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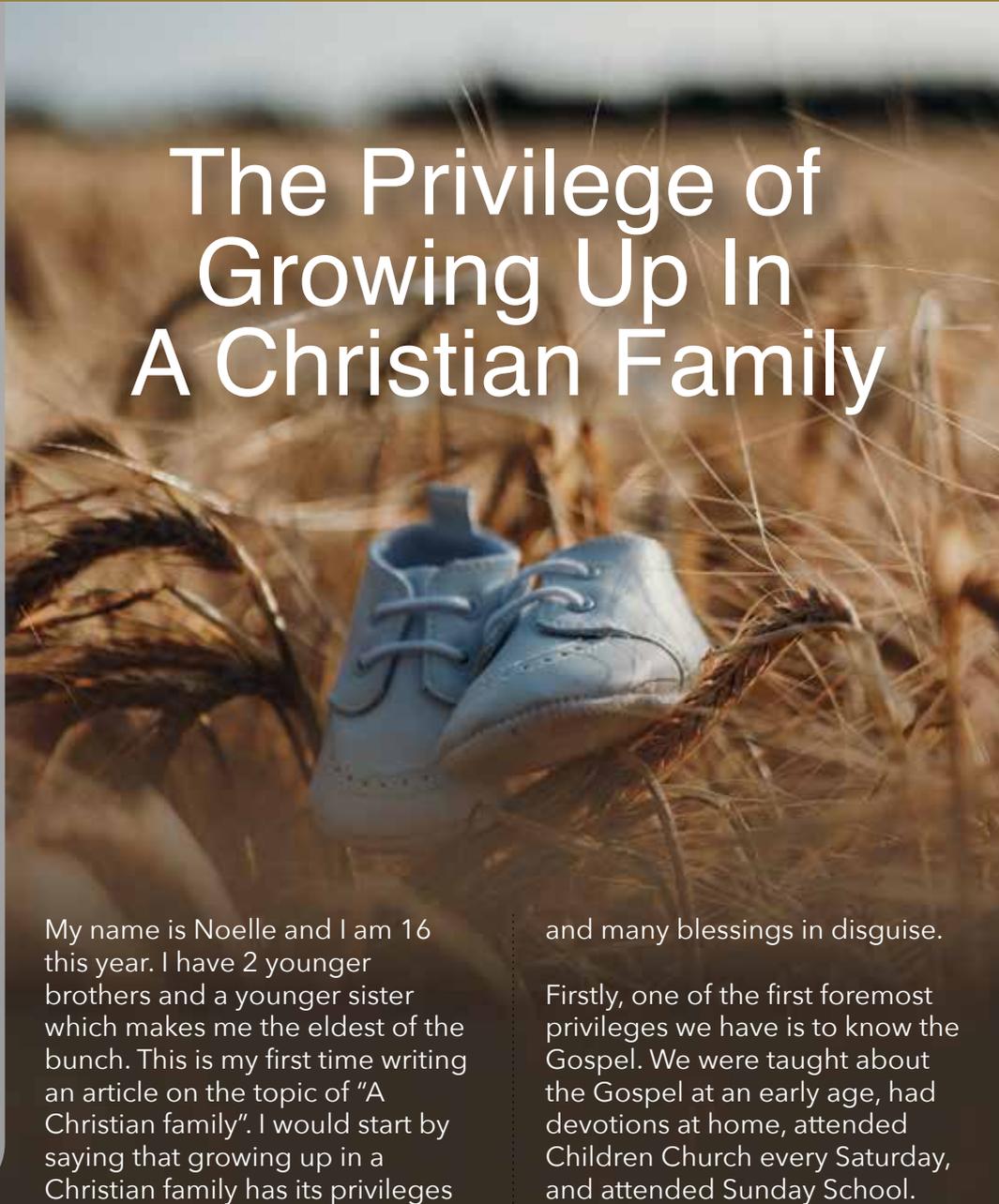
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The Privilege of Growing Up In A Christian Family



My name is Noelle and I am 16 this year. I have 2 younger brothers and a younger sister which makes me the eldest of the bunch. This is my first time writing an article on the topic of "A Christian family". I would start by saying that growing up in a Christian family has its privileges

and many blessings in disguise. Firstly, one of the first foremost privileges we have is to know the Gospel. We were taught about the Gospel at an early age, had devotions at home, attended Children Church every Saturday, and attended Sunday School.

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We literally grew up in a church-y environment! Now looking back, I know how our foundation in Christ was laid.

Secondly, the most important and impactful privilege is having the Scripture. When all of us were younger, we were trained to memorize Scriptures. As I matured over the years, I came to realize that those verses we memorized meant much more as the Word comes alive in our everyday life. For example, Psalms 23, reminds us that in life or death, times of plenty or want, God is always there for us. Psalms 23 uses the analogy of a shepherd's care for his sheep to interpret the wisdom, strength, and compassion of our God. We may not be perfect, but we have a God who watches us and takes care of us. God did much more than just providing what we need, He provided what we lacked and He is the one that completes us.

We are always reminded that God demonstrates His love for us that while we were still sinners, He died for us (Romans 5:8). It was God who first loved us (1 John 4:19), therefore we love. So not only are we blessed to be loved by our mom but through her, we are privileged to know God's love for us.

Thirdly, in the scripture it is written

■ ***"do not spare the rod..."***

- Proverbs 13:24 speaks about the privilege to be disciplined in the Word of God. Though sometimes we can make mistakes, the Bible provides a guideline to my understanding as to why I needed to be disciplined in my walk with Him. He loves us and He only wanted the best for His children. He wants to keep us on the right path, to develop our faith, and to refine us from sin.

Last but not least, we have the privilege of Prayer. Prayer is an important and a form of communication

with God our Father. Prayer is talking to God, where personal conversations are exchanged. At the heart of Christianity is the fellowship and relationship with Him through prayer. God speaks through prayers with words of encouragement and affirmation.

Having Christ in our life has led to many experiences and encounters. I remembered we were all living in our old house where we all slept in the same room with our mom. We were way younger then. It happened during a festive season when we went back to our grandmother's place. When we came home, there was a mess of bricks all over the floor where one of my siblings slept on. Apparently, the bricks fell off from the side of the roof in our room, and if we were home that week, it would have surely landed on my brother. We are very thankful for God's saving grace and not just by faith but by His mercy that we were not home that week.

These are some of the few privileges of growing up in a Christian family. It is extraordinary and displays the greatest acts of God's providence through the seasons in our life. I am grateful for where I am today, without God, I wouldn't be Noelle.



By Noelle Ann
(Noelle attends and serves at FBC Youth)

| Pulpit Program

February 20, 2022
The Transfiguration
(Matthew 17:1-13)



PREACHER
Dr. Peter Ng

February 27, 2022
Families and the image of God



PREACHER
Arnold Lim

March 6, 2022
True Discipleship
(Matthew 18:1-14)



PREACHER
Leong Yew Lum

March 13, 2022
Why Should We Forgive
(Matthew 18:15-35)



PREACHER
John Lee

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Sundays 9:00am

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Sundays

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PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

Sunday School



1. Pray that the children will build a solid biblical foundation as they learn through the gospel centred bible lessons about God and his salvation plan.

2. Pray that parents and guardians will receive wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit as they seek to be the spiritual leaders and provide godly homes for their families.

3. Pray that God will give teachers and helpers wisdom and ability to understand and interpret scripture as they prepare their weekly bible lessons.

4. Pray that God will give teachers and helpers renewed strength, perseverance, good health and joy to continue serving in Sunday school during this challenging time.

5. Pray that God will provide more members to step forward to serve in Sunday school ministry.

| Upcoming Events



WEBINAR

Weathering the Omicron Storm

5 March 2022
Saturday 2-4pm
A session to learn about Omicron & how to manage it. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



ALPHA
Is There More to Life Than This?
Alpha 21 is ongoing. The next Alpha program will start tentatively from 14 Jul 2022

Every Thursday
8:00pm
[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the next Alpha program.



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Romans
From Wretchedness To Righteousness
Every Wednesday
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Zoom PRAYER MEETING
Daily Prayer Meeting
Every Monday - Thursday
9:00pm
Zoom ID: 929 735 694
Password: pray



MONTHLY
Zoom PRAYER MEETING
Monthly Prayer Meeting
26 February 2022
Saturday 9:00pm
at Transit Lounge

[More Information on Upcoming Events](#)