

# NAZARENE ESSENTIALS—WEEK THIRTEEN PARENT’S GUIDE

## Our Global Family

**To Parents:** Week thirteen covers “Our Global Family.” Read through “A Connected Church” in *Nazarene Essentials*. The global Church of the Nazarene is a global community of believers, grounded in the Wesleyan tradition. No matter where you go in the world, the Church of the Nazarene shares these common beliefs and the message of holiness. Nazarene’s understand themselves to be a people who are Christian, holiness, and missional. The mission statement of the Church of the Nazarene is, “To make Christlike Disciples in the nations.”

**Lesson Objective:** To help children understand that being a part of the Church of the Nazarene is more than just being a part of their local church. This lesson will (1) help children realize there are churches all over the world that have the same beliefs and mission we have and (2) help them understand and know why our calling and mission statement is “to make Christlike Disciples in the nations.”

They will see the importance of their mission – to go into all the world – and the role they play in being a part of the global Church of the Nazarene.

### **Bible Story with Discussion: The Good Samaritan , Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)**

Read the story with your children. Ask, “What did you like about this story?” Talk about the characters in the story. What did the man ask Jesus? What did Jesus say? Ask, “After reading this story, who do you think is our neighbor?”

### **Scripture and Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19**

“Therefore go and make disciples in all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

Understand the scripture better by talking about some of these questions: What is a disciple? What does it mean to “make disciples”? Is this just something that adults can do? Can you tell others about Jesus and what He has done for you? Are there other ways you can “make disciples”? This is a good place to talk about missions. Where did Jesus tell us to go and make disciples?

### **Personal Challenge:**

Discuss with your children how Jesus may want us to live as a result of hearing this Bible story. Listen to their responses. We can make a difference in the world. Write down ways that you can show God’s love as a family to the world. Think of places in your community where you might be able to serve as a family. Talk about what it means to share Jesus’ love with others.

### **PRAYER:**

God, thank You for loving us and sending your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us. Help us, Lord, to see people the way You see people. Help us love others the way You love others. Thank You for our Global Church of the Nazarene and the people in churches all over the world who are helping others know about You. Show us what we can do and how we can help with this mission. In Jesus’ name, amen.