



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

February 14

Sing with me:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4iFfkRaqto>

If I can help somebody Lynda Randall

If I can help somebody as I travel along
If I can cheer somebody with a word or a
song
If I can show somebody, he is doing wrong
Then my living shall not be in vain

Then my living shall not be in vain,
Oh, my living shall not be in vain.
If I can help somebody as I travel along,
Then my living shall not be in vain.

If I can do my duty as a Christian ought,
If I can bring back beauty to a world of
wrought,
If I can show God's message that the Master
taught
Then my living shall not be in vain.

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Memory verse:

Galatians 6:2

2 Help carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ. (GNT)

Galatians 6:1 – 10 (GNT)

Read with me

6 My friends, if someone is caught in any kind of wrongdoing, those of you who are spiritual should set him right; but you must do it in a gentle way. And keep an eye on yourselves, so that you will not be tempted, too. 2 Help carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ. 3 If you think you are something when you really are nothing, you are only deceiving yourself. 4 You should each judge your own conduct. If it is good, then you can be proud of what you yourself have done, without having to compare it with what someone else has done. 5 For each of you have to carry your own load.

6 If you are being taught the Christian message, you should share all the good things you have with your teacher.

7 Do not deceive yourselves; no one makes a fool of God. You will reap exactly what you plant. 8 If you plant in the field of your natural desires, from it you will gather the harvest of death; if you plant in the field of the Spirit, from the Spirit you will gather the harvest of eternal life. 9 So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. 10 So then, as often as we have the chance, we should do good to everyone, and especially to those who belong to our family in the faith.

Let us talk about it:

Hello everyone. We are here again with the Apostle Paul. This time, Paul is writing a letter to the Galatians, a Christian community in Galatia. Examine the map in the Activities and you will find Galatia.

The passage that we are reading this week contains a host of advice Paul was giving to the Galatians about fulfilling the law of Christ. These things were not only meant for the Galatians, but are very applicable to us today. In this lesson we want to focus on bearing one another's burden. "What?" You may ask. "Why should I bear someone's burden?" But when we talk of

burdens here, we do not necessarily mean only a physical load, we must recognize there are many ways we can help someone.

Paul starts this chapter by telling us if we see someone doing something wrong, we have a responsibility to tell the person they are doing wrong, but we should do it in a pleasant way. Now, suppose you saw one of your classmates stealing money from another person's gym bag. What are you going to do? Should you approach the person stealing and tell him/her they are doing wrong? Should you go to the owner of the bag and tell him/her what you saw? Should you go to the teacher and report what you saw? Or should you turn your face in the other direction, and pretend you saw nothing? If you decide to turn and walk away and pretend you did not see, then you would have committed what we call the sin of omission. What is that?

A sin of omission simply means that you have failed to do what is right. It involves a willful act of doing something which violates God's commands. In our scenario, it would be the same thing as lying or stealing, simply because you have seen someone do something you know is wrong and refused to do anything to stop it.

By making a report, or simply talking to the person stealing, you are not only helping the person who stole the money, but you are also helping the person whose money would have been stolen. Can you imagine the anguish of the victim when the person realizes the money was stolen? The person may have had that money for lots of reasons. Just think, if it was your money, what will you do? Paul wants us to realize we can help each other by being honest. Paul goes on to tell us in verse 7, that no one can make a fool of God. He says that whatever a man sows, he will reap. God sees everything. A person who steals is also putting him/herself in line for being a victim of theft or maybe something worse than theft. Even you who saw the act and did nothing, you may be putting yourself up for a similar deed to be done against you.

Paul wants us to realize that we have a duty towards each other, we need to look out for each other, we need to help each other. We must help the person who is doing wrong. There may be reasons why the person is stealing. Paul wants us to continue doing what is right. In verse 9, this was our memory verse on January 24; So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. You could be proud of being the person who prevented someone from stealing. You could be proud of being the person who prevented a person from losing a sum of money. Look at how you could have helped two persons, just by caring, by showing love, by helping a person in need. As the song says "If I can help somebody as I travel on, then my living shall not be in vain." Help someone who is on the wrong path, and you surely will fulfil the laws of Christ. Let our living not be in vain. Let us choose to do good at every opportunity. Let us love each other with a Godly love.

Let us say this pray with Eve Kiley

Give me a kind heart that will endure,
One that's strong and secure.
To help someone along the way,
May this be my goal everyday.
Let me lend a helping hand
To someone whose life has not gone as planned.
Reaching out to one in need,
May this be my daily good deed,
To provide a guiding light
For someone lost in the dark of night,
Let me take time to care
For someone experiencing despair,
Whatever I do, everywhere I go,
Your will, dear Lord, let me know.

Amen

Activity

This puzzle is a word search puzzle that has a hidden message in it.

First find all the words in the list.

Words can go in any direction and share letters as well as cross over each other.

Once you find all the words. Copy the unused letters starting in the top left corner into the blanks to reveal the hidden message.



bear	burdens	carry	share
deceive	deceived	family	tempted
gently	give	harvest	someone
load	mock	people	weary
please	reap	sow	restore



Map showing cities that Paul visited. Circle 4 cities that Paul sent letters to.