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            oldstate = state
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            ' change true/false below depending on whether you
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Moderator *speaks*

As we struggle to embrace the new normal coming out of the nCoVid-19 pandemic we face again some of the old issues that require our urgent attention. One such issue is the unanswered questions surrounding the attempted coup thirty years ago. Even though there were several official and non-official inquiries into this event none brought us any closer to a justification for this unconstitutional assault on our democracy. These analyses have generated more questions than answers regarding this event.

In this month of August, we observe two important milestones in our history – Emancipation and Independence. It would be an excellent idea for us to take some time to reflect on matters of freedom and responsibility. This would be important as our citizenry exercise their civil and constitutional right to vote in the 10 August 2020 General Elections.

At the level of our church governance, the question arises, what is the response of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago (PCTT) as we engage in dialogue and decision making at the 60th (Jubilee) Annual General Meeting of the Synod. Long before the global pandemic struck, churches, including the PCTT, were struggling with the question of how to be relevant in a rapidly changing world. Many have been wondering

what the future holds for the church and whether it will be able to survive in that future. We have known for a long time now that to be the church today we need to change the paradigm. We have to find the right model of what the church should be. For the church to thrive, not merely survive, it needs to be robust in its missional focus and identity.

The church cannot be inwardly oriented but must embrace our evangelistic zeal and birth-right. We need to practice more relevant mission and evangelism, telling others about the love of God in Jesus and why that matters, both in our words and in our actions. After 152 years of evangelistic, educational, and social work, the PCTT has liberated many from poverty and deprivation. But be that as it may, the Church seems to be complacent operating in a maintenance mode for some time.

The church, no doubt, has been buffeted by the same challenges that have been affecting other institutions in society. It struggles with understanding rapid change; adapting to this change with a studied response; and avoiding the consequences of a conditioned response to global change.

So, as we observe Emancipation and Independence and exercise our right to vote in this month of August, we are urged as members of the PCTT and citizens of Trinidad and Tobago, to respect the choices of



THE RIGHT REVEREND JOY ABDUL-MOHAN

others, even if there is a difference of opinion. Let us not create a spirit of rivalry or racial tension just to get our own way and satisfy our own whims and fancies.

The Church must heed the Word of God in Christ to be light and salt in the world and practice what is necessary for the fulfilment of human life. But it must be done outside the influence of politicians or political parties. It must be done without emphasis on racial issues. God's Kingdom is the ultimate hope to which we are committed. It has a much deeper thrust than political promises of a better future for humanity and the whole of creation.

The role of the Church is a prophetic one. If the Church does not recapture its prophetic responsibility, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral and spiritual authority. We must, nevertheless, pray for and work together for meaningful change in our church and country.



VOTE WISELY

By now the media would be awash with political advertisements and your streets busy with political aspirants seeking your vote for the 10 August 2020 General Elections. It is that time in our democracy when power reverts to you after Parliament is prorogued and dissolved prior to general elections. You now have an opportunity to elect or re-elect persons to represent you once again in Parliament.

It is also that time for serious and dispassionate reflection as we search for the right leadership in this period

when the Covid-19 pandemic drastically altered the socio-economic landscape. All national issues are wrapped up in one consideration and that is, who is best able to protect our health and yet ensure an economic future for all.

This will be the fifteenth time that Trinidad and Tobago goes to the polls in general elections since 1956. The Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) has confirmed that 19 political parties nominated 150 candidates plus five independents to contest the 41 seats in Parliament. There are 1,134,136 registered voters.

We have had a proud record of free and fair elections supported by an independent Elections and Boundaries Commission. The Representation of the People Act, Section VI allows any citizen to challenge electoral infringements. Such challenges are determined only by our local courts. Our general elections are usually monitored by CARICOM and Commonwealth Observers. This time however, nCoVid-19 restrictions may thwart this practice.

We also have an equally proud tradition of a peaceful transfer or continuation of power. Three times since independence political power changed hands peacefully. These records are not to be taken for granted considering what is happening right now in one of our CARICOM neighbours. We must guard our democracy.

Yes, we have a robust, free, and fair electoral system in this twin-island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Voting at an election is one of our many constitutional rights which we should exercise. On 10 August 2020 you have the right to pass your power to candidates to form a government that should act on your behalf. It is a sacred duty and we should all embrace the opportunity. All we can ask is that political parties be responsible during the campaign and speak truthfully to the electorate. We implore platform speakers not to use race, ethnicity, and religious persuasions to bait controversy. State your case clearly and let the voters decide.

KNOW YOUR FAITH SERIES



REVEREND ADRIAN SIEUNARINE

Ever since the Hugenots (French Calvinists) adopted the “Burning Bush” as their symbol at their twelfth Synod in 1583, that symbol has been a pervasive emblem of Presbyterianism. There are several meanings associated with this symbolism which are relevant to us today:

1. WHEN GOD SPEAKS TO MOSES from the Burning Bush in Exodus chapter 3, we are reminded that the Lord who is a “consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:29) is present with us so that we are not consumed when we go through fiery trials and tribulations.

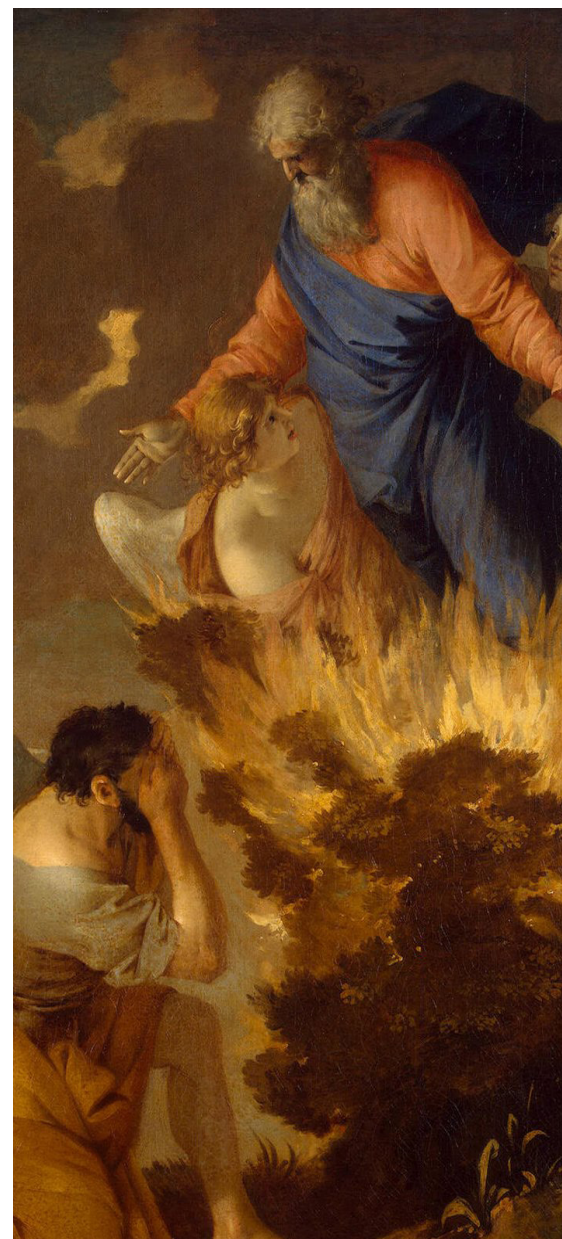
2. REFORMED CHURCHES adopt several mottos associated with this episode: the French Church chose “Flagror non consumor” meaning “I am burning but not consumed” so that their people self-identify with the burning bush. The Church in Ireland chose “Ardens sed Virens” meaning “Burning But Thriving” to emphasize that the covenant people of God are forged in the furnaces of suffering, and emerge stronger. In Trinidad, we are most familiar with the Church of Scotland’s adoption of “Nec Tamen Consumebatur” meaning “Yet it was not consumed” which highlights the

...YET IT WAS NOT CONSUMED

surprise Moses has when he sees the bush burning but not destroyed by that fire. God continually calls us and surprises us. We are called in new ways to unexpected journeys.

3. THE WORD that is used to describe the burning bush only occurs in the Bible to describe that plant in that episode. The call of God is unique and individually targeted, although destined to be fulfilled in community liberation.

The Burning Bush is a spiritual catalyst: it precipitates a reaction while remaining unaltered by the changes that are caused. In our lives, we are sometimes called to be the change and at other times to undergo transformation, according to the work of the Spirit in the particular situation. God uses different methods to alert us to new frontiers for the divine mission of freedom and justice.



would someone *LISTEN TO ME?*

COUNSELLING COLUMN WITH BERNADETTE GYAN-MANICKCHAND

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How to establish a pattern of open communication with our children and their fathers?



The number one need expressed loud and clear from today's youth is, "Would someone listen to me?"

There is an obvious connection between dads and addictive misbehaviours which research and common sense can confirm. Every worthy dad has dreams about his child/children –dreams of sharing common

interests, dreams of pride, dreams of success, and dreams of having fun together. But the realities of everyday living sometimes keep fathers from being as available, as loving, as emotionally involved or as approving of their children as they would like to be.

Fathers juggle jobs, marriages, and sometimes spiritual commitment thus making parental connection impossible. They deal with emotional drainage, along with limited free-time and one's sense of obligation. Fathers suffer the guilt that their children do not get as much of their attention as much as they want or require.

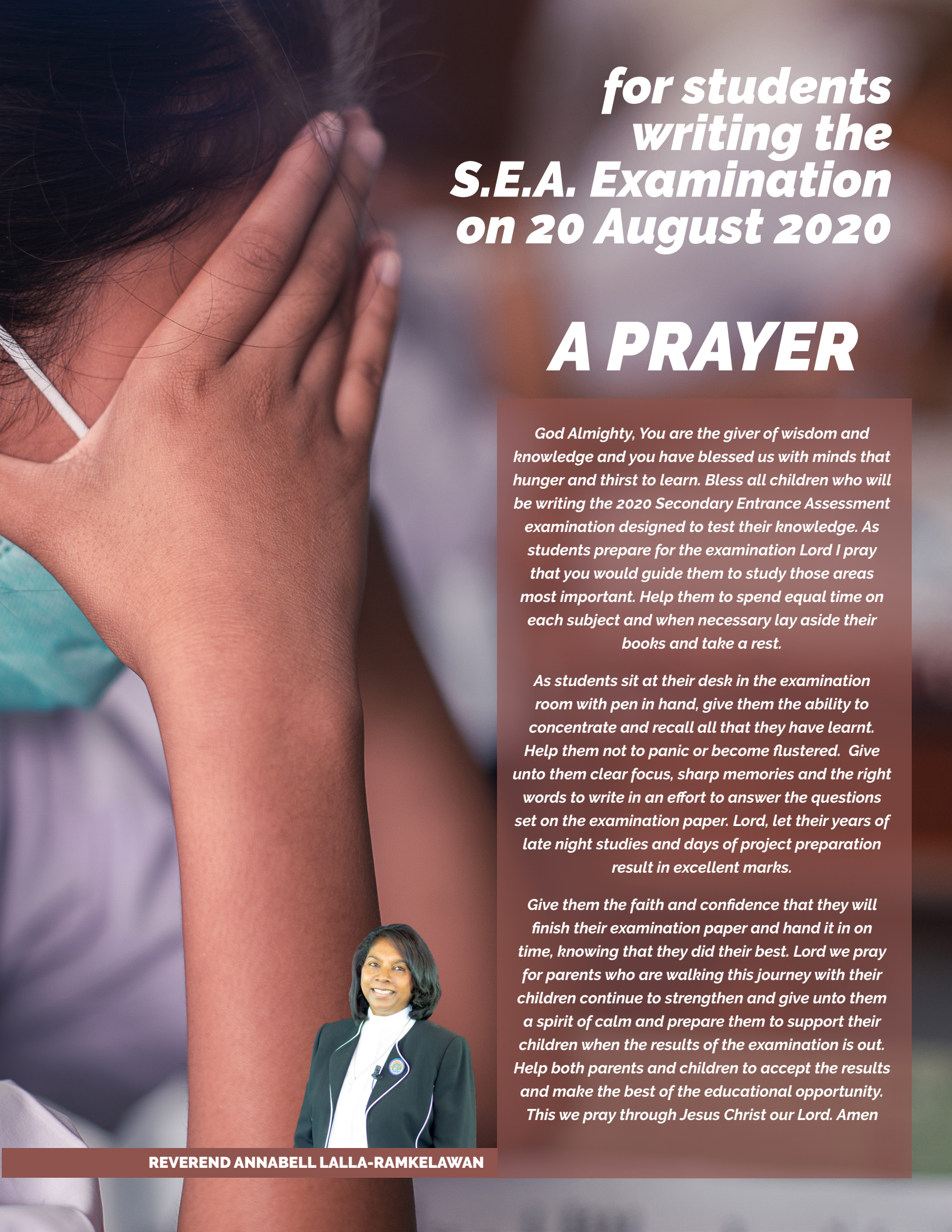
So what's a dad to do? The first thing that fathers need to do is explained in one word... 'LISTEN'. I have heard it from children again, and again, and again. The number one need expressed loud and clear from today's youth is, "Would someone listen to me?" What they are talking about is empathetic listening. A kind of "I hear you" that connects with



their feelings and emotions.

Our children feel that same way when they are trying to say something to us and they cannot get or keep our attention. Not only do they want our attention, but they also yearn for-their dads to understand what they are going through. They need for dads to ask questions, not in a badgering manner but in a genuine desire to understand them; their thoughts, feelings, hurts and desires.

Some persons are better at listening than others. There is the concept of females being more of the nurturing parent they are more open to conversing, hence the absence of a father's input in the rearing of children. This is why a conscious effort must be made by the dad in the home or household to become a good listener. With the lack of good role models in society today, fathers are called to perform the role of a lifetime.



for students writing the S.E.A. Examination on 20 August 2020

A PRAYER

God Almighty, You are the giver of wisdom and knowledge and you have blessed us with minds that hunger and thirst to learn. Bless all children who will be writing the 2020 Secondary Entrance Assessment examination designed to test their knowledge. As students prepare for the examination Lord I pray that you would guide them to study those areas most important. Help them to spend equal time on each subject and when necessary lay aside their books and take a rest.

As students sit at their desk in the examination room with pen in hand, give them the ability to concentrate and recall all that they have learnt. Help them not to panic or become flustered. Give unto them clear focus, sharp memories and the right words to write in an effort to answer the questions set on the examination paper. Lord, let their years of late night studies and days of project preparation result in excellent marks.

Give them the faith and confidence that they will finish their examination paper and hand it in on time, knowing that they did their best. Lord we pray for parents who are walking this journey with their children continue to strengthen and give unto them a spirit of calm and prepare them to support their children when the results of the examination is out. Help both parents and children to accept the results and make the best of the educational opportunity. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



REVEREND ANNABELL LALLA-RAMKELAWAN

HOW DID nCoViD-19 AFFECT YOU?



THE FAMILY CAN: A MONTHLY THOUGHT TO HELP IMPROVE THE FAMILY

HILTON R. SIBOO

If you were asked the question, how did nCoViD-19 affect and impact you personally, what would be your answer? If from a family perspective you were asked to list your answers, what would you write? If you have been thinking of writing such a list, take time do it now.

The Novel Corona Virus originated in Wuhan, China and became known to the world in December 2019. A global surge resulted in the World Health Organization (WHO) naming it nCoViD-19 and declaring it a global pandemic. This was on March 11, 2020. Since then, the virus has swept through every country and nation of the world with over 13 million cases and more than 600,000 deaths.

Today, the first surge continues to impact Latin America and parts

of Asia and Africa, while a second surge is occurring in the western world. Trinidad and Tobago has been among the few countries that have not felt the devastating impact of the virus. For this we should be thankful. However, countries are now reinstating lockdowns, curfews, regulations and other forms of social controls. National borders remain closed with limited exemptions. One thing though is certain, that is the effect of the nCoViD-19 has changed the course of world and human history and forced a new normal on our lifestyles.

So, the question remains - how did the nCoViD-19 affect and impact the patterns of your personal lifestyle and the lifestyle of your family? Your written lists from your

personal and family experiences would assist you in coping with the post nCoViD-19 adjustments you are expected to make.

It may have taken a global pandemic to remember that The Family Can, Keep in mind that the family is not just a group or gathering without a common purpose. There is a common purpose. Bring your family together with joy and hope and never let it be said that the family can NOT.

**Don't lose faith. Hold strong.
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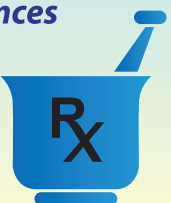
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Passing of Deaconess Pamela Lindo

LINDA SAMMY

Pamela Radhay Lindo (nee Mohip) was the second deaconess of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago, having been commissioned on July 15, 1969. Encouraged by Reverend and Mrs. Charley Kitney and guided by Reverend Dr Idris Hamid and Reverend Dr Arthur Dayfoot, she began her training for Christian ministry at the St. Andrews Theological College (SATC) in 1963 and completed her studies at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI) in 1969.

Her first appointment was in the Couva Pastoral Region where she worked among Sunday Schools, Youth Groups and Women's Groups in Couva and Calcutta. She did worship services at Flanagin Town, Chase Village, Felicity and Waterloo and trained ladies in Penal, areas around San Fernando and in Retrench in craftwork, helping them to earn a living. Pamela also assisted in running the Christian Education Leadership Training Course held at SATC during the summer periods and with the training of the girls at Archibald Institute.

She worked alongside Reverend John D. Baboolal, Reverend Mary Naimool, Reverend Geraldine Reid and Miss Mabel Brando and trained and worked with Reverend Bruce Kramer and Reverend Daniel Teelucksingh as well as the late Reverend Rawle Sukhu and Reverend Allison Nobbee.

In 1975 Pamela returned to Jamaica where she married and there lived with her husband Everard Lindo and her two children Paula and Allan. She lived a rich and rewarding life as a teacher and guidance counsellor at several secondary schools and continued to be active in church and community. She was well loved and respected especially by the young people for whom she held a special place in her heart.

Pamela was the daughter of Benjamin and Punny Mohip of the Curepe congregation. Pamela passed peacefully from this life on 19 July 2020 in Negril, Jamaica and is reunited in heaven with her husband, both parents and brother Ranade.

The PCTT sends its condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late Pamela Radhay Lindo.



PICTURE 1:
Deaconess Pamela Lindo

PICTURE 2:
*Commissioning of Deaconess
Pamela Mohip as a Deaconess at
Susumachar Presbyterian Church
on July 15, 1969*

Liberation Theology



STUDENT MINISTER, CYNARA DUBÉ-SOOKOO

In a world where, according to Karl Marx, religion is the “opium of the masses,” the radical methodology of liberation theology sobers us from our comfortable haze. This controversial movement arose in Latin America in response to the Church’s perpetuation of injustice and oppression of the poor.

Among the teachings of liberation theology are:

GOD HAS A PREFERENTIAL OPTION OF THE POOR. The reign of God denounces poverty which is contrary to a world ruled by “the empire” who are driven by greed to perpetuate oppression.



THE INTERPRETATION OF THE GOSPEL AND CHRISTIANITY MUST BE DECENTRALIZED.

The voice of the oppressed in the margins must be valued and heard, as they alone can render an experience of the Bible from their situation.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ORTHOPRAXIS (CORRECT PRACTICE) over orthodoxy (correct teaching/doctrine).

According to liberation theologians, the work and salvation of the God of Exodus is displayed in liberative praxis. Furthermore, Jesus' imagery of bringing a sword is likened to a necessary social unrest that seeks to bring (1 Matthew 10:34) conscientization and salvation from systemic violence.

The spirit of liberation theology has manifested in many theologies around the world, including our own Caribbean Theology. Caribbean theologian, Devon Dick, proposes an emancipatory theology that seeks, "full freedom, equality and justice...[w]here it would evaluate historical legacies of injustice and oppression and... transform the situations, systems and principalities and powers.."

Although criticised for being too class-oriented and neglecting

the sphere of racial, gender and ecological justice, liberation theology still reminds us of our place, as a church, in the midst of injustice. As a nation, we have set aside a day to remember the emancipation journey of our ancestors, and ponder our movement toward our mental, cultural and spiritual emancipation from a pervading Eurocentric systemic violence. Therefore, we cannot remain silent as the marginalized in our society are manipulated and degraded.

HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. What is God's vision of freedom?
2. Who are the marginalized or oppressed of our community?
3. Has our church actively and bravely sought to liberate the marginalized?
4. What, then, is required of us to set God's people free?

FUN FACT: Liberation theologians in Brazil often wear a tucum ring as a symbol of solidarity with the poor, in contrast to the elaborate gold rings of clergy that symbolize allegiance with the elite.

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HE LOVED AND LIVED LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Stephan Kyle Persad passed on from this life on Tuesday 07 July 2020 having succumbed to an illness that took him away at 29.

In the July issue of the Trinidad Presbyterian an appeal was made for assistance for Stephan to seek medical attention in the USA. He was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, an extremely aggressive form of cancer. His funeral took place on Saturday 11 July 2020 at the Susamachar Presbyterian Church, San Fernando. A message of comfort was delivered by the Rt. Reverend Joy Abdul-Mohan, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago (PCTT). Also participating in the service were Reverend Letra Jacob, Reverend Brenda Bullock, Reverend Kelvin Sookhansingh and Reverend Dr Randall Sammah.

Stephan leaves to mourn his

mother, Denyse Persad, sister Sian, fiancé Crystal and his many relatives and friends.

The eulogy described Stephan as a person who set a high standard for himself and a son, who was dedicated to family. Four of his friends who spoke at the funeral service, remembered him as a person who loved and lived life to the fullest. He cherished the many family gatherings, enjoyed sports and had a passionate love for music. Yes, DJ Mexi in da house.

In her message of comfort, Reverend Abdul-Mohan spoke of her childhood days with Denyse and their many years of friendship. She quoted from Psalm 91, verses 1 -2: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust." The Rt. Reverend Abdul-

Mohan reminded the family that the "God of all comfort" will never abandoned the family. She said that in adversity, God will hold Denyse, Sian and Crystal and the extended family close and that they will find comfort in the Lord's plan for his people.

Denyse Persad offered her thanks to all who stood by the family in this period. She said: "I was humbled by the response from the Presbyterian Church family, the wider community and the contributors to the "Go Fund Me" outreach. To my siblings, my In-laws and all my relatives who supported me during Stephan's illness and beyond. Above all, I thank God my son, who was truly a blessing to the family and a loving brother to Sian." We walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Cor. 5:7

MICKEY BEDASIE

Pray for Peace in Israel, Palestine



The World Council of Churches (WCC) has invited the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago (PCTT) community to join in the International Day of Prayer for Peace in Palestine and Israel next month.

WCC interim general secretary Reverend Professor Dr Ioan Sauca issued the invitation to Presbyterian Church Moderator Reverend Joy Abdul-Mohan by letter. Professor Sauca said the observance will be held during the period 14-21 September 2020. The theme for the observance is, "Creative Solidarity in Common Fragility". Professor Sauca said each year during the

third week of September Christian witnesses engage in "peaceful actions around the world to promote a just peace in Palestine and Israel.

Professor Sauca reminded world leaders as well as the public, about the fragile nature of peace. She said, "Far from being synonymous with pacts and strategic agreements, peace is rather a profound attitude that must be rooted in hearts and in long-lasting institutions." She noted, "The impact of wars, the aftermath of violence, the hatred and the bitterness engraved on souls, social injustices, and the harmful consequences of COVID-19

only accentuate, day-after-day, the fragility of humanity."

According to Professor Sauca, in the "extremely fragile situation in Palestine and Israel, we still believe in the power of prayer because only the Spirit of God can soften hearts and change attitudes." During this period church organisations, congregations and people of faith are encouraged to bear a common witness by participating in worship services, educational events, and acts of support in favour of peace and justice for Israelis and Palestinians. The Professor noted, "Please join us again this year in our global manifestation for justice and peace in the Holy Land."

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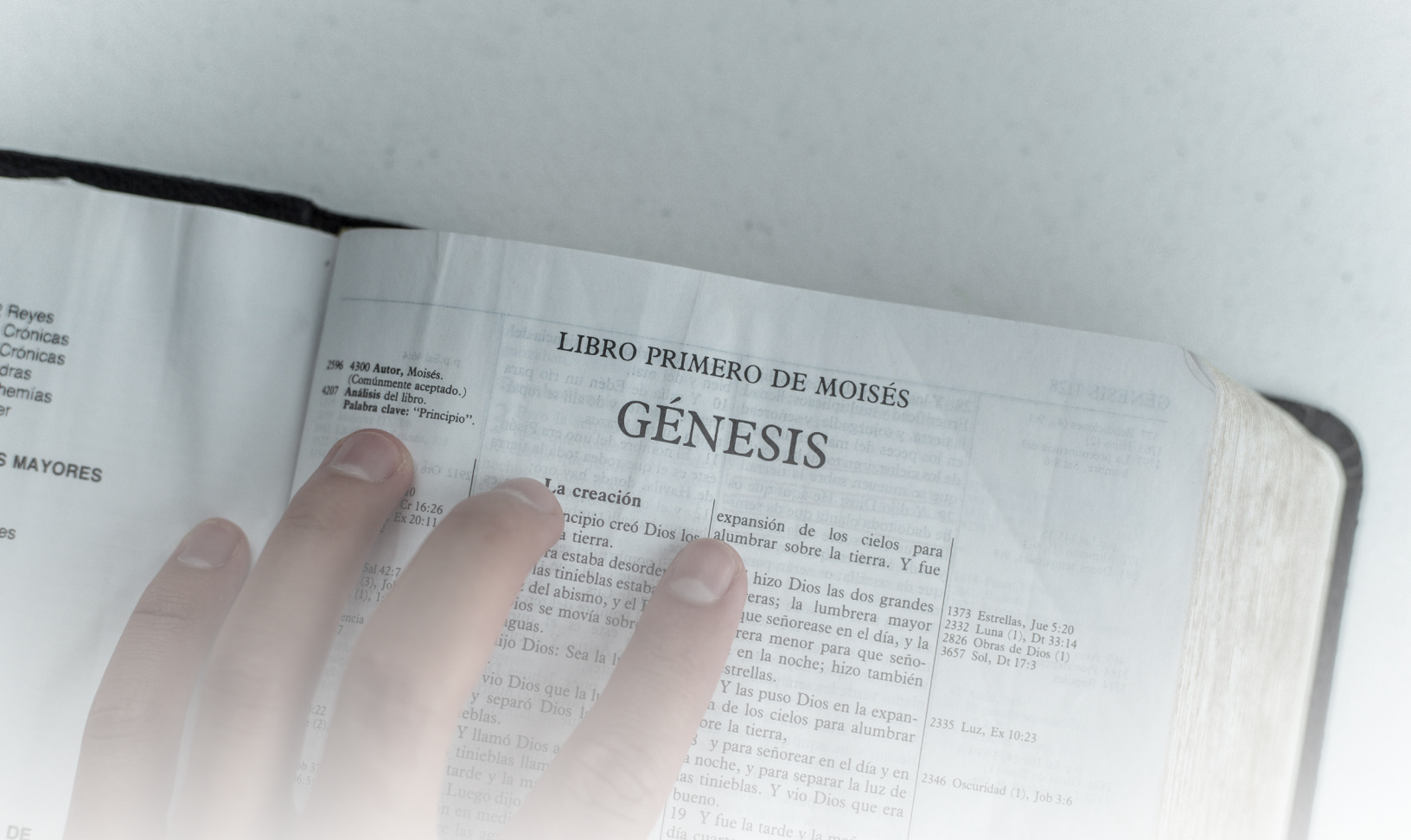
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"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

- Maya Angelou

With our churches and other establishments being reopened with caution, our work within the migrant community must continue. Whether it is direct outreach or interactions on a common basis, as a Christian community we should continue to "Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

Migrants often leave their homes in search of better opportunities to support their families back at home. It becomes difficult for them to integrate into Trinidadian society or obtain a job due to the language barrier. This is one of their toughest times as they are away from home and often lack a proper support system. Therefore, small interactions using their native language can help make them feel more accepted and welcomed.

We must also remember that Spanish speakers come to Trinidad from various Latin American countries including Venezuela, Colombia, Dominican Republic and Cuba therefore we must never assume their nationality but politely ask within the right setting.

Here are a few ways you can introduce yourself to someone in Spanish:

Hola! Me llamo Alicia Mathura.
Tengo veinticinco (25) años. Yo vivo en San Fernando

Hello! My name is Alicia Mathura. I am twenty-five years old. I live in San Fernando.

QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK THEM:

¿De dónde eres?
Where are you from?

¿A qué te dedicas?
What do you do?

¿Cual es tu profesión?
What is your profession?

¿Tienes hermanos?
Do you have siblings

Tienes hijos?
Do you have children?

¿Cuántos años tiene?
How old are you?

¿Te gusta el roti?
Do you like roti

¿Te gusta los doubles?
Do you like doubles?

¿Qué haces en tu tiempo libre? -
What do you do in your free time?

QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO PRECAUTIONS DURING COVID-19:

¿Tienes máscara?
Do you have a mask?

¿Tienes antibacterial?
Do you have hand sanitizer?

¿Necesitas antibacterial o máscara?
Do you need a hand sanitizer or mask?

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:

Voy a rezar por ti
I will pray for you

Dios le bendiga
God bless you

Dios es bueno, todo el tiempo
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As the nCoVid-19 virus continues to be a threat for physical activities, such as Camp, Souled Out 4 Christ, Lock Ins and so on, the National Youth Coordinator will be hosting a month of ZOOM.



youth CONNECTIONS

SIMONE SINGH-SAGAR, THE NATIONAL YOUTH COORDINATOR OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTHS OF ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS.

You are encouraged to post same on your Multimedia during Announcements and send to your Youths and Parents via social media.

All youths and youth leaders are invited to connect with the National Youth body via the Zoom Platform, as we live in community and build our faith in Jesus Christ!

Each Sunday evening, there will be a special worship time from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday evenings will be set aside for Walking With the Word, youth-designed Bible Study!

On Thursdays, there will be special discussion activities on current youth-related concerns.

Each Saturday morning, the youth leadership training program Stepping UP, will be held as we fortify our local and regional youth ministries!

These activities will be hosted by our National Youth Coordinator, Mrs Simone Singh-Sagar, a group of youth leaders from across the country and the Board of Youth Affairs. All are invited and welcome. Feel free to follow along on Social Media for more information!

Please remember, National Youth Sunday is scheduled statutorily for the fourth Sunday in August, being August 23rd 2020. Materials for preparation of same will be sent out in a subsequent email from the Board of Youth Affairs.

Please share my contact information with your Local Youth Coordinator, Youth President and Youth Secretary. Feel free to send me their contact information to add to my database on WhatsApp and Email.

Thank you for always being supportive and encouraging of our youth and youth work!





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"AND WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT HEARTILY AS TO THE LORD AND NOT TO MEN,
KNOWING THAT FROM THE LORD YOU WILL RECEIVE THE REWARD OF THE INHERITANCE;
FOR YOU SERVE THE LORD CHRIST."
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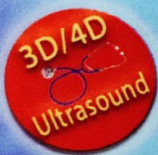
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A photograph of an ancient Egyptian temple interior. The scene is dominated by massive, cylindrical columns covered in intricate hieroglyphs and carvings. The lighting is dramatic, with a bright opening in the distance where a clear blue sky is visible. The overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and mystery.

WELCOME TO VIRTUAL VBS

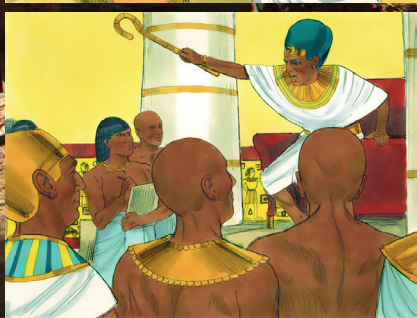
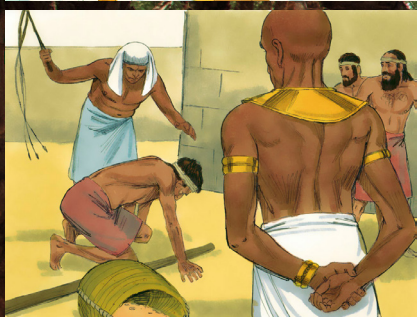
SHALOM!

That's a greeting that Moses and his people used in the Bible. Let's take a journey through time and space with a Virtual Vacation Bible School as we learn more about the life of Moses. We start by giving God praise with some choruses! Click play below as we sing along with Mrs Kimberly Kanhai, Robinson Memorial (Longdenville) Presbyterian Church!

A photograph of an ancient Egyptian temple interior, similar to the one above but with a different perspective. This view shows a long, narrow corridor lined with tall, slender statues of deities or pharaohs. The walls and ceiling are also covered in hieroglyphs. The lighting is warm and focused on the central path, creating a sense of depth and historical significance.

VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CHORUSES

BABY MOSES



Many years ago, God's people, the Israelites, moved to Egypt as guests of the Pharaoh when their ancestor, Joseph, saved Egypt from a great Famine. 400 years later, these memories faded, and the new Pharaoh did not like so many Israelites living in his country. He thought, "What if we were attacked? The Israelites might side with the enemies!"

Pharaoh devised a plan to weaken the Israelites by making them slaves. They had to work very hard, carry large stones and build huge buildings but never get paid and were beaten. Despite this suffering, Pharaoh's plan did not work. The population of the Israelites increased. Pharaoh was upset so he came up with another plan.

There were midwives who helped mothers when they were having babies. Pharaoh called these women before him and said, "Every time when you are helping an Israelite mother and she gives birth

to a boy, I want you to kill the baby boy right away." But, once again, the plan did not work. The midwives tricked Pharaoh and told him that the babies were born too quickly for them to do anything!

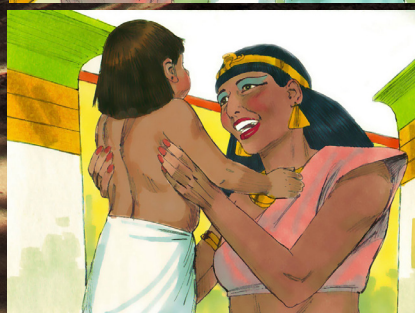
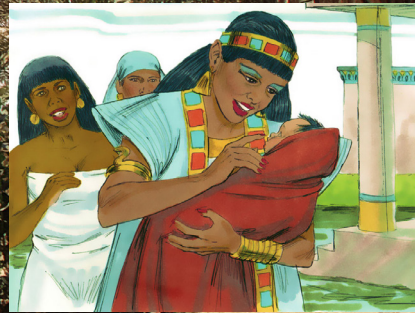
Pharaoh was now furious. He declared a new and terrible law: if anyone in Egypt saw a baby boy among the Israelites, they were to take him and throw him into the Nile River so that he would die!

At this time, Jochebed and her husband, Amram, gave birth to their third child - a baby boy. For three months they hid this baby boy, but babies cannot be hidden for long: they cry and laugh and crawl so the neighbours would soon know he was there. Jochebed made her own plan to protect him. She made a basket out of papyrus. She covered the basket with thick tar to make it waterproof and able to float. Jochebed put the baby in the basket at the edge of the river with his big sister, Miriam.

Of all the people to find him, it was the Pharaoh's daughter! Her handmaid heard the baby boy crying and brought him to the Princess. She knew the baby was an Israelite but felt sorry and chose to keep him. She named him Moses - meaning "drawn from the water".

Miriam was watching nearby and bravely approached the Princess. Since the baby was so small, he would need extra care, so Miriam offered to find an Israelite woman to nurse the baby. Pharaoh's daughter agreed with this plan until Moses got a little older. So who do you think Miriam brought back to the princess? Their very own mother!

God helped Moses' family take care of him and protect him. Moses stayed in their house with them until he was old enough to live in the palace with the Pharaoh's daughter.



Shalom!

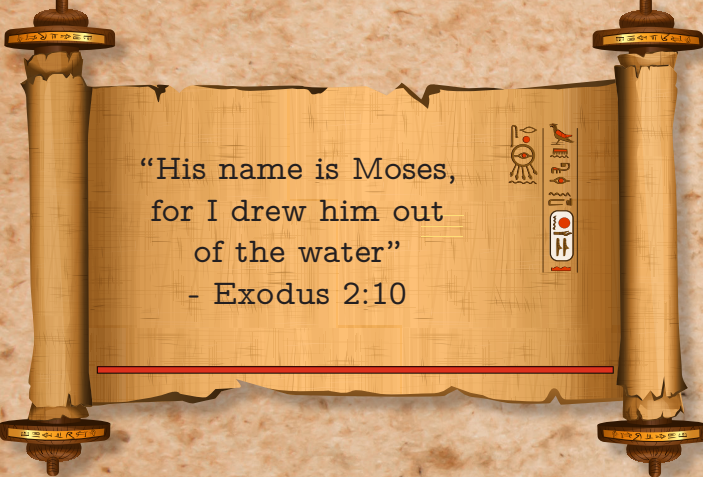
*Shalom... means Peace.
All people start off as babies and Moses was no different. Today, we learn all about the dangerous world where Moses was born, and about some brave women who kept him alive.*

Opening Prayer

Let's join in prayer:

Loving God, Your goodness never ends! You have created us and blessed us with a special purpose! Today, as we worship you, remind us of who you are and who you call us to be as your devoted children. Amen.

Memory Verse



“His name is Moses,
for I drew him out
of the water”
- Exodus 2:10

Time to sing!

Time to give praise with Mrs. Simone Singh-Sagar. [Click here](#) and sing out loud!



VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Let's Dance!

Okay! Take a quick drink of water, because now is time to get moving. Ms Alison De Freitas has a new dance for us to learn together. The name of the song is "It must be you".



Crafty Crafts

Now that we've heard the story, we're going to make our own baskets. Click on the paint brushes and download the slides to start. When you're finished, you can ask an adult to take a picture and share it with our online friends at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8043017695>. Make sure to keep your basket in a safe place. We're going to need it in a few days!



That's it for Day 1. We hope you had fun and learned something new. Let's pray and hope to see you tomorrow!

Closing Prayer

*Let's join in prayer once more, let us pray.
Dear God, just as the mother of Moses watched over her son and protected him, You love and care for Your children. We thank You for Your love and protection. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen*

MOSES ENCOUNTERS THE BURNING BUSH



Moses was adopted by the daughter of Pharaoh, so he grew up in the palace where he received a very good education with the Egyptians. Moses was brought up as a Prince of Egypt and lived in comfort, but he knew that he was actually an Israelite and a member of a Hebrew family.

Moses saw how unfairly the Hebrew people were treated by the Egyptians. One day, while he was watching the people as they worked, he saw one of the Egyptians viciously beating a Hebrew. Enraged, Moses killed the Egyptian taskmaster and hid him in the sand. But Moses had been seen! When the word spread about the killing, Pharaoh heard and planned to have Moses killed. Moses was afraid and realized he would have to run away.

Moses fled to the land of Midian, where he rested by a well. The seven daughters of the priest of Midian came to draw water from the

well for their father's flocks. Some shepherds drove the girls away from the well, but Moses came to the daughters' rescue and helped them to water their flock. The girls told their father, Reuel, about the man who helped them, and Moses was invited to their home. He stayed, and eventually married Zipporah, one of Reuel's daughters. Moses became a shepherd for 40 years.

Back in Egypt, the people of God were crying out for help because of their slavery. God heard their cries, and remembered His promise, that they would be a great nation and would have their own land. God was planning to choose someone to lead His people to freedom!

One day as Moses watched his father-in-law's sheep, he saw a bush on fire. The fire seemed to come up out of the middle of the bush, but the bush did not burn up! It just kept burning and burning. As he went nearer to the bush, a voice called, "Moses! Moses!"

"Here I am," said Moses, even more surprised.

"Do not come any closer," the voice said. "Take off your shoes. This is holy ground. I am God." Moses did what the Lord told him to do.

"I know all the trouble My people are having in Egypt," God said. "I want you to ask the king to let my people leave Egypt and go to a new land I have for them."

"Oh, no," cried Moses. "I can't do that! I am nobody. How can I talk to the king?"

God said, "I will go with you, Moses."

"But what will I tell the people? What if they want to know who You are?" Moses asked.

"Tell them that I sent you to lead them out of Egypt. Tell them 'I am who I am!'" God answered.

When Moses worried that the people would not believe what he said, God answered, "See the staff in your hands? When you throw it down it will turn into a snake. When you pick it up by the tail it will turn back into a staff." Then the Lord told Moses to put his hand into his cloak and pull it out again. Moses' healthy

hand had turned into a diseased hand with leprosy. When the Lord told him to put it back in his cloak the hand became well again.

"Moses, if they still don't believe you then take some water out of the Nile River and pour it on the ground. The water will turn into blood. They will believe you then."

Even though the Lord had answered all of Moses' questions, Moses still had another excuse. "But I can't speak well," Moses said. (He thought he would stutter.)

"Moses, who made your mouth? I did! I will help you talk," said God.

Finally, Moses said, "Oh, Lord, please send someone else!"

The Lord was angry with Moses. Moses was only offering excuses to not do what the Lord said. "I will tell Aaron, your brother, to help too. I will tell you what to say. Aaron will help you say it."

Moses did not understand all that God wanted him to do. He thought it was too hard for him, but God had promised to help him.

What do you think Moses did next? We will find out on Day 3!



Hello Again! *bows*

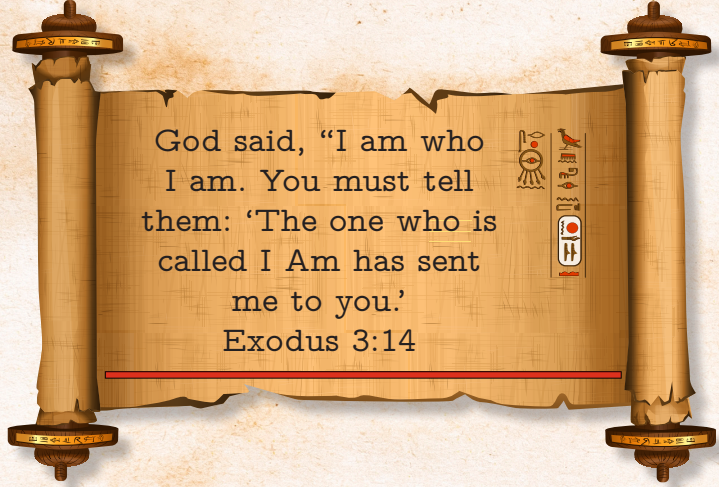
This is a greeting used in many parts of Asia - with hands at your side, or together like praying, you bend forward from the waist. Try out a bow to greet a family member. Moses had very different kinds of life experiences - he started off being in danger from birth, then became a Prince, and now we learn about another big change as he goes into the desert and learns more about God.

Opening Prayer

Let's join in prayer:

Ever-present God, You are our Light. As you have led your people in the wilderness, lead our hearts now into worship, so we will know you even greater! This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Memory Verse



God said, "I am who I am. You must tell them: 'The one who is called I Am has sent me to you.'
Exodus 3:14

Time to sing!

We join up with some youth members from Sanctified Alliance as we make a joyful noise to our God! [Click Play](#)



VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Let's Dance!

Make sure you get a good drink of water and have enough energy to dance along with Ms Alison for "It must be you".



Crafty Crafts

What an amazing encounter with the great "I Am"! We're going to make a craft to remember this meeting that requires some thumbs of different sizes... Click on the picture of the bush, and download the slides for instructions. We hope you enjoyed making your family thumb-art. Make sure to leave it to dry somewhere safely because we will also need this in a few days! You can also ask an adult to take a picture and share it to our Presbyterian family online <https://www.facebook.com/groups/8043017695>



We close our Day 2 with prayer and look forward to seeing you tomorrow

Closing Prayer

Let's join in prayer once more, let us pray.
Dear God, Thank you for the Bible which tells us all about your power and might. Help us to trust you and remember you are with us so that we will not be afraid to try new things. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE PLAGUES



After all Moses' excuses and God's promises for help, finally Moses obeyed God and prepared to make the long trip back to Egypt.

God had a plan for his people. He wanted them to live in their own country where they could worship Him. He did not want them to be slaves! So, God chose Moses to lead them out of Egypt. God told Moses that He had a message for Pharaoh. The message was "Pharaoh, let my people go!"

Pharaoh said, "No! the Israelites cannot leave Egypt!". Pharaoh was so angry about it that he made the Israelites work even harder. When this happened, the Israelites began to wonder if leaving Egypt was a good idea after all. They thought "Maybe we should just stay and keep being slaves. Life would be easier." So, Moses prayed to God. Was God sure about this? God's answer was YES! He told Moses not to worry.

Moses and Aaron went back to Pharaoh again. Pharaoh wanted to see a miracle. Moses and Aaron knew exactly what to do next. Aaron threw down his staff and it turned into a snake. Everyone was amazed!

But then Pharaoh called his sorcerers and magicians in and they were able to do the same thing using their tricks. The sorcerers and magicians thought they were really clever until Aaron's snake swallowed their snake up. Even though God's power was evident, Pharaoh's heart remained hard and he would not let the people go. Next came ten events that we now call "The Plagues of Egypt".

PLAGUE 1 - WATER TO BLOOD:

The next time Moses came to the Pharaoh he repeated the same message, "Let My People Go!" He warned Pharaoh that if he did not agree then God's power would make the Nile river turn to blood. All the water, even water that had already been poured into jars,



would become blood. Pharaoh refused, so Aaron took his staff and stretched his hand over the Nile and all the water turned to blood. All around Egypt the people did not have water to drink. The blood also made the fish die so the air smelled terrible. Pharaoh's magicians gave it a try and turned water to blood too. Despite the thirsty people and terrible smell, Pharaoh's heart remained hard. He would not let the people go.

PLAGUE 2 - FROGS:

Next, God sent a plague of frogs. Hundreds of frogs came out of the Nile River and hopped everywhere. The frogs got in peoples' beds and in their ovens and on their tables. Eww! Once again Pharaoh called his magicians and they produced even more frogs. This made the problem worse! They did not need MORE frogs. They needed LESS! So, Pharaoh asked Moses to make the plague stop but even after Moses made the frogs go away, Pharaoh still refused to let the Israelites leave Egypt.

PLAGUE 3 - LICE

Next, God told Moses to tell Aaron to use his staff to strike the dust of the ground and all the dust turned into lice! Lice got all over the people and the animals. Can you imagine how itchy and uncomfortable that

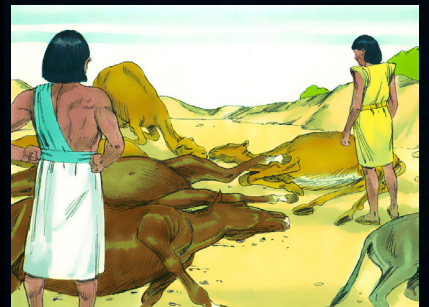
would be? Pharaoh's magicians tried to do the same, but they could not do it. When they saw how many lice there were, they said to Pharaoh, "Moses and Aaron are not doing tricks. This is really the power of God!" But Pharaoh would not even listen to his own magicians. He would not let the people go.

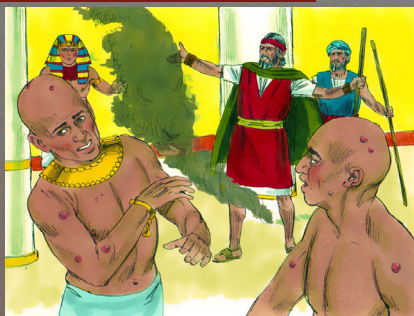
PLAGUE 4- FLIES:

Once again Moses came to Pharaoh with God's message and said, "Let My People Go!" When Pharaoh refused once more, hundreds of flies invaded Egypt. Flies infested almost everywhere in Egypt! The only place without flies was Goshen, where the Israelites lived. Pharaoh finally said he would let the people go out into the desert and worship God so Moses prayed to God and the flies left. Pharaoh then changed his mind and said, "No, the people cannot leave".

PLAGUE 5- DEATH OF LIVESTOCK:

Moses visited Pharaoh again and warned him that he must let the Israelites go or the next plague would cause the Egyptians' animals to die. Horses, donkeys, camels, cattle, sheep, and goats belonging to the Egyptians died but no animals belonging to the Israelites died. Still, Pharaoh's heart remained hard.





THE PLAGUES (CONTINUED)

PLAGUE 6 - BOILS:

Next, God told Moses and Aaron to toss soot from a furnace into the air in front of Pharaoh. This would spread through Egypt causing the Egyptian people and their animals to break out in big sores called "boils". People could not even stand up because of the sores on the soles of their feet. Still, Pharaoh did not relent.

PLAGUE 7 - HAIL STORM:

God had already sent six plagues, but Pharaoh's heart was still hard. Pharaoh refused to change his mind, but God never gives up. God would make sure Pharaoh knew how powerful He was and how much He loved his people. Moses and Aaron once again gave God's message to Pharaoh. This time, when Pharaoh refused, God told Moses to stretch his hand toward the sky to bring on the worst hailstorm that had ever hit the nation of Egypt. Some of the Egyptian people who overheard began believing what Moses was saying. A few of them brought their families, servants, and animals into shelter from the hail (balls of ice) but the others did not listen. Many people and animals died as the hail hit them and food crops were destroyed by the hail. Only Goshen, where the Israelites lived, remained untouched.

When Pharaoh saw this, he confessed he had sinned and that he had been wrong not to let the people go. But guess what? Once again, as soon as Moses stopped the hail, Pharaoh changed his mind. He would not let the people go.

PLAGUE 8 - LOCUSTS:

Moses and Aaron then warned Pharaoh that a swarm of locusts (like flying grasshoppers), worse than what Egypt had ever seen, would eat anything that was left of the crops and trees in Egypt following the hailstorm. Pharaoh's officials begged him to let the Israelites go, but Pharaoh refused. Pharaoh said, "Maybe I'll just let the men go but keep all of the women and children in Egypt." This would not do! When Moses stretched out his hand God, caused the East wind to bring in an invasion of locusts. They ate and destroyed everything that was still growing. Once again, Pharaoh said he was sorry but changed his mind as soon as Moses prayed, and the locusts left. Pharaoh really did have a hard heart!

PLAGUE 9 - DARKNESS:

Now, God caused darkness to fall over all of Egypt. For 3 days there was no light in Egypt. It felt like night-time all of the time. There was only one part of Egypt that had



light. Guess where that was? Yes! There was light in Goshen where the Israelites lived. Pharaoh tried to trick Moses again and say that the Israelites could leave but had to leave their animals behind. But Moses knew how hard Pharaoh's heart was. He told Pharaoh that God wanted all of his people (men, women, old people, children, and babies) and even all their animals to leave Egypt together.

Pharaoh became extremely angry and ordered his guards to throw Moses and Aaron out of his palace. Pharaoh told Moses that he never wanted him to come to the palace again and asked that the people leave. Well, Pharaoh would get his wish. Moses would never come and ask again. The next time Pharaoh would see Moses, it would be to beg Moses to leave. The very last plague was just about to happen...

PLAGUE 10 - DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN:

Every plague had caused pain and suffering but the tenth (and last) plague was the most devastating of all. This last plague would be the passing of death THROUGH all of Egypt. It would mean the death of every firstborn person and animal in Egypt. If a person was the eldest child in their family, then they would die. This would be the saddest plague of all.

But God gave Moses special instructions for the Israelites. If the Israelites followed God's instructions, then death would pass OVER them. Their firstborn children and animals would not die because death would pass over them this became known as PASSOVER.

The first instruction was that the people must prepare a Passover meal. This was a special meal so there were special instructions. For instance, they could not just eat any meat for the meal. They had to prepare a perfect, clean, and spotless, year-old male sheep or goat. Everyone had to kill the sheep or goat on the same day and at the same time. Then, they had to take the blood from the animal and use a hyssop branch to spread it on top and on the sides of their doorposts. This blood on the doorpost had a very special purpose because it showed that the people inside were God's people and would not be harmed. During the night, death would pass OVER the people in those marked houses.

At midnight, the Lord killed all the firstborns in the land of Egypt. The firstborn of the Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, died; the firstborn of the prisoner in jail died and even all the firstborn farm animals died. The Pharaoh, his officers and all the Egyptians got up during the

night and there was loud crying everywhere in Egypt because someone died in every house. The people in Egypt knew that God was angry about the way they were treating his people. They were sad and upset and they wanted the Israelites to leave and wanted them to leave quickly.

In the middle of the night Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron to the palace. Now, after the 10th plague, Pharaoh finally changed his mind. He told Moses and Aaron that the people could leave and take all of their animals with them. Pharaoh wanted the Israelites to leave immediately.

There were thousands and thousands of Israelites and they all packed up their belongings and left Egypt that very night. They had been working for nothing for many, many years so Moses passed on God's message, that they should ask the Egyptians for silver, gold, and clothing. God softened the hearts of the Egyptians so that they gave the Israelites everything they asked for.

God's people left and they left quickly before Pharaoh could change his mind again.

Salaam!

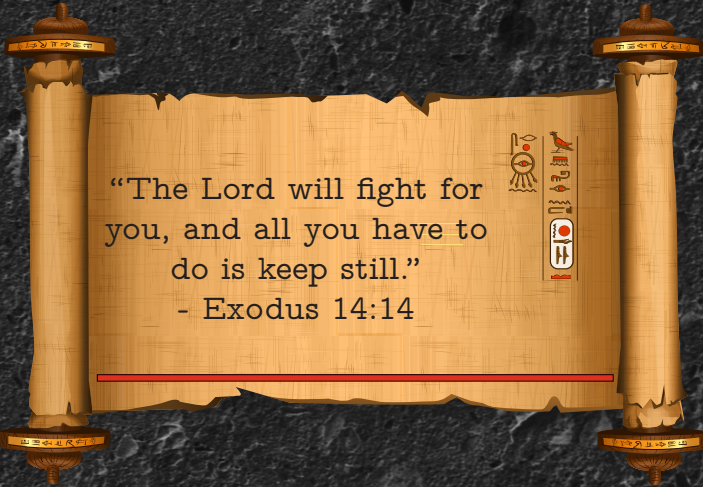
This is a greeting that Egyptians use today. Just like "Shalom", it means "Peace". For today's focus, we journey back to Egypt with Moses. He has to confront the Pharaoh on God's behalf with the demand, "Let my people go!"

Opening Prayer

Let's join in prayer:

Almighty God, Your love is so powerful! In this moment of worship, may your love clear a path for us to learn and grow more in you! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!

Memory Verse



*"The Lord will fight for you, and all you have to do is keep still."
- Exodus 14:14*

Time to sing!

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Let's sing out with the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church Choir. Click the play button to start.



VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Let's Dance!

Have a little fruit break, and put on your dancing shoes (or take off all the shoes)! Ms Alison dances along with us for "It must be you."



Crafty Crafts

There are two activities for us to remember today's story:

Our first activity will test your memory skills for the plagues. Click the start button to begin!

The second activity will take a little more time: Compose a poem on any of the themes from this virtual VBS so far. Ask an adult to email it to us at trinidadpresbyterian@pctt.org.tt Some suggestions you could write about are: Baby Moses, The Burning Bush, The Plagues, The Escape/Exodus from Egypt, A song of praise (like Miriam).

We would love to publish your work in our September edition of the Trinidad Presbyterian. Don't forget to include your name, age, Pastoral Region and local church!



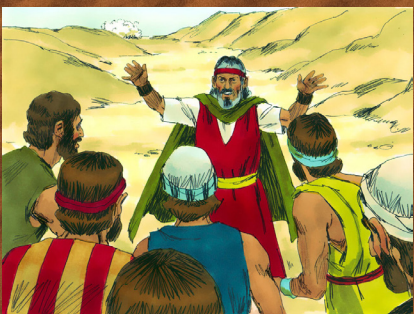
We hope you take some time to sharpen up your memory skills because we've just passed our halfway point... that means tomorrow we take an excursion!

Closing Prayer

Let's join in prayer once more, let us pray.

Dear God, Thank you for your awesome love. Thank you for the ways you look out for us. Guide us, and show us where you want us to go. Amen.

THE EXODUS



The Israelites were slaves in Egypt for 430 years! Now, they were finally free to leave and go make a home in their very own land.

God had chosen Moses as their leader, so they packed everything they owed and followed him out of Egypt. Moses always knew which direction to go because God put a big tall pillar of cloud in front of them during the day and a pillar of fire at night to point the way. They never got lost because God always showed them the way to go.

Eventually, the pillar stopped by the water called the Red Sea. The Israelites camped by water and waited for what God wanted them to do next.

Meanwhile, back in Egypt, Pharaoh and his officials began thinking about the Israelites leaving them. God had proven, through the ten plagues, that He was more powerful than the Pharaoh and all of the Egyptian gods. Pharaoh and

the people began having second thoughts. If all the slaves left Egypt, then who would do all the work?

So, Pharaoh decided to chase after the Israelites and make them come back. He sent all of his horses and chariots and all of his horsemen and troops. He must have thought, "NO ONE would be able to stop this army!" When God's people saw the Egyptian army approaching in the distance, they became very afraid. There was nowhere for them to go to get away from Pharaoh's army. A great army was behind them and the Red Sea was in front of them. They were trapped with nowhere to run!

The people complained to their leader, Moses. "Why did you lead us out of Egypt into the desert to die? We would have been better off to have stayed in Egypt!" But Moses said, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see how God will save you today. The Egyptians can never win because God will fight for you."

Amazing things were about to happen right before their very eyes!

An angel of God had been travelling in front of the Israelites and he moved back behind them along with the pillar of cloud. The cloud blocked the view of the Egyptians and they could only see night and darkness, but the cloud provided light for God's people so they could see everything. They could see the Red Sea in front of them and wished they could get across the sea to safety.

At God's command, Moses stretched out his staff over the water and something began to happen: A strong wind blew the water up into two tall walls so that there were walls of water on each side and dry land down the middle. God had provided a way for them to cross the Red Sea and safely get to the other side!

When the Egyptians saw the dry land, they followed the Israelites into the pathway. Do you think

they caught up with them? No, they did not. Strange things began happening to them. The wheels of their chariots began falling off and it became very difficult to drive. By the time the Egyptians realized God was fighting against them it was too late. When the Israelites were all safely on the other side God told Moses to stretch his staff over the water again. The walls of water came crashing down and soon, the entire Egyptian army was swallowed by the sea and drowned in the water.

The people were so happy that God saved them from their enemies. Moses wrote a song about what happened, and everyone sang it. Moses' sister, Miriam, sang another part of the song with a tambourine and she began to dance. Soon, all of the women were dancing with joy for all God had done that day.

If you were one of the people, there would you join in the celebration?



¡Bienvenidos!

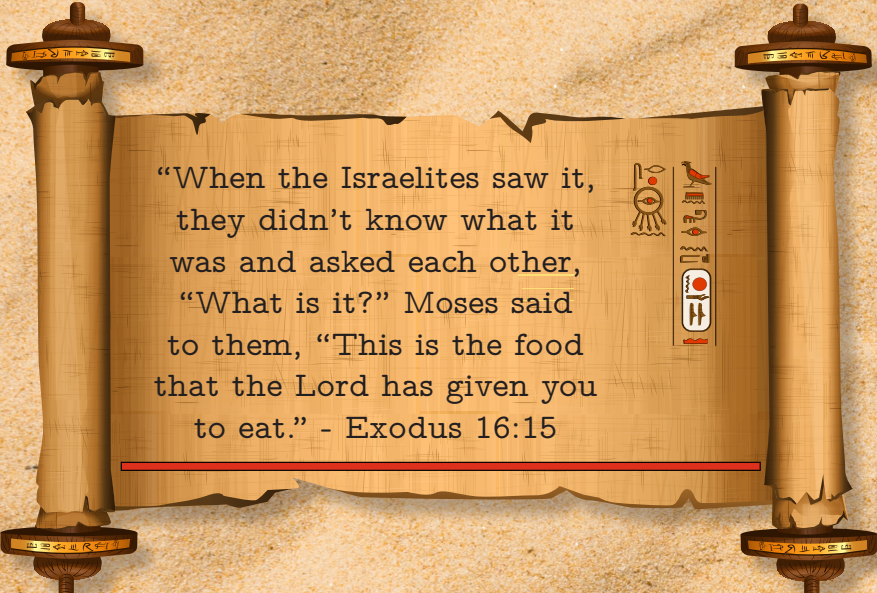
This word means "Welcome" in Spanish. There are many migrants living in our country who speak this language, and we can use this word to welcome them after a difficult journey. The Hebrew people have also just started on a very difficult journey with Moses and his family. However, they are reminded that God will always provide for them. Let's pray together as we start our Day 4!

Opening Prayer

Let's join in prayer:

Caring God, You are Our provider! You feed us when we are hungry, and you quench our spiritual thirst. Bless us, we pray, as we long to be nourished by your Word. Amen.

Memory Verse



"When the Israelites saw it, they didn't know what it was and asked each other, "What is it?" Moses said to them, "This is the food that the Lord has given you to eat." - Exodus 16:15

Time to sing!

Today we get to sing along with two young leaders in our church - Student Deaconess Amber Seesahai-Payne and Student Minister, Bjorn Warde. Let's start the praising!



VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Let's Dance!

By now, you might have learned this dance by heart from Ms Alison! Take a short water or fruit break and let's get our bodies moving to "It must be you"



Oh my, an EXCURSION!

We can't go on a journey without the proper gears. Our first activity today is make some sandals and then we shall set off on our adventure through Egypt! Click on the footprint to start the craft than then the camels, to download the slides to start the excursion.

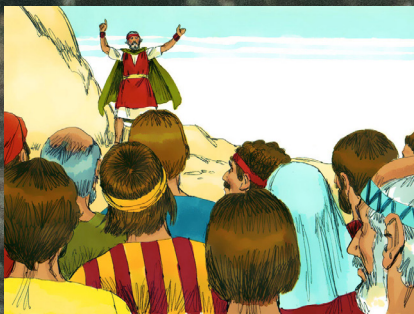


We hope you're not too tired after your tour and that your sandals are still intact! We will need them again in the near future.... Let's close our Day 4 with thanksgiving in our heart:

Closing Prayer

Let's join in prayer once more, let us pray. Dear God, thank you for providing for us. Please forgive us for being ungrateful and give us hearts that love you more each day. Thank you for giving us Your Word where we can see Your faithfulness to Your people even long ago! Amen.

10 COMMANDMENTS



God's people had been travelling on their journey from Egypt for over two months. They arrived at the foot of Mount Sinai and the Israelites spread their camp in the desert in front of the mountain. Moses went up onto the mountain to speak with the Lord.

Moses remembered this place because this is where he used to be a shepherd for his father-in-law years ago. This was the same place where he had seen the burning bush! Moses remembered how God had promised to lead Israel out of Egypt. He knew that the Lord always did what He said He would do.

On the mountain God spoke to Moses and gave him a message for the people of Israel. Moses called the elders of the people and told them what the Lord had commanded him to speak. This was the message:

"If you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession."

When the people heard God's message, they responded: "We will do everything the Lord has said."

The Lord gave special instructions to Moses for the people. They were to wash themselves and their clothing and be ready by the third day. On that day, the Lord was going to come down on Mount Sinai. The people were not to touch the mountain. Anyone who touched the mountain was to be put to death.

On the morning of the third day, the people were assembled before the mountain, dressed in their newly cleaned clothes. As they gazed at the mountain, they saw God's power demonstrated once more.

A thick cloud was on the mountain. Lightning flashed and thunder rolled down its slopes. Then fire burst out of the mountain and

there was a loud trumpet blast. The people trembled with fright when they saw this awesome display of God's power. The trumpet sound kept getting louder and louder. Then God spoke to Moses. He gave Moses Ten Commandments that He wanted His people to obey.

THESE ARE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FROM THE LORD:

1. *You shall have no other gods before me*
2. *You shall not make for yourself an idol*
3. *You shall not misuse the name of the Lord*
4. *Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy*
5. *Honour your father and your mother*
6. *You shall not murder*
7. *You shall not commit adultery*
8. *You shall not steal*
9. *You shall not give false testimony*
10. *You shall not covet*

God gave these Commandments to His people because He knew they needed a plan for living. He was preparing the Israelites to become a great nation. God knew that a nation could not be great unless there were good laws to guide the people. The laws would guide the way they were to worship God and how to treat other people. If the people would obey the laws, then they would be happy and show the other nations that the nation of Israel followed God.

God's rules were also a symbol of the important agreement or covenant God had with His people. They would obey Him, and He would take care of them. God wrote this agreement on stone so that Moses could take it down the mountain and show the Israelites.

As we finish up our Virtual VBS, are you up for making a Covenant with God too? All we have to do now is to keep these Ten Commandments.



Shalom! *bows*
Salaam! ¡Bienvenidos!
Peace be with all of you!

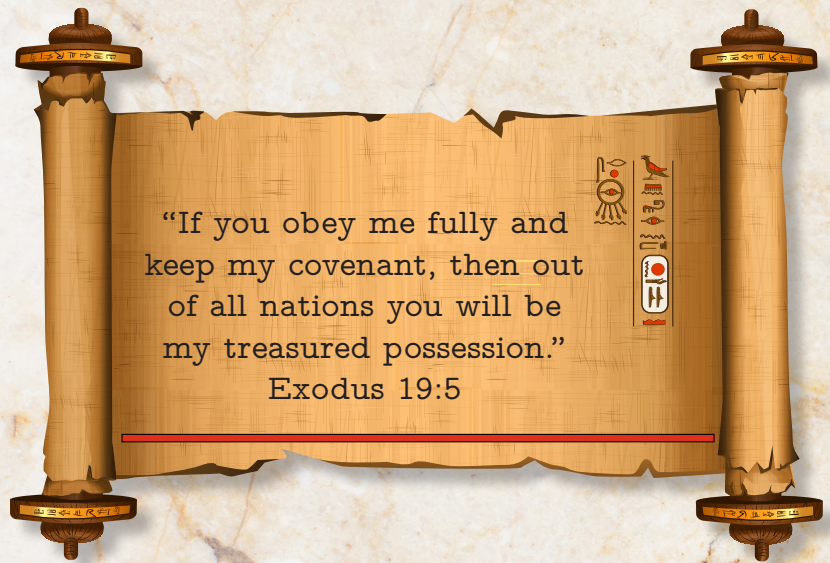
It's our last day together and we are so happy you took this virtual journey with us! We take the final leg of our trip with Moses up a mountainside to Mt Sinai to meet with God once more and receive the Ten Commandments. We join together in prayer:

Opening Prayer

Let's join in prayer:

Guiding God, Your love calls us to obey. As we worship you, we ask that You help us focus on Your Word. Open our ears to hear, open our mind to understand and open our heart to receive. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

Memory Verse



"If you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession."

Exodus 19:5

Time to sing!

Let's raise a hallelujah with Sanctified Alliance as we sing and do the actions for these choruses



**VIRTUAL VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

Let's Dance!

Let's get straight into our dance! The song - "It must be you" is all about Moses obeying God's call to confront Pharaoh and lead God's people out of Egypt. We dance along joyfully with Ms Alison De Freitas.



Fun and yummy stuff!

To help you remember the Ten Commandments, our Student Deaconess, Amber Seesahai-Payne will be teaching us how to use our hands and a bit of sign language. Click the commandments to get started!

Our next activity also involves using our hands... to make some cookies! Click the commandment stone tablet and download the slides to start making.

We've come to the end of our virtual VBS and we hope you've enjoyed this time with your friends and family. We have one last surprise activity for you... But you need to wait until August 21st to find out what it is! Until then, remember to keep your items safe! Let's put our hands together as we close in prayer:



Closing Prayer

Let's join in prayer once more, let us pray. We thank You for these five days of song, dance, stories, prayers and activities so we could learn about Your servant Moses. We thank you for giving your people your law which teaches us right from wrong. Help us to always remember Moses' journey and prepare for our own. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

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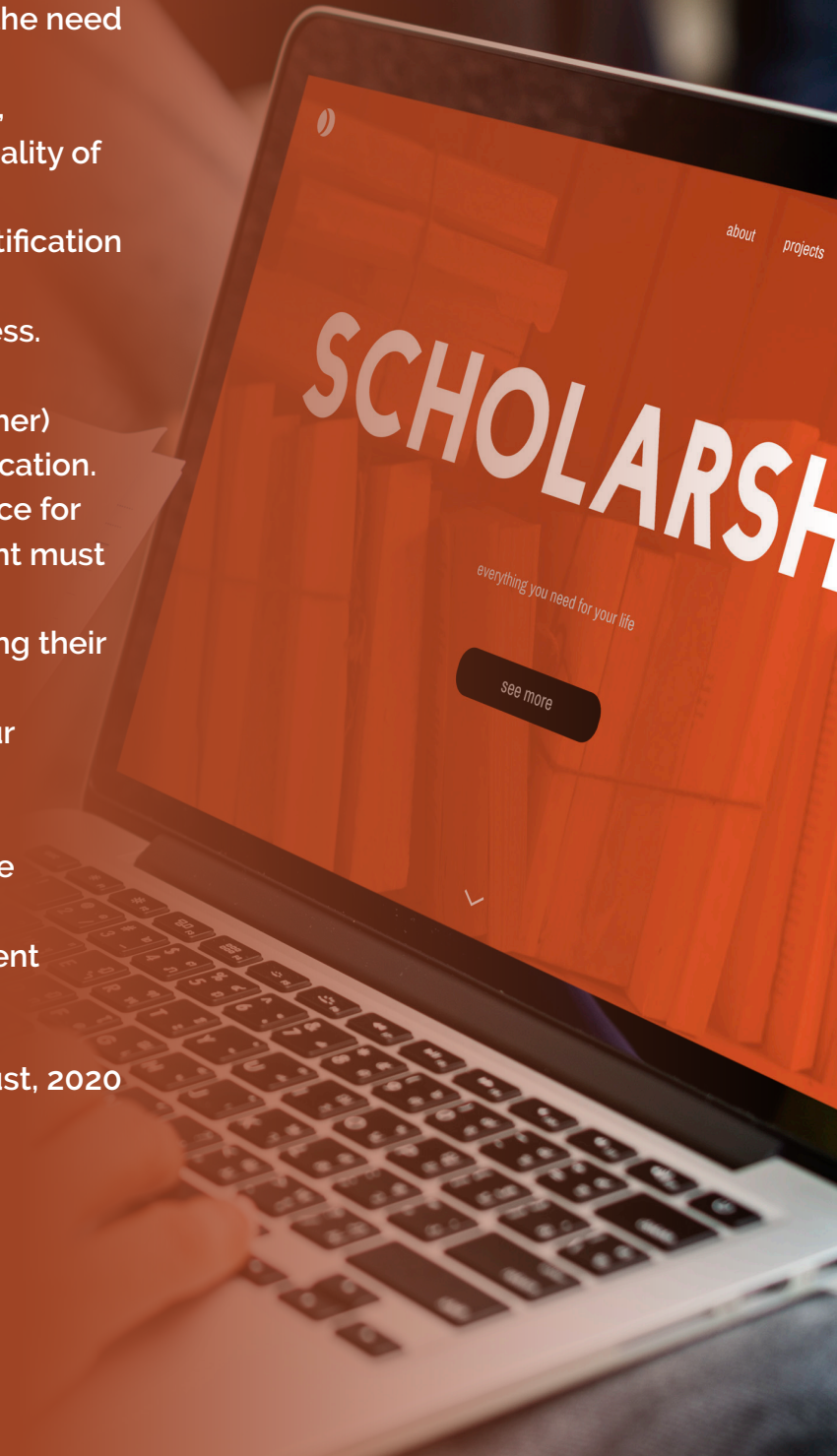
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SUNDAY	(30th Aug) Exodus 3:1-15	2nd Corinthians 9:6-15	Matthew 14:22-33	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Exodus 1:8 - 2:10
MONDAY	(31st Aug) John 8:21-32	Acts 2:37-47	John 3:1-21	Acts 7:44-8:1a	Acts 9:19b-31
TUESDAY		Acts 3:1-11	John 3:22-36	Acts 8:1-13	Psalms 54
WEDNESDAY		Acts 3:12-26	Acts 6:1-15	John 6:1-15	Job 6:1, 7:1-21
THURSDAY		Psalms 116	Psalms 16	Job 1:1-22	Psalms 116
FRIDAY		Acts 4:13-31	Psalms 142	Job 2:1-13	Job 9:1-15, 32-35
SATURDAY	(1st Aug) Matthew 28:11-20	Acts 4:32 - 5:11	Psalms 138	Job 3:1-26	John 8:12-20

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Angela Kalloo

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The late Kevin Kalloo, Christine Kalloo and Britney Kalloo - Grandchildren

Children - Christopher, Jennifer, Ann Marine, Silas and Cindy Kaloo

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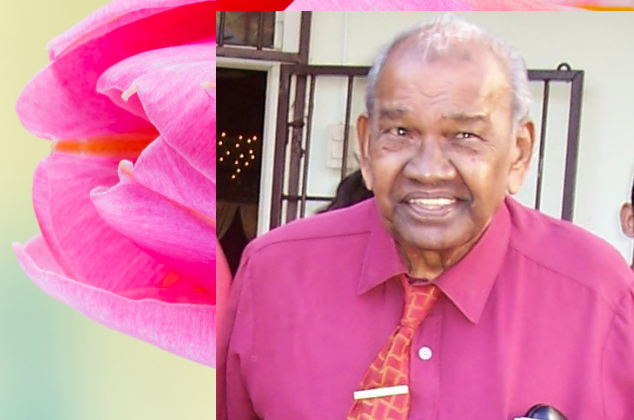
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*We always think of you...
Your life was a blessing,
your memory a treasure,
you are loved beyond words
& missed beyond measure.*

To be heard, without saying a word, to be hugged when I am feeling blue, to be understood, when I am confused, so rare was a dad like you. Your loving smile and gentle laugh made all the difference in my day, your endless wisdom and priceless advice, always helped me to find my way. In you there was no equal, you were in a class all your own, and because of all, the love you gave me, I will never be alone. It is an honour to have known you, to have shared stories and dreams, I will always think of you smiling, no matter how tough life seems. You are still special beyond compare, your heart so kind and true, I wish that everyone on earth, could have a father/grandfather like you!!

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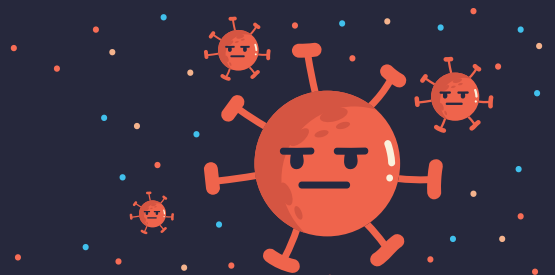
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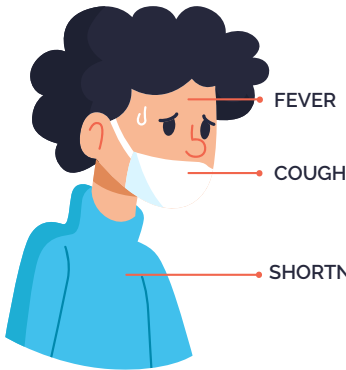
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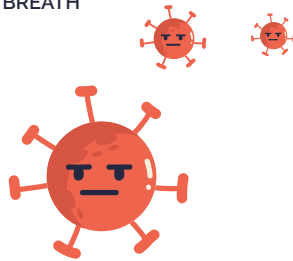


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