

Nazarene Essentials Small Group Study for Children **Contributors**

Jeremy Byler, *Lesson 4*: Jeremy Byler is the middle school and worship Pastor at Erin Church of the Nazarene in Erin, Tennessee. God has allowed this ministry to reach upwards of 70% of their county's middle school students, allowing the church to love on them as they learn to FUSE to God, FUSE to the Church, and FUSE to Each Other. He also serves the MidSouth District as preteen director and organizer of the annual #Nazatween event, bringing hundreds of tweens together for an awesome night of fun and challenge.

Lance Conn, *Lessons 5 & 8*: Lance Conn is currently the children's pastor at Gallatin First Church of the Nazarene in Tennessee. He has served small, medium, and large churches in children's and associate ministry positions in Tennessee and Alabama. He has an MA in Biblical Studies and is married with two young daughters.

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Kim Davis, *Lessons 7 & 9*: Kim Davis is the children's ministry director for the Colorado District and is on staff as children's pastor at Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Colorado Springs. Kim received her undergraduate degree from Eastern Nazarene College and her Master's degree from Colorado Christian University. Kim has ministered in both churches and schools throughout her career. She has been married to her husband, Dave, since 1988, and they have 5 children.

Leslie Hart, *Overview and Lessons 1 & 6*: Leslie Hart is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene. She has served as a children's pastor for over twenty years in Tennessee and Texas. In 2010, she served as the Global Children's Ministry Director and presided over the development of NazareneSafe. She currently serves as SDMI Global Coordinator of Children's Bible Quizzing and Coordinator of Children's Ministries for the USA/Canada Region.

Mary Sims, *Lesson 2*: Mary Sims serves as children's pastor at Dallas First Church of the Nazarene and is a trainer/presenter for Group Publishing. For the past few years, she and her team have intentionally focused their ministry on teaching kids to pray. Together they have proven that big things happen when kids pray.

Dorothy Whipp, *Lessons 11 & 12*: Dorothy Whipp is a mom, wife, children's pastor and dog lover. She has been serving in her current assignment as children's pastor at Edmond (Oklahoma) First Church of the Nazarene for seven years now, and she served in ministry for years before that. She is the district children's director for Oklahoma District. Her passion is to partner with parents to see the spiritual transformation of children. Her vision as a district director includes being a cheerleader for every church and volunteer as they fulfill their role of investing in the lives of children in their churches and towns.

Ed Yeager, *Lesson 3*: Ed has been a children's pastor for almost 18 years and is currently on staff at Clarksville (Tennessee) First Church of the Nazarene. Ed collects Pez and ugly Hawaiian shirts. He enjoys geocaching, fishing, canoeing, camping, and being outdoors (when it isn't too hot or too cold). He is also fascinated with all things tech; and even though no one who knows him would believe it, Ed owns an apiary.