

Once you've completed all your missions, draw a picture below of your favorite memory serving together as a family!

SUMMER ON MISSION



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Welcome, Agents

If you are reading this, you have been hand-selected for a critical mission. This summer, we aren't just sitting poolside or counting down the days until school starts back. We are going undercover for the Kingdom of God. Your objective is simple but vital: to read, to serve, and to grow. Our world needs light and love, and your family has been challenged to provide it. Throughout the NMC Kids summer activity guide, you will find a series of high-stakes missions designed to get your family serving the community, complete with the most important field manual, Scripture!

To successfully complete NMC Kids Summer on Mission, your team must commit to the following protocols:

Decode the Word: Every week, your unit will gather to intercept messages from the Great Commission. These aren't just stories; they are your intel for life.

Execute the Missions: You will be tasked with serving those around you in creative, stealthy ways both in your family and around your community.

Report Back: At the end of the summer, sign and return your map to the NMC Kids Mailbox so we can celebrate you! Once all guides are turned in by the end of July, those who have completed all 8 missions will be invited to a special lunch and a family service project at NMC after Sunday services.


A Message from the Director

We are so thrilled to have your family on the team. While the "Spy" theme is all in good fun, the impact you will make is very real. We believe that when families serve together and dive into God's Word together, incredible things happen. You are the hands and feet of Jesus, and this summer, the community is your mission field.

End of Briefing: This guide will self-destruct (or, more likely, be covered in popsicle sticky-fingerprints) by August. Let's make it count!

When all 8 missions are completed, sign, cut, and return.

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 **We invite you to take pictures of your kids serving throughout the summer and tag @nmc_kids on Instagram so we can share them as well.**
ATTN: Parents!

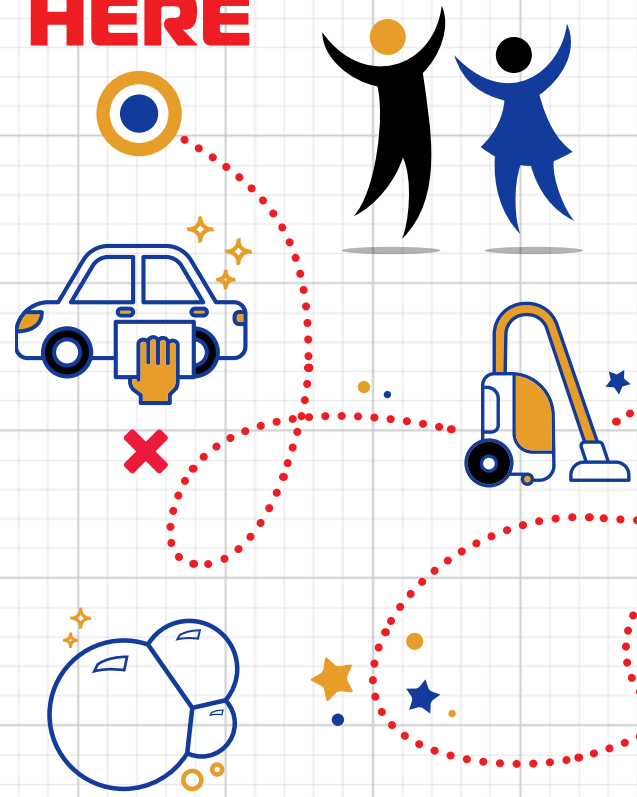


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Mission 1:

To complete your first mission, you must accomplish all three tasks:

Read: John 13:1-17

Know: Jesus is God's Son who came down to Earth. He humbled himself from a prince in Heaven to a carpenter's Son on Earth. When Jesus washed His disciples feet, He demonstrated His love for them and modeled serving for them. Have you ever heard the acronym "JOY"? It stands for Jesus, Others, then Yourself. This acronym reminds us to put God first in all things and to think of others before we think of ourselves. Jesus lived a perfect life and served others before Himself all the time!

Do: Look for ways to serve others this summer. This week, ask to wash your parent's car! Just like Jesus served His disciples by washing the dust of the road off of their feet, you can wash the dust of the road off of your family's car!

Mission 3:

To complete your third mission, you must accomplish the following tasks:

Read: Acts 2:42-47

Know: This passage describes the first church as a loving, generous family of believers who followed Jesus. They met daily, prayed, studied the apostles' teaching, shared all their belongings, and ate together with joy. By loving each other and caring for those in need, they showed others God's love, causing the church to grow daily. The early followers of Jesus became like a big, loving family after Jesus went to heaven. They cared deeply about each other and made sure no one was left alone or in need. They shared what they had—food, clothes, and even their homes—so that everyone had enough. They were full of joy and praised God together, both at the temple and in their homes. Because they showed so much love and happiness, more and more people wanted to follow Jesus, and their community kept growing.

Do: This week, take time to look around your room or closet and choose things to donate that could bless someone else. Bring those items to the nearest Must ministries. Just like the early church, we can show love by sharing with others, praying for friends, and learning about Jesus together. Serve with a joyful heart, even when no one is watching.

Mission 5:

To complete your fifth mission, you must accomplish the following tasks:

Read: John 6:1-14

Know: One day, a huge crowd gathered to hear Jesus teach. The people were hungry, but there was not enough food for everyone. A young boy offered his small lunch—five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus took what the boy gave, thanked God, and performed a miracle. He fed more than five thousand people! This story reminds us that God can use even small acts of generosity to do something big. The boy didn't have much, but he was willing to give it to Jesus. When we share what we have, God can use it to bless others in bigger ways than we could ever imagine.

Do: This week, join Table on Delk and help provide food for kids in our community! They will be packing lunches for children who need them, just like the boy shared his lunch with the crowd. Scan the QR Code to sign up.

OR

Do: Get paper lunch bags and decorate several as a family. When finished, deliver them to Table on Delk so they can pack lunches in them and deliver them to children in need.



Scan Code to sign up!



Mission 7:

To complete your seventh mission, you must accomplish the following tasks:

Read: Ruth 1:1-18

Know: Ruth didn't have to stay with Naomi. After both of their husbands died, Naomi told Ruth to go back to her own family and start a new life. But Ruth refused to leave her! She chose to serve Naomi out of love, even when it was hard and even when no one would have blamed her for walking away. Ruth said, "Where you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay." Can you imagine loving someone that much? That's the kind of loyal, selfless love that puts others first. Remember the acronym JOY? Jesus, Others, then Yourself. Ruth is a perfect example of the "O"! True service isn't just doing chores or helping out when it's convenient for you. It's showing up for people because you love them, just like Ruth showed up for Naomi.

Do: This week, look for one way to serve someone in your family without being asked! Maybe that's making your sibling's bed, helping clear the dinner table, or doing a chore that isn't yours. Just like Ruth chose to show up for Naomi, you can choose to show up for your family. Bonus points if you do it with a smile without anyone seeing you!



Stephen & Millie



Ayla Norris



Chris & Dora Barbee



Luke & Michelle Stannard



Tracy McHam

Dear...

Mission 2:

To complete your second mission, you must accomplish the following tasks:

Read: 2 Samuel 9

Know: Once David finally became King of Israel, he did something completely different from what anyone expected. He reached out to Saul's family, even though Saul had tried to have him killed. Mephibosheth was the son of Jonathan, David's best friend, and David had made a promise to Jonathan to always care for his family. By law, David owed Saul's family nothing, but David knew that God wanted him to show kindness to everyone, even if it seemed like they didn't deserve his kindness. When David met Mephibosheth he gave him all of his land back and invited him and his whole family to eat dinner with David every day. David was king so he didn't have to do these nice things for Mephibosheth, but he did them because he knew that God wants us to be kind to everyone.

Do: Did you know that North Metro Church has multiple missionary partners? This week, write cards of encouragement to these missionaries, sharing God's love and kindness with them. Drop them in the NMC Kids mailbox and we'll mail them out. The missionaries include: Ayla Norris with Cru, Luke & Michelle Stannard with Mission to the World, Stephen & Millie in Africa, Chris & Dora Barbee in Thailand, and Tracy McHam with Cru City.



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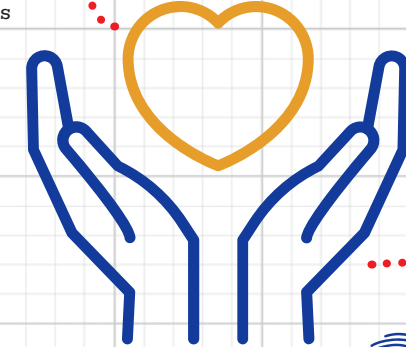
Mission 4:

To complete your fourth mission, you must accomplish the following tasks:

Read: Luke 10:25-37

Know: In this story, Jesus tells about a man who was hurt on the side of the road. Several people passed by and chose not to help him. But a Samaritan, someone who was different from him, stopped and cared for him. Jesus used this story to teach that loving our neighbor means showing kindness and helping others, even when it might be inconvenient or difficult to do. God calls us to notice when people need help and to respond with compassion and action.

Do: This week, look for a way to serve someone near you! Ask a neighbor if you can help with yard work, such as pulling weeds, picking up sticks, or helping with another small outdoor task. Just like the Good Samaritan stopped to help someone in need, you can show God's love by stopping what you are doing and helping a neighbor.



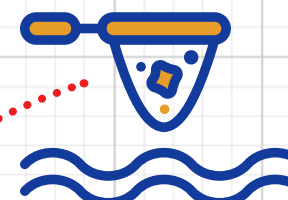
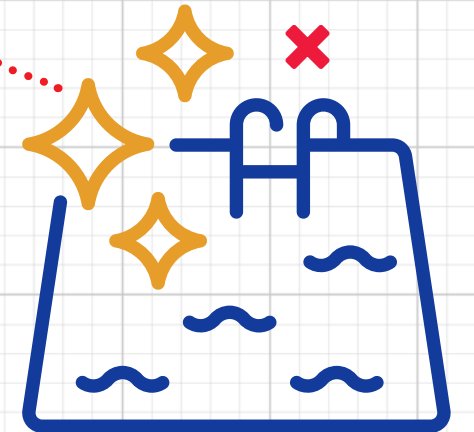
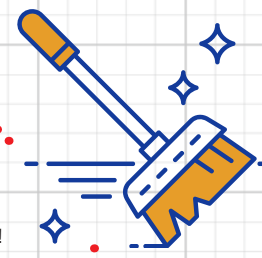
Mission 6:

To complete your sixth mission, you must accomplish the following tasks:

Read: John 5:1-15

Know: A man had been sitting by the pool for years - 38 years! He had been hoping and praying for a miracle! He didn't have anyone to help him into the pool of Bethesda. One day, his miracle came! Jesus came to the pool, asked the man if he wanted to be healed, and when the man responded yes, Jesus healed him. Jesus told the man to pick up his mat and walk. Some people, mainly the Pharisees, had a big problem with this. It just happened to be the Sabbath when Jesus healed the man and told him to pick up his mat, both of which went against their religious laws. Jesus didn't let what other people thought keep him from helping and serving those around him.

Do: This week, take time to help clean out your neighborhood or family's pool. You can clean out the baskets, pick up trash, or scoop out leaves! Help and serve no matter who is watching or what day it is.



Mission 8:

To complete your eighth mission, you must accomplish the following tasks:

Read: Mark 10:13-16

Know: Jesus showed that children are very important in God's Kingdom, even though many people at that time did not think children were important. When the disciples tried to stop them, Jesus told them to let the little children come to Him because the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like them. He welcomed the children with love, took them in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. Jesus also taught that to enter the Kingdom of God, we should have faith like a child—trusting God, being humble, and depending on Him. This showed His deep love and care for children and reminded everyone how important childlike faith is.

Do: This week, take time to purchase school supplies (a school supply Amazon Wish List will be provided at northmetro.org in July), like notebooks, pencils, backpacks, or crayons that could help another student get ready for school. Then, donate them to the school supply drive at NMC. Just like Jesus welcomed and cared for children, we can show love by helping meet the needs of others. Serve with a kind and generous heart, remembering that even small acts of giving can make a big difference.

