

NAZARENE ESSENTIALS—WEEK FOUR PARENT’S GUIDE

Meaningful Worship

To Parents:

Weeks four through ten will be exploring each of seven characteristics in kid-friendly language. These traits depict what should characterize every local Nazarene church. As you review this lesson with your child, consider what it means to live out meaningful worship in our daily lives. Pray for God to help you and your child understand how this way of living reflects this scripture:

Scripture Memory Verse:

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care” (Psalm 95: 1-7a).

Lesson Objective: To explore together: What is meaningful worship? How do we worship? Where do we worship? How can I worship?

Bible Story: “Joshua and the Battle of Jericho” – Joshua 6:1-16

Joshua led his people to worship God in obedience for 6 days. The people of Israel worshipped God with their obedience. They worshipped God by walking in silence and waiting for God. They worshiped and prepared their hearts by trusting Him to do what He promised to do. Children

Personal Challenge:

1. The attitude of our heart and a desire to participate with Him in what He is doing in us, our church, and community makes worship meaningful. Our attitude as we trust and obey God can make our everyday activities meaningful worship. Talk about the things that you really enjoy doing at church, at home, at school, or with your friends. How can you worship God while enjoying these things?
2. Where can we worship? Anywhere. Talk about how you can worship God by seeing and acknowledging Him in His creation.
3. How can you participate in worship at church? Lead songs, dance, help younger children, pass out materials, clean up, collect offerings, run sound/lights/video, or welcome guests. Remember that it is all about the attitude of your heart.
4. Try one of these spiritual practices to help you worship God more: Read the Bible. Listen to Christian/worship music. Write in a journal. Pray. Tell others about God through art, writing, music, or other artistic media.

PRAYER:

Dear Father, Help us look for ways every day to trust and obey You and to live with an attitude of worship. In Jesus’ name, Amen.