



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

IMAGINE

August 16 – New Relationships

Song:

Beloved, let us love one another For love is of God And everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God He that loveth not knoweth not God For God is love Beloved, let us love one another 1 John 4:7 & 8	Beloved, let us love one another For love is of God And everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God He that loveth not knoweth not God For God is love Beloved, let us love one another 1 John 4:7 & 8 Beloved, let us love one another 1 John 4:7 & 8
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Memory Verse:

Luke 6:31

31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Scripture: (Read with me)

Mk. 3:31-35

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

31 Jesus' mother and brothers came and stood outside. They sent someone in to get him. 32 A crowd was sitting around Jesus. They told him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside. They are looking for you."

33 “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” he asked.

34 Then Jesus looked at the people sitting in a circle around him. He said, “Here is my mother! Here are my brothers! 35 Anyone who does what God wants is my brother or sister or mother.”

Message:

Let’s talk about it.

In the passage that you just read, Jesus was not being rude when He asked who were His mother and brothers? Jesus simply wanted to describe that all the persons who love God are His brothers and sisters.

The first thing we want to recognize is that Jesus was always referring to everyone as brother and sister.

Let us start with the prayer that Jesus taught us. How did He start this pray? He said “Our Father...” He did not say My father, but “Our father, meaning that we all have the same Father, so are all brothers and sisters.

Jesus, at another time went on to talk about love for each other. Jesus emphasized that not only do we need to love God, but we should also love our neighbours as we love ourselves.

If you love yourself, you will want everyone to treat you well. Do you want others to say bad things about you? Do you want others to bully you? Do you want anyone to take your lunch or your money? If your answer is “no” to these questions, then you will not do these things to other persons.

Do you talk to other persons and how quickly do you make friends? When you went into Secondary School, how many children in your form did you know? Not many, maybe no one.

To make new friends, we need to consider that word ‘communicate’, or we can simply say ‘talk’. To make friends, we need to talk, simple conversation. I am sure that there are persons in your class, or even in your Sunday School class that you talk to a lot. Today we use a lot of Social Media, but we have to be careful with that form. Be kind and remember, do to others as you would want them to do to you.

Be reliable and accountable. Remember the story about David and Jonathan? Go to the following link for the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSgqkh0bFZA>

Another story that teaches us good relations is that of Ruth and Naomi. Good relationships can also be established with adults. There are adults who love you and who need you. Did you offer

to help that old lady or gentleman in your district? Why not go over to them and talk about this lesson.

Watch the story of Ruth and Naomi.

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

In all you do, you need to work on building relationships with your friends. Be kind, be appreciative, say 'thank you'. I am sure that you can find many other ways in which you can build new relationships or strengthen the relations that you have.

We are all brothers and sisters

Let us pray.

O God, I pray for my friends that You continue to guide our footsteps and our lives as we walk in agreement, according to Your will.

I pray that our friendships will be a blessing from You, O Lord and You will continue to guide us and show us what we need to know.

[Open the eyes of our hearts, O Father God, and reveal anything that is not of You.](#)



Activity:

TAKE OUR FRIENDSHIP TEST

Discuss your answers with your parents and your friends. Check next week to see what kind of friend you are.

1. Two of your friends are not talking to each other. They had a bad disagreement. Do you
 - A. Take one side?
 - B. Talk to both of them together?
 - C. Ignore them?
 - D. Join in the falling out?

2. What do you do when someone is gossiping about your best friend?
 - A. Say nothing.
 - B. Speak up and confront the gossipers.
 - C. Join in the gossip.
 - D. Listen and tell the friend later.

3. The most important thing about friendship is
 - A. Spending fun time together.
 - B. Always being there for each other.
 - C. Being a part of a popular group at school.
 - D. Having cool friends.

4. Your friend is having a difficult week. How could you cheer them up?
 - A. Suggest you do some fun things together.
 - B. Tell them they will get over it.
 - C. Offer them a shoulder to lean on.
 - D. Tell them about your bad week.

5. Your friend has not done as well in an exam as they hoped to. What do you do?
 - A. Offer to help.
 - B. Tell them how well you did.
 - C. Remind them of the things they are good at.
 - D. Tell them it is their fault.

6. Your friend tells you that they are being bullied. What do you do?
 - A. Listen
 - B. Encourage them to get help.
 - C. Ignore them.
 - D. Laugh and tell them they are being silly.

(Answers next week)