



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 22

Sing with me:

I found a treasure Austin Stone Worship: Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbARUaX4frc>

Memory Verse Luke 12: 34 (NIV)

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Scripture: Luke 12: 22 – 34 (NIV)

Read with me:

Do Not Worry

22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

27 “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! 29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not

worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. 32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Let us talk about it:

Now go into your room and find four things which you really love, things that you have had for more than three years and you really need to give them away or throw them out. These are things which you do not use anymore! They may also be broken or clothes that you have outgrown! Why are you still holding on to these things? I am asking you to throw out those things which you treasure!

The question is, do you really need all the things that you have? Jesus is telling His disciples that there is no need to worry about the things of this life. He reminded us to put God first and foremost in our lives. Remember? Exodus 20:3 ***“You shall have no other gods before me.”*** Jesus also wants us to understand we do not have to worry about the things we have or do not have and assures us that God will take care of our needs. He did it for the birds, didn't He? Verse 24; ***Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!*** He did it for the flowers, didn't He? Verses 27, 28 - ***27 “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!”***

Remember Solomon was the King who asked for wisdom. Jesus, in this passage is stressing the importance of not worrying about material things. Sometimes we worry about what we have or what we do not have and this takes our minds off of God. In this passage, Jesus wanted to share with us that God will take care of the things we need. Our job is to build Heavenly treasures. But what are Heavenly treasures? In last week's lesson we learnt to seek God first and other things will be added. Verse 31: ***“But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well”***. Jesus talks about treasures, but what are treasures? Maybe you should check the dictionary and find a definition of this word? You don't have a dictionary, you say? Ok, Google it.

So now we can answer these questions?

- What are the treasures do we store on earth? Let me help you – toys, collectables – comics, pens, books, money, clothes, think of others.
- What are the treasures that we can store in heaven? Knowledge of God, caring for others, remembering to put God first.
- What happens to the treasures we store on earth? They disappear, the moth eats them, the thief takes them, the fire burns, them, they can be destroyed and you will have them no more.

- What happens with the treasures we store in heaven? They will last forever, they help us to glorify God.

Does this mean we are not to have material things? I don't think so! What Jesus is stressing here is that these things must take second place to God. Love God first. Show this love by being kind to others, by worshipping God daily – read your Bible, pray every day. Whatever you have to do, do it as unto God. Choose wisely.

Let us pray:

Dear God, I Thank you for the stories and teachings of Jesus. I thank you for reminding us what is truly important and for promising to provide for us. I ask You dear Lord help us as we try to put You first in our lives. This I ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

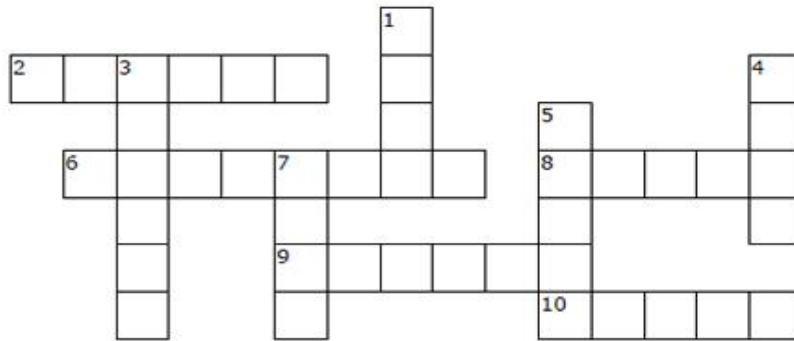
ACTIVITY

Complete the following crossword puzzle.

Treasures in Heaven

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Luke 12:34 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 12:32-34 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. The home where we will live forever with God
6. Valuable things such as gold, silver, jewels, or money
8. The organ that pumps blood through the body
9. Small in size
10. A group of sheep that live or feed together

DOWN

1. Having little money or possessions
3. Filled with fear
4. An insect with wings similar to a butterfly, usually flies at night, and is attracted to light
5. Someone who steals
7. To exchange or deliver something for money

heaven	treasure	sell	moth	flock
thief	heart	afraid	little	poor