

# NAZARENE ESSENTIALS—WEEK NINE PARENT’S GUIDE

## Transformational Leadership

**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.

*Transformational Leadership* means to develop leaders through a model of Christlikeness. Jesus is our example. The eight characteristics are:

- Humble and submissive
- Servants
- Visionary
- Strategic thinkers
- Team builders
- Compassionately assertive
- Clear communicators
- Empowering the next generation to lead and build the kingdom

Our children’s world is a very self-focused generation, so this flies against their culture. But, didn’t Jesus always go against the norm of His day? Prayerfully consider how God wants you to pray for your child. Present this important message so they (and you) can go into your areas of life, living out the message Jesus charged His disciples with as He washed their feet, “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you” (John 13:15).

**Lesson Objective:** We become leaders that make a difference by following Jesus' example. Children will learn that being a Christ-like leader means to treat others as Jesus did, with compassion, and the humility of a servant.

**Bible Story with Discussion:** Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet, John 13:5-16

After reading from the Bible, ask: What do think the disciples thought when Jesus knelt down to wash their feet? Why? How would you feel if your pastor washed your feet the next time you went to church? Jesus set an example for all His disciples to serve others even in unexpected ways. How can you and your children serve others?

**Scripture Memory Verse:** Matthew 20:28a

"The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve" (Matthew 20:28a).

**Personal Challenge:**

Being a Christlike leader isn’t always easy. There are times we really do want to do things our own way. Sometimes we want a cupcake, even if there aren’t enough to go around. There are times when we are around someone else that makes us feel uncomfortable because they are different. But a Christlike leader asks God to help them *be* the Christlike leader He asks them to be. Good leaders are a Christlike example to others in all situations. Leadership doesn't mean being the boss – it means serving, loving, putting others first, doing the right thing.

**Prayer**

Jesus, You showed us how to be a good leader. Teach me how to follow You and lead like You did. In Your name, Amen.