7 A woman from Samaria came to get some water. Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8 His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew. I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” She said this because Jews don’t have anything to do with Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered her, “You do not know what God’s gift is. And you do not know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would have asked him. He would have given you living water.”

11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you don’t have anything to get water with. The well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Our father Jacob gave us the well. He drank from it himself. So did his sons and his livestock. Are you more important than he is?” 13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. 14 But anyone who drinks the water I give them will never be thirsty. In fact, the water I give them will become a spring of water in them. It will flow up into eternal life.” 15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water. Then I will never be thirsty. And I won’t have to keep coming here to get water.”

Note that Jesus was not concerned that she was a Samaritan. The passage was clear of the fact that Samaritans and Jews were not friends. Jesus was a Jew. The woman herself was not a friend to her neighbours in Samaria, and that is why she was at the well at that time. She had no friends. Jesus extended His love to her, and offered her eternal life.

In this next example is about a man called Lazarus and he was a friend of Jesus. Lazarus had died and was buried before Jesus had a chance to see him. Remember it was not like today where you get a bus, or a car, and get to see someone quickly. Of course, Lazarus was probably dead and buried by the time that Jesus got the message that he was ill. No phone call, nor email, nor Whatsapp, nor Instagram.

Let us read the story in John 11: 11-16, 28 – 44 NIRV

¹¹ After he said this, Jesus went on speaking to them. “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep,” he said. “But I am going there to wake him up.” ¹² His disciples replied, “Lord, if he’s sleeping, he will get better.” ¹³ Jesus had been speaking about the death of Lazarus. But his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your benefit, I am glad I was not there. Now you will believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Then Thomas, who was also called Didymus, spoke to the rest of the disciples. “Let us go also,” he said. “Then we can die with Jesus.”

Jesus just got the message. He knew then that Lazarus had died. The disciples knew the close friendship of Jesus and Lazarus.

²⁸ After she said this, she went back home. She called her sister Mary to one side to talk to her. “The Teacher is here,” Martha said. “He is asking for you.” ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Jesus had not yet entered the village. He was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ Some Jews had been comforting Mary in the house. They noticed how quickly she got up and went out. So they followed her. They thought she was going to the tomb to mourn there. ³² Mary reached the place where Jesus was. When she saw him, she fell at his feet. She said, “Lord, I wish you had been here! Then my brother would not have died.” ³³ Jesus saw her crying. He saw that the Jews who had come along with her were crying also. His spirit became very sad, and he was troubled. ³⁴ “Where have you put him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how much he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “He opened the eyes of the blind man. Couldn’t he have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus’ friends knew of His healing powers. They knew that if Jesus was there, Lazarus would have been healed. Jesus was so moved by His friend’s death that He cried. Did you have a friend or relative who died? Did you cry at his/her death? I have heard stories of how people cried when their pet, a dog, or cat, or some other pet died.

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

³⁸ Once more Jesus felt very sad. He came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone in front of the entrance. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad smell. Lazarus has been in the tomb for four days.” ⁴⁰ Then

Jesus said, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up. He said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. ⁴² I know that you always hear me. But I said this for the benefit of the people standing here. I said it so they will believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ Then Jesus called in a loud voice. He said, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out. His hands and feet were wrapped with strips of linen. A cloth was around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the clothes he was buried in and let him go.”

Jesus taught us the most important part about being a friend: LOVE. In each of our stories, we see that Jesus showed love to the person He was friends with. Jesus also offered them something: Life. Jesus loved us so much that He came to earth to give His own life, so we could have eternal LIFE with God forever. John 10:10 says, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” The last part of Jesus friendship was that He was a friend to ALL: sinners, tax collectors, women and children; everyone! Jesus came to earth to love and give life to everyone.

Following the example of Jesus, Christians believe they should be the friends of people who don't have any friends. What can you do for the child in the class who believes he/she doesn't have any friends? Following Jesus' example, there should not be such a person, because you will now invite that person to be your friend. Likewise, can you think ways to thank people for being your friend?

Believe that Jesus is always your friend, no matter what you do. But you must however try to always be a friend to Jesus by doing what is right. He wants you to be friends with everyone. Remember that Jesus said to us “Love one another, as I have loved you.” John 13:34.

Let us pray.

Loving God, bless my life with the gift of friendship. Make me a friend who is loyal, loving, forgiving, and caring. Let love, respect and affection flourish. Help me to see the good in each person and to reach out to those who are in need of a friend. This I ask in the name of the greatest friend of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Activity:

Here are some tricks to work with your friends.

A

Phone number maths trick

This works for landline numbers which (without the area code) are 7 digits long.

Using a calculator, key in the first three digits of your phone number (not the area code) (remember to press = after each operation)

Multiply by 80

Add 1

Multiply by 250

Add the last 4 digits of your phone number

Add the last 4 digits of your phone number again

Subtract 250

Divide the answer by 2

Recognize the answer?... (Your phone number)

B

How many f's (F's) are in the box.

How many 'f's?

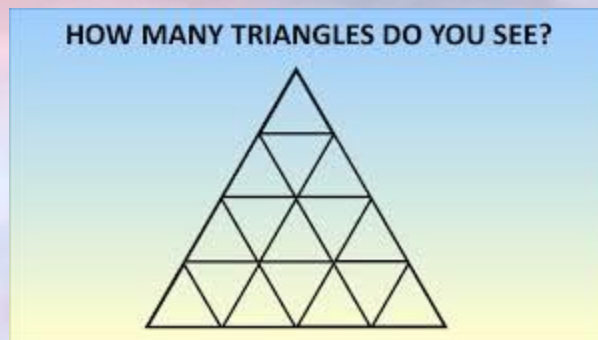
FINE POINT

It is easy to miss the finer points in life. Folks are frequently guilty of falling into this trap

The letter f appears eight times in the box. People commonly count seven, by failing to see one f.
Did you?

C

Challenge your friends with this one.



Count carefully. Did you get 27? Well, you should.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EU3FIKj-3M>)

