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It's so important to have a strategy for what you will teach your kids. Without a strategy, we run the risk of missing important ideas, teaching only the topics that personally interest us most, and ultimately failing to give our kids a full and holistic view of God. The teaching strategy behind Grow Kids has been created, influenced, and written by hundreds (literally) of real kids pastors, in real kids ministries, from a diversity of church contexts, cultures, sizes, and denominations. Our goal is to help you help your kids grow spiritually, by teaching and discussing Scripture in developmentally appropriate ways.

SCOPE & SEQUENCE

The Grow scope and sequence will take kids through **every major Bible story in three years.** At the end of three years, we'll start over! We spend an equal amount of time in the Old and New Testaments. For a detailed look at our three-year plan, check out <u>our Scope and Sequence</u>.

FORMAT

Some churches teach kids with a teaching time followed by a separate small group conversation. Others (especially those with a handful of kids) teach in a format where teaching and conversation happen in one group. With that in mind, every Grow Kids lesson comes in **two formats:** one with discussion questions included in the Large Group Guide, and one with separate Small Group Guides.

AUDIENCE

Grow Kids is **designed with grades pre-K to 5 in mind**, since we know most kids workers are responsible for both preschool and elementary students.

If you're leading a ministry of just preteens or just preschoolers, don't worry! We've got you covered. Each series comes with a set of "preteen hacks" and a separate preschool track complete with "toddler hacks" to help you customize each series to whichever age group you're leading. Plus, we also include a set of "hacks for kids with special needs" with each series, which will help you adapt your teaching content for kids with physical, developmental, or learning challenges.

WHAT WE'VE PROVIDED

TEACHING

With each month of curriculum, we provide an elementary and preschool curriculum, both of which align with each other . . .

ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM

- A monthly overview detailing the Scripture, Big Ideas, and Memory Verse for the entire series
- One **Lesson Guide** per week
- One **Small Group Guide** per week
- At least six different engaging teaching techniques per week (object lessons, activities, music, videos, images, etc.)
- Hacks for Preteens and Kids with Special Needs each week
- One Elementary Teaching Video per week
- Access to the Grow Message Builder, with all Grow lessons pre-built and ready to edit or teach
- A weekly shop and prep list
- Weekly coloring book pages
- Monthly Memory Verses in sign language

PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM

- A monthly overview detailing the Scripture, Big Ideas, and Memory Verse for the entire series
- One **Lesson Guide** per week
- One Small Group Guide per week
- At least six different engaging teaching techniques per week (object lessons, activities, music, videos, images, etc.)
- Hacks for Toddlers each week
- One Preschool Teaching Video per week
- Access to the Grow Message Builder, with all Grow lessons pre-built and ready to edit or teach
- A weekly shop and prep list
- Weekly coloring book pages
- Monthly Memory Verses in sign language

VOLUNTEERS & PARENTS

To help you communicate effectively, we provide . . .

- 12 editable Parent Emails in HTML format (one for each teaching series)
- 12 monthly Parent Handouts and 53 weekly Parent Handouts so you can choose your favorite format!
- 53 editable **Volunteer Emails** in HTML format (one for each week of the curriculum)
- 12 **Volunteer Huddle Guides** in PDF format (one for each teaching series)

DECOR, GRAPHICS & VIDEO

For each series, we provide a bundle of Weekly Programming resources (which can be found in your Weekly Programming Strategy) that include...

- An **editable PSD** of the series graphics
- A 40-second bumper video
- A title image and background image in horizontal, square, and vertical formats
- Weekly Big Idea images in horizontal, square, and vertical formats
- Memory verse images in horizontal, square, and vertical formats
- 2 printable posters with the series graphics
- Decorating ideas, tips, and tutorials
- Spotify playlists



This year, here are the series we'll be covering in Grow Kids. . .



4 WEEKS ON SPIRITUAL HABITS



5 WEEKS ON GOD'S PROMISES



4 WEEKS ON MOSES & THE EXODUS



4 WEEKS ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



5 WEEKS ON THE PROPHETS



4 WEEKS ON ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



5 WEEKS ON FOLLOWING JESUS



4 WEEKS ON JESUS' MINISTRY



4 WEEKS ON GOD'S PLANS THROUGH JESUS



4 WEEKS ON EASTER



5 WEEKS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT



4 WEEKS ON THE JUDGES



4 WEEKS ON DAVID

WHAT'S INCLUDED

While every series in our Teaching Strategy is unique, we always provide you with the same core tools and resources to make each one happen. With each series, we'll include . . .

TEACHING

- Access to the Grow Message Builder Library where all of your messages can be created, edited, viewed, and printed online
- Large group guides for each week in PDF, DOC, and Message Builder formats
- Small group guides for each week in PDF and DOC formats, as well as in the Grow App
- Activities, object lessons, music, reflection, response, and more in every week of teaching
- Hacks for preteens to help you customize each series for a preteen specific context
- Hacks for kids with special needs to help you customize each series to include kids with different levels of physical, developmental, or learning abilities
- Preschool guides for each week in PDF and DOC formats, as well as in the Grow App
- Hacks for toddlers to help you customize each preschool series for a toddler specific context

COMMUNICATION

- Weekly volunteer emails in plain text, MailChimp, and HTML formats
- Monthly volunteer huddle guides in PDF format
- Monthly parent emails in plain text, MailChimp, and HTML formats
- Weekly and monthly parent handouts in PDF and DOC formats
- A social media plan for kids, parents, and volunteers

GRAPHICS & VIDEO

- **60-second bumper videos** for every series
- Countdown videos for every series
- Editable series graphics in PSD format
- Series title slide images in horizontal, vertical, and square formats, so you can use them easily on all print, online, and social media platforms
- Series background slide images in horizontal, vertical, and square formats, so you can create your own slides and use them easily on all print, online, and social media platforms
- Big Idea images for every week of teaching, in horizontal, vertical, and square formats, so you can use them easily on all print, online, and social media platforms
- Memory verse images in horizontal, vertical, and square formats

EVEN MORE STUFF

- Room or stage design ideas to complement each series' theme
- Worship song suggestions to complement each series
- A font list of every font used during the year
- Weekly coloring pages
- Monthly memory verses in sign language