



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: 8 – 12 yrs.

S.H.I.F.T.

September 5

Scripture:

**Mark 12:31 "The second most important commandment is this:
"Love your neighbour as you love yourself". (GNT)**

Message:

Everyone wants the best of everything for themselves because they love themselves. It is not the love of self which makes one proud and overbearing, but the love where you value yourself positively as an individual and a child of God. When you live according to the word of God and love who you are and how God has blessed you, you could only want the best in life, and the best of life. To love yourself is to love the skills and talents God has given to you and as you use them, you are a better person.

In wanting the best for yourself, you must also desire the best for your neighbour. Your neighbour is not only the person living next door, but your neighbour is everybody and it is not difficult to love your neighbour once it is with the love of the Lord. We are not perfect individuals and if God can love us just as we are, then we in turn can love others. Also, if we love ourselves and want the best or what is good for us, we too must want the best for others. To love our neighbours as we would love ourselves is fulfilling because God loves us unconditionally.

Activity:

Put the words: "love", "loves" and "neighbour" in the appropriate spaces.

God _____ you and I _____ you
And that's the way it should be;
I _____ me and I _____ you
And that's the way it will be.

To _____ myself is to want the best for me,
To _____ my _____ is to want the
best for them;
God will always _____ me in a special
way,
To _____ my _____ is to _____
just as God _____.

(Answer next week)

(Answers from last week)

- A. Jesus Christ
- B. Being Truthful
- C. Showing Kindness
- D. Being Loving
- E. Loving Others
- F. Being Honest
- G. Living Peacefully
- H. Being Compassionate
- I. Serving Joyfully
- J. Praying
- K. Being Committed
- L. Sunday School