



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

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Age: 13 yrs. & Over

December 26

Sing with me:

Mary. Did you know (One Voice Children's Choir)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1H1-scfD1s>

Memory Verse: Matthew 1:21 NIV

21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.”

Scripture: Matthew 1: 18 - 25

Read with me

Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Let us talk about it.

Very often we are reminded of many things we should have known. Your parents may remind you to do certain household chores. Your teachers may remind you of your preparation for the next class test. They even remind you of certain concepts you may have learnt since last year. In today’s environment, we are often reminded of certain COVID 19 protocols – wear your face mask, wash your hands, sanitize your hands and take your temperature when you enter a place of business.

At this time of year, there is another reminder. We are reminded of the real reason for Christmas – Jesus is the greatest gift and the reason for Christmas. If we are not careful, we can get so caught up in the celebration, the decorations, and the gifts we forget the real reason for Christmas -- the birthday of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Jesus was born as the fulfillment of God’s promises to mankind. Jesus was sent to live among us, and die so that we can be restored in our relationship with God.

In planning for this birth, God carefully selected a mother for this very special baby. The privilege of giving birth to the Saviour of the world couldn’t be given to just anyone. Only a woman with outstanding faith, an extraordinary character, and pure heart would be appropriate for such an honour. In Luke 1: 26 – 56 we read how Mary responded to the news from the angel Gabriel that she was chosen to be the mother of the promised Messiah, Jesus.

Mary was humble – she was not full of pride. When Gabriel told her she was highly favoured by God, she was troubled and confused. If she was prideful, she may have immediately rejoiced and wonder how she might benefit from being told she was in favour of God. After the shock of this surprising news, she thoughtfully and intelligently asked how it would happen. Once told, she said in Luke (1:38,), ***“I am the Lord’s servant, and I am willing to accept whatever He wants.”*** Mary loved and respected God, she quickly accepted God's plan for her life no matter how it might look to others. She had faith in God and trusted Him to work things out even though she did not have all of the information.

You see, Mary was engaged to be married to a young man, Joseph. At that time sex before marriage was certainly not accepted. So here was one thing Mary trusted God to work out. Pregnant and not married? Oh no! But God had it all planned. Just as God sent the angel to Mary, God also sent His angel to Joseph. The whole plan was explained to Joseph. So rather

than sending Mary away in disgrace, he quickly got married to Mary. After all, his wife was to be the mother of the promised Redeemer. Isn't that wonderful? Here we have two young people who certainly trusted God, and were willing to submit to God's plan.

As young people you may not know God's plan for your life, but if you follow the example of Mary and Joseph, and trust God, and believe that he has a plan for you, you would accomplish much. You first need to follow God's lead. Then you can live a life of humility and patience. Serve God with all your heart and soul.

Let us pray

Dear God, Thank you for coming to Earth for us
Thank you for living and dying for our sins.
Help us remember You are near every day and in every way
We love you, God!
Dear God, we want to be ready for the Christ of Christmas.
Help us to prepare our hearts for His coming. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ACTIVITY

Complete the following word search. Words may be forward, backward, horizontal, diagonal or vertical.

See how quickly you can find the words. 10 minutes? Challenge a friend to find the words.



OH HOLY NIGHT

A D N H P W P J Q B T G F F S Q V
Y D M Q M I A A S T A R R L G F R
F X F A G R D O N K E Y A S Q L J
F S B U G S A V I O R M N F W U W
H H E A X W I X H Z I E K J A C B
E E T M B Y J R S N M V I N Z X I
M P H I N Y R O A E H H N U G L B
I H L B K Y P G S Z B N C Z O Q J
W E E Z M Z N I M E U Q E X L M E
K R H I M Z W F M E P S N P D N S
Z D E R A S K T A B A H S L D Y U
G N M Q J J J S N Y I A E S R V S
V A N F Q F A T G F T G I A Z T X
N J C U R Z Z X E U N O M N G L Z
B K Y M W I H F R A P E A C E G W

ANGEL
ANIMALS
BABY
BETHLEHEM
DONKEY
FRANKINCENSE

GIFTS
GOLD
JESUS
JOSEPH
MANGER
MARY

MYRRH
PEACE
SAVIOR
SHEPHERD
STAR
WISE MEN



Here is a Christmas trivia quiz for you. Have fun. The answers are given at the bottom. Choose correctly.

Google the answers to the questions you do not know.

You may choose the correct answer from the list of answers after the quiz.

1. The name of the period leading up to Christmas is called _____.
2. The wise men brought Jesus gifts of _____.
3. Good King Wenceslas looked out on what kind of night? _____
4. The name of John the Baptist mother was _____.
5. Jesus born in the town of _____.
6. How many gifts were given in total in the 12 days of Christmas? _____
7. This king of the Jews that ordered the babies to be killed when Jesus was a baby?
8. What was Joseph's job? _____
9. The first people to visit Jesus were the _____.
10. What was the name of the angel that visited Mary? _____
11. When Jesus was born, where was he put to sleep? _____
12. What is the period after Christmas called? _____
13. Jolly old Saint Nicholas was noted for _____
14. Where did the wise men who visited Jesus come from? _____
15. Good King Wenceslas saw a poor man doing what? _____
16. The 26th of December is also known as _____
17. What is the fruit used in making a Christingle? _____
18. What words follow "Silent Night" in the song? _____
19. When the magic hat was placed on Frosty the Snowman's head, he started to _____
20. Why was Jesus born in a stable? _____

All answers are given here.

Advent; an orange; Bethlehem; boxing day; carpenter; dance and prance around; Epiphany; Elizabeth; Gabriel; gathering winter fuel; giving gifts to children; gold, frankincense and myrrh; Holy Night; in a manger; King Herod; moonlight night; shepherds; the East; there was no room at the inn; 364.