



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

April 25

Sing with me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQ2Mcd7pX20>

I come to the garden alone

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.	He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing; And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me And he tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.	And He walks with me, and He talks with me... And the joy we share as we tarry there, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

Memory verse:

Psalm 46:10 NKJV

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Scripture:

Psalm 46:8 – 11 NKJV

Read with me

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,
Who has made desolations in the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;
He burns the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Let us talk about it.

How often have you been told to “sit still!” or “Be quiet!” or “Listen!” So many of you when you are supposed to be doing school work, have the ear phones in your ears. What are you listening to? Are you really focusing on your school work? Sometimes the teacher is speaking, you do not even hear when your name is called. So often, you are told “if you were listening, you would have heard me talking to you!” Yes, sometimes we do have a problem focusing when there are so many distractions around us. The Gospels, and those of St. Mark and St. Luke in particular, take note of Jesus going off for private prayer: After feeding the five thousand—Mark 6:46: And after He had taken leave of them, He went up on the mountain to pray. After Jesus fed the people, He sent the people home, He sent His disciples off to fish, but He went into a quiet part of the mountain to listen to God. Jesus knew He needed to spend time with God in prayer. He needed quiet, so He could hear what God had to tell Him. There are times when we need to withdraw ourselves and look for a quiet place.

Read Psalm 46:10 again: Be still, and know that I am God. This verse doesn't say sit still, it says, be still. What do you suppose is the difference? It simply means give yourself a time and a place of peace. Remember, we have talked about our heart, the organ which pumps blood

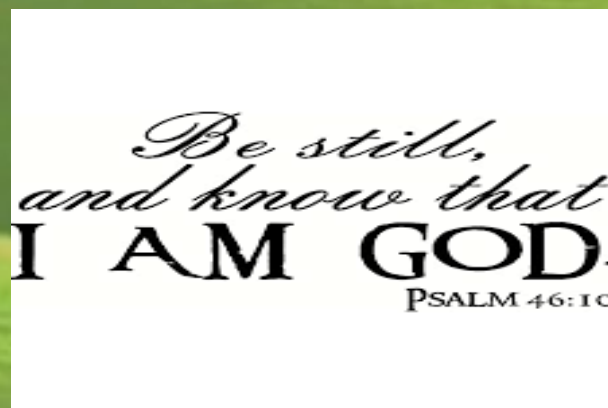
throughout the body; and the heart, which controls our mind and how we think. Sitting still has to do with our body, but being still has to do with our spirit, the part of us that controls our minds. You may not hear your mother calling when you are listening to the radio blaring. For many of us, it is how we live our lives. We spend so much time listening to, and staring at the TV, listening to music, computers, and other electronics, it makes it difficult to "hear" God speaking to our spirits --- the real you, the real me.

We cannot hear what God is telling us amidst all the noise and distractions around us. God is often speaking to us, but we need to be able to listen. God may be calling to us, but how will we know He is speaking if we are distracted? We need to continually listen for Him. Sometimes, we just need to turn off the noise, and set aside a time to read God's Word and pray. Then as we go about our day working, and studying and playing, the Holy Spirit will speak to us in new ways. For many of us, we will hear God for the very first time! Our memory verse is asking us to set aside a time for God. We need to find a quiet place, where, like Jesus, we can talk and listen to God.

Set aside time each day for prayer and soon you will experience an inner calm and a new closeness to Jesus.

Let us pray

"Dear God, help me to turn off the noise in my life, to be still, and listen to Your voice. May my words and my thoughts be pleasing to You. Amen."



Activity

In the passage below, the brackets contain a synonym for the word preceding it. The first letter of the synonym is given. (Choose from the list below the appropriate word to fit in the bracket)

8 Come, behold (t - - - n - - - o -) the works of the Lord, Who has made desolations (d - - - - - - - - -) in the earth.

9 He makes wars cease (s - - -) to the end of the earth;
He breaks (s - - - - - - -) the bow and cuts (s - - - - -) the spear in two;
He burns (s - - - - - - -) the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still (q - - - - -), and know that I am God;
I will be exalted (e - - - - - - -) among the nations,
I will be exalted (t - - - - - - - - -) in the earth!

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge (s - - - - - - - - -). Selah

Psalm 46:8 - 11

Synonyms:

<i>Shatters</i>	<i>quiet</i>	<i>sanctuary</i>	<i>stop</i>	<i>take note of</i>
<i>devastation</i>	<i>triumphant</i>	<i>scorches</i>	<i>splits</i>	<i>elevated</i>

(Answers next week)