



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

January 10 - Give and it will be given to you.

Sing with me

Pressed down, shaken together, running over

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VFxXSeMH_Q

Memory verse: Luke 6:38 NIRV

38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good amount will be poured into your lap. It will be pressed down, shaken together, and running over. The same amount you give will be measured out to you.”

Scripture

Read with me

1 Kings 17: 1 – 17 NIRV

Elijah Announces No Dew or Rain

17 Elijah was from Tishbe in the land of Gilead. He said to Ahab, “I serve the Lord. He is the God of Israel. You can be sure that he lives. And you can be just as sure that there won’t be any dew or rain on the whole land. There won’t be any during the next few years. It won’t come until I say so.”

Elijah Is Fed by Ravens

2 Then a message came to Elijah from the Lord. He said, 3 “Leave this place. Go east and hide in the Kerith Valley. It is east of the Jordan River. 4 You will drink water from the brook. I have directed some ravens to supply you with food there.”

5 So Elijah did what the Lord had told him to do. He went to the Kerith Valley. It was east of the Jordan River. He stayed there. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning. They also brought him bread and meat in the evening. He drank water from the brook.

Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath

7 Some time later the brook dried up. It hadn't rained in the land for quite a while. 8 A message came to Elijah from the Lord. He said, 9 “Go right away to Zarephath in the region of Sidon. Stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” 10 So Elijah went to Zarephath. He came to the town gate. A widow was there gathering sticks. He called out to her. He asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar? I need a drink.” 11 She went to get the water. Then he called out to her, “Please bring me a piece of bread too.”

12 “I don't have any bread,” she replied. “And that's just as sure as the Lord your God is alive. All I have is a small amount of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I'm gathering a few sticks to take home. I'll make one last meal for myself and my son. We'll eat it. After that, we'll die.”

13 Elijah said to her, “Don't be afraid. Go home. Do what you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me. Make it out of what you have. Bring it to me. Then make some for yourself and your son. 14 The Lord is the God of Israel. He says, ‘The jar of flour will not be used up. The jug will always have oil in it. You will have flour and oil until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’ ”

15 She went away and did what Elijah had told her to do. So Elijah had food every day. There was also food for the woman and her family. 16 The jar of flour wasn't used up. The jug always had oil in it. That's what the Lord had said would happen. He had spoken that message through Elijah.

Let us talk about it

In today's reading about Elijah, we really want to focus on the story about the woman who after telling Elijah that she was about to use the last of her flour and oil to make a meal for herself and her son so that they can die, added Elijah to the meal. Elijah had promised her that if she fed him, her supplies will not run out. True, as God had said, her supplies never ran out.

Have you ever been asked to share the last of what you have with someone?

Imagine this. It is lunch time; you just have enough money to buy one hot-dog. The lady in the canteen fixed it really good. All the toppings – ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise and cheese. Boy, it looked good. This COVID-19 outbreak was not kind to many people. Many parents have lost their jobs, or have reduced pay. You do not have as much money as you used to, but your friend may be worse. He cannot even buy lunch, so he was settling for some water instead. So, what do you do? What do you think Jesus will want you to do? You remembered all the stories that you learnt in Sunday School, Elijah and the widow, the woman who gave her last mite in the temple, the story of the good Samaritan. These people gave, and gave willingly. Can you really eat your lunch and tell your friend “as I chew, you swallow”? Come to think of it, that lunch was not even enough for you.

Okay. You say a short prayer, thanking God for your lunch. Then automatically, you break your bread and hot-dog in two, being careful with the topping, and share with your friend. He takes it gratefully. He tells you that he did not even have breakfast. As you start to eat, another friend comes to join you. He actually saw that you had shared your lunch. He had also bought lunch. But in addition to his hot-dog, he had also bought a jam-puff and turnovers. He then shared his lunch with you and your other friend. You laughed. Is this for real? You ask yourself. The verse came to you, “Give and it shall be given to you.” What did you learn about giving? Remember the story Jesus shared.

St Matthew 25:34 - 40

34 “Then the King will speak to those on his right. He will say, ‘My Father has blessed you. Come and take what is yours. It is the kingdom prepared for you since the world was created. 35 I was hungry. And you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty. And you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger. And you invited me in. 36 I needed clothes. And you gave them to me. I was sick. And you took care of me. I was in prison. And you came to visit me.’

37 “Then the people who have done what is right will answer him. ‘Lord,’ they will ask, ‘when did we see you hungry and feed you? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in? When did we see you needing clothes and give them to you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘What I’m about to tell you is true. Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Now you feel good to yourself. Now you can tell yourself, Lord I did it for you.

I want you to take the following quotations with you.

“Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have.”

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”

“Give. Even when you know you can get nothing back.”

One last thought, before we go. Jesus wants us to give for the right reasons. Do not give only to those who can return the giving. Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We must realize that God has provided for us not to be selfish, but to honour Him with all we have. He provides for us to be a blessing to others. Remember, everything we have belongs to Him. Let us glorify God by giving, and believe, as He promised, we will be given more.

Let us pray

2 Corinthians 8:7 tells us ***“But since you excel in everything in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”*** Dear God, we ask that You will help us to recognize the joy of giving, the joy of sharing, the joy of blessing others with our blessings. May our giving be to Your glory, and when we give, we will not give sparingly, but that our giving will be generous.

Amen.

(Solutions from last week)

Across	Down
3. plank	1. bread
7. Mr Pitts	2. hypocrite
9. judge	4. door
10. seeks	5. others
11. sawdust	6. stone
	8. receives

Activity

Hello young people, today we are sharing cookies that we are making ourselves. Well, not quite. We have to get permission and maybe help from our parents in making these cookies. Why not get permission to invite a friend over to share this activity. Remember the COVID-19 protocols. *Please read your recipe first, to make sure that you have all you want before you get started.*



Chocolate Chip Cookies

Total Time 32 minutes

Prep Time 20 minutes

Cook Time 12 minutes

Ingredients for 30 cookies

Please check with your parents. You may have some of these ingredients at home, or you have to go shopping. If you have to go shopping, make sure that you write a list, so that you know what you have to buy.

2 cups butter/ margarine (460 g), melted

2 cups brown sugar (440 g), packed

2 cups granulated sugar (400 g)

4 large eggs

1 tablespoon vanilla essence

5 cups all-purpose flour (625 g)

2 teaspoons baking powder

2 cups chocolate chips (300 g) You may add more chocolate chips to get a really “chippy” cookie.

Check. Do you have all your ingredients before you start?

Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the brown sugar, granulated sugar, and melted butter, until evenly combined and light in color.
3. Add in the eggs and vanilla, mixing until smooth.
4. Add the flour and baking powder, folding the mixture until it forms a smooth dough.
5. Fold in the chocolate chips until evenly combined.
6. Using an ice cream scoop, scoop 6 balls of dough onto a baking tray lined with parchment paper. (cut-rite paper can work). (you don't have an ice cream scoop? That is alright, use a spoon.
7. Bake for 12 minutes. (you can clean up the kitchen while your cookies are baking)
8. Share your cookies!