



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

Age: 13+ yrs

SEEK

May 3 – Seek Joy

Song:

I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart, I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.	Chorus: <i>And I'm so happy,</i> <i>So very happy,</i> <i>That I've got the love of</i> <i>Jesus in my heart,</i> <i>And I'm so happy,</i> <i>So very happy,</i> <i>That I've got the love of</i> <i>Jesus in my heart,</i>	I know the devil doesn't like it But it's down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart, I know the devil doesn't like it But it's down in my heart, down in my heart to stay,
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Memory Verse: James 1: 2 - 3

²Consider it pure joy, whenever you face trials of many kinds,
³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Scripture: Psalm 16: 8 – 11 (NIRV)

⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 21:5 – 7 NIRV

⁵ His glory is great because you helped him win his battles. You have honored him with glory and majesty.

⁶ You have given him blessings that will last forever. You have made him glad and joyful because you are with him.

⁷ The king trusts in the Lord. The faithful love of the Most High God will keep the king secure.

Message:

Hello my young friends. It's me! COVID 19! A few weeks ago, when I raised my ugly head in Barbados, you were all very happy and filled with excitement when you got the news, '**No School**'. Oh yes. That was pure joy, or so you thought. But then, things changed. It was no longer just 'no school', but it became 'do not even leave the house'. You could not go out to play, you could not lime at the street corner with your friends. But worse than that, your teachers decided that they will learn how to teach online. So you were back 'at school' though not 'in school'. Remember, you still have to prepare for exams. '**Stay Home**'. It is ringing in your ears. Your parents are at home, your siblings are at home, everyone is at home. Well I hope that you have found new joy.

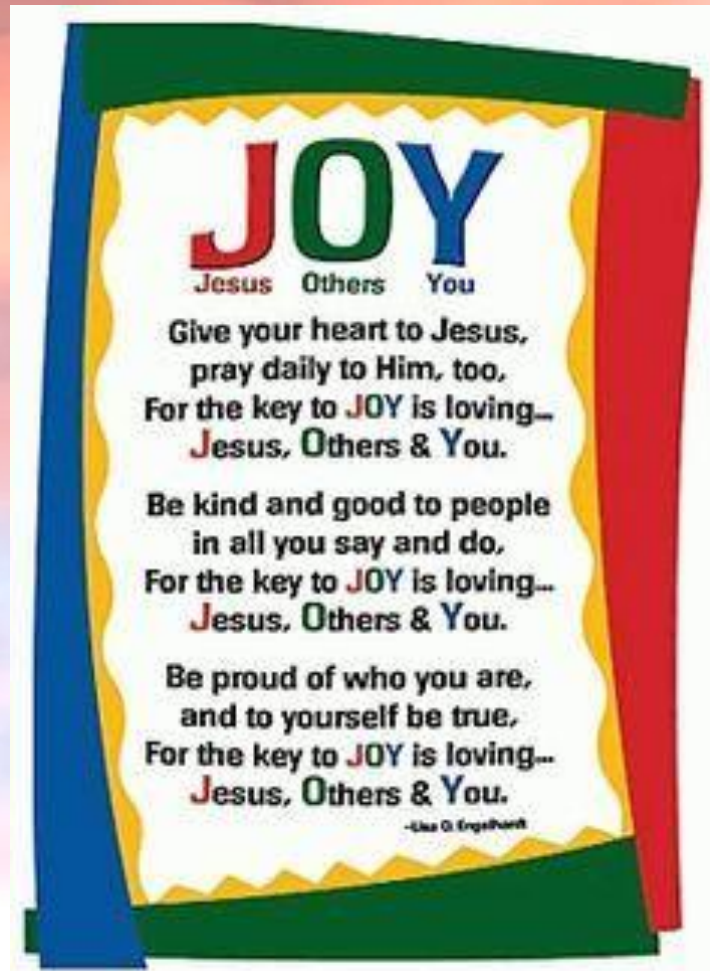
Now you want to ask me; What is joy? How do I find real joy?

Joy is more than happiness. It is the deep and abiding presence of contentment, peace, and pleasure, which we can only find in Jesus.

Jesus is the source of our joy. The wise men did not know who Jesus was and why He came and yet, when they visited Him and brought Him gifts, the Bible says they were filled with great joy. Because of Jesus, we have the hope of heaven and the promise of peace as we go through this period of staying in the house. Can you think of a better reason than Jesus to be filled with joy? If we focus on Jesus, and let Him come into our hearts, we will be filled with joy.

We find joy by spreading the good news of Jesus' love. It's not enough to be filled with joy and keep it to ourselves. God made us for community. He wants us to share His love with others. When we share our joy with others, we are sharing the good news of Jesus' love. We can rejoice in knowing that although we have to stay in the house, technology now gives us that opportunity to communicate with others, the opportunity to continue our school work and Sunday School lessons and the opportunity to enjoy more family time. We may not be able to go outside but we can share the joy that could only be found in the love of Jesus with family and friends right where we are.

It will be good to learn the following poem about finding JOY
Jesus first, Others next, Yourself last.



A Prayer for joy

My Father, You created me out of joy. When You made me, You said that I am perfect. Help me to share the joy of knowing Jesus with all those who You place in my path. I pray that they too may experience the joy and peace that passes all understanding which is freely available to all who heed the glad tidings of the gospel of grace. Thank You for Jesus and the joy and peace that floods the hearts of all who have found in Him the rock of their Salvation.

This we ask in Jesus name, Amen.

Answer from last week:

Blessed are the meek
For they shall inherit the earth.

Activity:
Orange Juice JOY (O-J JOY)



Now you will need permission for this.

You will need :
a blender



a measuring cup



8-oz glasses



a teaspoon measuring spoon



This recipe makes six 8oz glasses of O-J JOY

Ingredients:

- 1 cup orange juice (you could squeeze fresh oranges to get 1 cup juice)
- 1 cup fresh milk ($\frac{1}{2}$ cup evaporated milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water)
- 1 cup water
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 1 cup ice cubes

Method:

- Pour all the ingredients into a blender.
- Blend at high speed until smooth.
- Pour into glasses.
- Enjoy.
- Share the JOY.***
- Yummy!!**