



## 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**

May 2

Sing with me

Forgiveness by Matthew West

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1Lu5udXEZI>

Memory verse:

**Psalms 32:5 GNT**

5 Then I confessed my sins to you;  
I did not conceal my wrongdoings.  
I decided to confess them to you,  
and you forgave all my sins.

Scripture: Psalm 32:1 – 5 Good News Translation

**Read with me.**

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,  
whose wrongs are pardoned.  
2 Happy is the one whom the Lord does not accuse of doing wrong  
and who is free from all deceit.  
3 When I did not confess my sins,  
I was worn out from crying all day long.  
4 Day and night you punished me, Lord;

my strength was completely drained,  
as moisture is dried up by the summer heat.  
5 Then I confessed my sins to you;  
I did not conceal my wrongdoings.  
I decided to confess them to you,  
and you forgave all my sins.

### **Let us talk about it**

In this Psalm, David describes the blessedness or happiness you get as a result of forgiveness. In verses 1 – 2 he describes the happiness of the forgiven man. In verses 3 – 4, he describes the physical and psychological effects of unconfessed sin; and in verse 5 he shows the simple remedy of confession to obtain God’s forgiveness. The psalmist, David, is encouraging us to confess our sin and turn to God in repentance. Who threw the ball that broke the window? Either you did it or you know who did. But what do you do when asked? You say you do not know. Or you say nobody did it. Now, remember that person named Nobody? We have all met him from time to time. Whenever anything goes wrong it is because of Nobody. And Nobody is never there to defend himself or herself. Read about Mr. Nobody below.

How does it make you feel when you do not own up to something wrong you did? The confessing sinner is “blessed” (“happy”), because no sin is beyond Almighty God’s ability to forgive. God forgave murder and adultery in David, just like God will forgive any person who confesses. When you are honest, and say you are sorry, and really mean you are sorry, you can then experience the joy of knowing you are forgiven.

Actually, it is what the psalm is saying to us. The Psalmist is saying to us when our sins or wrong doings are forgiven, we will feel much happier than if we are just walking around with the guilt of knowing that we did something wrong, and hope no one finds out it was us. If we do not own up to our wrong doings, we can create greater distress and tension for ourselves. This can make us very ill. Your joy in life will be gone, and will be replaced with bitterness and anguish. If you say you are sorry, and ask for forgiveness, then the burden of having to give one lie after the other will be removed, and you will again enjoy the assurance of pardon.

There is saying “confession is good for the soul!” Have you ever heard such? It simply means you feel so much better when you admit to wrong doing. This Psalm reminds us of the Beatitudes which listed for us the conditions of happiness. Let us add to those the happiness of being forgiven.

### **Let us pray**

Father, bless me with the power to forgive others, just as I will want them to forgive me. Give me the strength to forgive others and to forgive myself for my own sins. Free me of all anger, bitterness, hate and un-forgiveness. Help me to own up to my wrongdoings and pardon all my offences. This I ask in Jesus name, Amen.

### **Mr. Nobody**

I know a funny little man, As quiet as a mouse,  
Who does the mischief that is done In everybody’s house!  
There’s no one ever sees his face, And yet we all agree  
That every plate we break was cracked By Mr. Nobody.

’Tis he who always tears out books, Who leaves the door ajar,  
He pulls the buttons from our shirts, And scatters pins afar;  
That squeaking door will always squeak, For prithee, don’t you see,  
We leave the oiling to be done By Mr. Nobody.

He puts damp wood upon the fire That kettles cannot boil;  
His are the feet that bring in mud, And all the carpets soil.  
The papers always are mislaid; Who had them last, but he?  
There’s no one tosses them about But Mr. Nobody.

The finger marks upon the door By none of us are made;  
We never leave the blinds unclosed, To let the curtains fade.  
The ink we never spill; the boots That lying round you see  
Are not our boots,—they all belong To Mr. Nobody.

By Anonymous  
Source: The Golden Book of Poetry (1947)

## Activity:

### Thankful for God's forgiveness.

Each number stands for a letter in the alphabet, as shown.

Write the correct letter in each space to find the coded words and complete the verse.

#### CODE KEY

A 1	B 2	C 3	D 4	E 5	F 6	G 7	H 8	I 9	J 10
K 11	L 12	M 13	N 14	O 15	P 16	Q 17	R 18	S 19	T 20
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