



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

August 1

Sing With Me:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EsBpM9IcBts>

Seek Ye First - Maranatha! Music [with lyrics]

Memory Verse Luke 11: 9 - 10 (NIV)

9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Scripture: Luke 11: 1 – 13 (NIV)

Read With Me

Jesus’ Teaching on Prayer

11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

2 He said to them, “When you pray, say: “‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.]

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say,

‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I

have no food to offer him.’ 7 And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is

already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell

you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Let us talk about it:

ASK = Ask, Seek, Knock

What did Jesus mean when he told us to **Ask**, **Seek** and **Knock**?

Jesus told us that we should ask, we should seek and we should knock. Those are three words of requests. When you want something, you ask. Depending on what it is, you may ask different persons. How many marks did you get in your last test in History? You will not ask your Science teacher, or your French teacher. You will **ask** your History teacher! If your assignment at school was to find out about the musicians, Mozart, Bach and Beethoven, you will go to the internet, you will go to Google and search for this information, you will **seek** this knowledge. There was a Government Information Service programme on the radio stations in Barbados called “Opportunity Knocks”. In this programme, listeners were told of different opportunities to acquire new skills, or how to get involved in certain services. Here were certain doors on which you could **knock**.

What did Jesus tell us to do? He said we should, ask, we should seek and we should knock. But Jesus did not just tell us to ask, seek and knock. Jesus was certain that asking was the only way to communicate your needs to others. How would your friend know you have no money to buy lunch, and you wanted him to share his lunch unless you asked? How would your mother know you wanted to go to the hike on Saturday unless you asked?

Asking is taking our requests and needs to Jesus. This is the first step to prayer and not simply saying you always get what you ask for. Wrong motives will hinder the response you desire. ***You ask and do not receive, because you asked wrongly, to spend it on your passions,*** (James 4:3). For the Christian, continual prayer is how we communicate our needs to God. Of course, God being the all-knowing God that He is, knows our needs whether we ask or not, but prayer is the means God has chosen to give answers. But we need to wait for answers. ***You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.*** (James 4:2). Not that you get because you ask, but sometimes you have to wait. There is a Bajan saying ***“If greedy wait, hot will cool.”***

Jesus went on to tell His listeners, “Seek and you will find”. You don’t simply keep asking. You must begin to seek and this is the second step. Seeking is when you start looking around for how

God might answer your prayers. After you ask God for something, the next thing you must do is start looking around with eyes of faith for how God might be providing answers to the issues you have discussed with Him. How would you get the information for your assignment unless you carried out a search? What are you seeking? Psalm 27:8 tells us “Your face Lord, I do seek.” Psalm 105:4 goes on to say, “seek the Lord and His strength; seek his presence continually”. Seeking God’s kingdom means putting God’s plan before our own.

What else is Jesus saying to us? “Knock and the door will be opened to you”, verse 9. Keep knocking on the door of opportunity. Jesus wants you to keep knocking. Seeking answers to your prayers leads to the third step in getting your prayers answered: knocking. After you ask God to help you with your needs, and seek for possible ways God might answer your requests, you must then step out in faith and knock on the doors which present themselves. You told your mother you are hungry and you ask for food, but mother is busy and cannot stop now. Do you keep asking for food, no. You start seeking some food. You know there is food in the house. Oh, but wait! Here is your opportunity to prepare a meal, however simple – make a sandwich or even start to cook.

Verse 10 completes these commands with the promises, if you ask, you will receive. If you seek, you will find. If you knock, doors will be opened for you. As you pray and ask God for the things you need, God promises that in His time, He will give you what you need, He will show you answers, He will open opportunities for you to fulfil your needs.

Let us pray:

Dear God, help us and give us the strength to pray even when we feel like giving up. May we remember you are the door and you will make a way, when there seems to be no way. As we continue to knock, open our eyes to see that not only is the door is open, but help us to realize we can enter the door. This I ask, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ACTIVITY

Today, August 1, is the celebration of emancipation day in Barbados.

Here are some questions which I am asking you to answer by carrying out the necessary searches to find the answers

1. What is the meaning of the word emancipation?
2. When was the date of the proclamation of emancipation?
3. When is emancipation day celebrated in Barbados?
4. Who was Bussa?
5. Where is the emancipation statue in Barbados?
6. How is emancipation day celebrated in Barbados?

Next week: your emancipation trivia quiz.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOFu6b3w6c0>

Redemption song by Bob Marley