

NAZARENE ESSENTIALS—WEEK SIX PARENT’S GUIDE

Passionate Evangelism

To Parents:

Weeks four through ten explore 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 of passionate evangelism daily. Passionate Evangelism is our response to God’s love, forgiveness, and grace towards us. We are called to share the good news of Jesus. We are a witness not only through our words but through our actions. Your child is learning how to share their faith and their relationship to Jesus with others.

Lesson Objective:

Children will understand that the mission of the Church of the Nazarene is to make Christlike disciples in the nations. As Christians, we follow Jesus' example of sharing God’s love and the good news of salvation with others.

Bible Story with Discussion:

Read Acts 8:26-39, “Philip and the Ethiopian.” God prepared the way for Phillip to share the story of Jesus love with this Ethiopian official. God also prepares the way for us to share about Him. He prepares and prompts us. He also prepares the heart of the person He sends us to. They may not realize it, but they are ready to hear the message of His love. This man was hungry to hear and understand God’s word. Philip was ready, willing, and obedient for the Lord to use him.

Family discussion questions:

1. How did Phillip know what to do at the beginning of the story?
2. How do you think Phillip knew what to say?
3. How might God have prepared Phillip for this encounter?
4. What would you do or say if you were Phillip?

Scripture Memory Verse: Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts1:8).

Personal Challenge:

Consider and discuss as a family how to share Jesus’ love through daily actions and not just words. Scripture tells us how Jesus modeled evangelism and challenged His followers to reach others with that same compassion and love. It is the Holy Spirit that empowers us to represent Christ in the world through all we say and do. Are you expecting God to give you opportunities to share His good news? How are you preparing yourself so you will be ready to obey with confidence? Know that you do not do this alone. The Holy Spirit goes with you, before you, and behind you when you share the gospel.

PRAYER:

Dear Father, thank You for Your saving grace, love, and forgiveness. Holy Spirit, help us to share this same love and grace with others. Help us to live our lives as witnesses of Your love to our world. In Jesus’ name, Amen.