

NAZARENE ESSENTIALS—WEEK THREE PARENT’S GUIDE

Our Core Values

To Parents:

Week three of Nazarene Essentials covers our three core values as Nazarenes: Christian, missional, and holiness.

As you review this lesson with your child, consider what it means to live out these three words in our daily lives: Christian, missional, and holiness. Pray for God to help you and your child understand how this way of living reflects this scripture: “No matter what happens, live in a way that brings honor to the good news about Christ. Then I will know that you remain strong together in the one Spirit” (Philippians 1:27a, *NIV*).

Lesson Objective: To help children realize there are three “Core Values” that define us as Nazarenes. . These words are CHRISTIAN, HOLINESS, AND MISSIONAL. Talk about what these words mean.

Bible Story: “The beginning of the Church” (Acts 2:42-47, *NIV*)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Scripture Memory Verse: “No matter what happens, live in a way that brings honor to the good news about Christ. Then I will know that you remain strong together in the one Spirit” (Philippians 1:27a, *NIV*).

Personal Challenge:

Talk about how the people in the story were living out Christian, Missional, and Holiness in their lives.

How can we live like this today at school, at church, in our home, in our neighborhood?

What can we do that would bring honor to the good news about Christ?

Brainstorm answers to these questions.

PRAYER:

Dear Father, Help us look for ways every day to show Your love to those around us. Help us to understand how to bring honor to the good news of Christ in how we live. In Jesus’ name, amen.

