



## 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 30**

**Sing with me**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOkImV2cJDg>

**Whom Shall I Fear**

**Memory verse:**

**Psalm 34: 14 NRSV**

“Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.”

**Scripture: Psalm 34:1 – 14 NRSV**

**Read with me.**

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.

3 O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Look to him, and be radiant;  
so your[a] faces shall never be ashamed.

6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,  
and was saved from every trouble.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.

9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have no want.

10 The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

11 Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 Which of you desires life,  
and covets many days to enjoy good?

13 Keep your tongue from evil,  
and your lips from speaking deceit.

14 Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.

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

As you noticed, we are not quite done with David and Psalm 34. We have now reached the point where David is telling us about the fear of the Lord. What do we mean when we say “fear the Lord”? Fear here does not necessarily mean we are to be afraid of God, since we know God is our Father who always loves and forgives us. That is why David said he will “bless the Lord at all times, his praise will continually be in my mouth”. The fear of the Lord is a joyful acknowledgement of God’s power and a grateful realization that it is only in God our hearts find true peace. In Proverbs 15:33, the fear of the Lord is described as the "discipline" or

"instruction" of wisdom. The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom, and humility goes before honour.

Fearing the Lord means to give Him complete reverence and to honour Him as the God of great glory, majesty, purity and power. For example, when God revealed Himself to the Israelites at Mount Sinai through "thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast," they all "trembled" in fear (Ex 19:16) because of His great power. Even in these times, when there is thunder a lot of people look for cover. We say it is God speaking. Also, when David reflects on God as Creator, he says: "Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm" (Ps 33:8-9)

David continues to give advice. In verse 11, David invites us to listen so that he can explain the fear of the Lord. To sum it up, David proceeds to tell us to Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. (verse 14).

As you go about your daily activities, just remember the advice of David and try to follow his instruction. We must know God's commandments and seek the truth to have true knowledge of God's disposition and produce a heart of fearing God.

### **Let us pray**

Father, I pray You might enable me to have such a grand vision of You that I might fear You, and I might tremble in Your presence. Help me to see You're not merely a Redeemer, but also a Judge; not merely a God of love, but also of holiness. Help me to stay away from sin, not just because of its consequences, but also because it grieves Your heart. As your son/daughter, I pray I might "Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling" as we're admonished to do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## ACTIVITY

1: The following set of words is one of the verses in Psalm 34. Unscramble the words to give the verse and state the number of the verse.

*“your evil from tongue keep lips deceit speaking from your and”*

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2. Write the correct letter in each space below 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
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