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Nazarene  
Membership  
for Kids

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# THIS IS MY CHURCH!

# HELLO!



Look for this symbol to discover words that help in your understanding of the Christian faith. These special words are called **Faith Words.**

**WE** are so glad that you are thinking about joining the Church of the Nazarene. This is a very important decision! You are choosing to take a step that will last a lifetime. That's right—this step is going to influence your entire life. That is huge. So, let's find out a little more about the church that you are preparing to join. When you become a member of the Church of the Nazarene you are joining with a body (group) of believers. These believers are Christians who choose to believe in, love, serve, and follow Jesus Christ. You might be wondering where the Church of the Nazarene got started. Well to answer that question we have to take a step back in time.

## LET'S GET STARTED!

# THE CHURCH AT ITS ROOT

We are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

We have as a part of our \_\_\_\_\_ both the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Testaments of the Bible.

## Read Acts 1:4-5.

What did Jesus tell His apostles (Jesus' first followers) to do? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus promise His apostles? \_\_\_\_\_

## Read Acts 1:11.

Where did Jesus go when He left earth? \_\_\_\_\_

What promise made in Acts 1:11 are we waiting to see fulfilled?

Jesus will come \_\_\_\_\_.

**OK**. So the Church universal, the total body of believers, began with Jesus. How do we get from there to the Church of the Nazarene? Let's check out a few important stops along the way.

Christianity and the Early Church faced tough times. Look at the time line. What happened in a.d. 106? \_\_\_\_\_

The Apostles' Creed is an important statement of belief that the Church agreed upon very early in its history. When was this accepted in its current form? a.d. \_\_\_\_\_'s

During the Middle Ages, the Bible was first translated into English. Who do we believe did this translation? \_\_\_\_\_

A printed Bible was very important to the "reformation" of the Church. (Reformation means turning back to the teachings of Jesus and the Early Church.) Who printed the first Bible in 1448?

John Wesley and the Methodist Revival are a part of the history of the Church of the Nazarene. When did the preacher and evangelist, John Wesley, live?

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## CHURCH

The community of people who trust Jesus as Savior and seek to build His kingdom. When used with a small initial *c*, *church* also means a place of worship or a group that meets regularly for worship and fellowship. When used with a capital *C*, *Church* means all believers.