



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

September 5

Sing with me:

Beloved, let us love one another

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRjiOVsUF6o>

Memory Verse Mark 12: 31 (NIV)

31 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Scripture: Mark 12: 28 – 34

Read with me:

The Greatest Commandment

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all

your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

32 “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. 33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Let us talk about it.

Last week, we talked about Jesus answering the question of what is the greatest commandment. We said that the Law of the Bible was filled with commands, 613 commands which the scribes had to learn, and a certain scribe wanted to know from Jesus which of those commands was greatest. Jesus actually summed up all those commands to two commands. The greatest, He said, was, Love the Lord with everything you have, your heart, your mind, your soul and your strength. In doing that, God will always be first in your life.

Jesus went on to say that the second greatest is to love your neighbour as yourself. Then we ask “Who is our neighbour?” Our neighbour is anyone near to us. It could mean someone we do not even know. Loving someone as we love our self simply means we will not do to anyone, anything we do not want for ourself. Jesus, in His usual style, went on to tell a story to illustrate who is a neighbour . In this story, Jesus told of a man, presumably a Jew, who was robbed on a highway and left to die. A priest and a Levite, both of whom were considered to be honourable men in the Jewish community, passed by him and did not stop to help him. Then a Samaritan, a person who normally the Jewish people despised, stopped and took pity on the man. The Samaritan bandaged the man’s wounds and took him to an inn. When he was ready to leave, he paid the innkeeper some money to continue the care of the man.

What Jesus was explaining is that God’s love has no boundaries, and everyone is equal in the sight of God. By loving God, we should also love the people around us regardless of their

background. By loving your neighbour as yourself you will be fulfilling all the commands since you will be treating persons as you will want to be treated. If we love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and love our neighbours as ourselves, we will fulfill all 613 commands. Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Romans 13:10). Love is the foundation for all obedience to God. God's love in our hearts and lives will help us love our neighbours. Love is the fulfillment of the Law.

Let us pray:

Dear Jesus, thank You that You loved us so much You gave Your life for us. You showed Your love to us by dying on the cross. Help us to die to ourselves and our selfishness each day and show You how much we love You by how well we care for and help others. May our hands rush to help and our hearts rush to love those around us, even those who hurt us. Help us to remember Your love for us when we are tempted to keep to ourselves or act selfishly. We pray You would change our neighborhood through Your love which flows through us. Thank You that we are never alone, and You are always there to help us. We love You. In Your holy name, amen.



ACTIVITY

Here are some verses which you can read to help you to be a good neighbour.

Find the verse in your Bible and write out the verse in the right side column.
The first one is done for you.

1 John 4:8 If you love God, you will love others, too.	8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
John 3:16 God loves everyone (the world).	
John 15:13 The greatest love is to love others.	
John 13:34 We are to love each other	
James 2:14–16 Help neighbours in need.	
1 John 4:10–11 God loved us, so we should love others.	
Philippians 2:3–4 Think of others as more important.	
Luke 6:27 Be kind to your enemies.	
Romans 15:2 Build up your neighbours.	
1 John 4:21 If you love God, love your neighbour	
Ephesians 4:25 Speak truth to your neighbour.	