ONLINE HACKS
FOR ANY GROW CURRICULUM SERIES

Grow Kids Curriculum is as easy to use online as it is in person! And that's good news, because there are a lot of reasons you might want to take your children's ministry online, like maybe because . . .

- You had to cancel your weekly program because of weather, sickness, or travel.
- Parents want to follow along with what their kids are learning.
- You want to make church more accessible for families who can't attend in person.
- You want to give new families a sneak peek at what to expect.

Whatever your reasons, with just a few hacks, every lesson from Grow can be easily adapted for an online environment in three easy steps: **choose a format, choose a level,** and **choose your content.**

#1 CHOOSE A FORMAT

When doing ministry online, you'll need to find the teaching format that works best for you, the kids in your ministry, and their families. Here are the two options we recommend.

TEACHING VIDEO
Post a teaching video to social media and let families continue the conversation at home.

ONLINE SERVICE
Post a video of a full service to social media and let families continue the conversation at home.

#2 CHOOSE A LEVEL

No two churches have the same amount of time, resources, or people to invest in their online children's ministry strategy. Sometimes, what you can do even changes from week to week! So to keep your online strategy doable, here are three options to help you choose how much time and energy you want to invest. Every week, choose a level based on what you think you can accomplish that week — and remember you can change your level anytime! You're in charge here.

LEVEL 1
SUPER EASY

For the weeks when you don't have much time (or energy).

LEVEL 2
A LITTLE MORE EFFORT

For when you have a little more time. And have taken a nap.

LEVEL 3
LOTS OF EFFORT

For the weeks you have lots of creativity and time to spare.

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#3 CHOOSE YOUR CONTENT

Once you know your format, and how much effort you want to put in, Grow makes the rest super easy! Just grab your curriculum and choose the teaching content, videos, small group questions, and any other activities you'd like to use. Here's what we recommend . . .



TEACHING VIDEO

LEVEL 1 Post the **Elementary** and **Preschool Teaching Videos.**

LEVEL 2 Record a short intro and outro to the **Elementary** and **Preschool Teaching Videos.** Include an age-appropriate **small group question** from the lesson in each outro to help families engage together. Send families the **Coloring Pages** and **Memory Verse Video.**

LEVEL 3 Record a short intro and outro to the **Elementary** and **Preschool Teaching Videos,** including the complete Bible teaching from your **Lesson Guide.** Include 2-3 age-appropriate **small group questions** from the lessons in each outro to help families engage together. Send families the **Coloring Pages**, **Memory Verse Video,** and **Small Group Guide.**

ONLINE SERVICE

LEVEL 1 Pre-record and share a shortened version of your typical weekly service that includes these elements from the **Elementary** or **Preschool Lesson Guide** (or both): at least one worship song, the Big Idea, the Bible Story, and one **small group question** that families can discuss at home.

LEVEL 2 Pre-record and share a shortened version of your typical weekly service that includes these elements from the **Elementary** or **Preschool Lesson Guide** (or both): at least one worship song, the Big Idea, the Bible Story, and one **small group question** that families can discuss at home.

Edit the **Lesson Guide** to be parent-friendly and send it to families to do at home. Include: the Big Idea, the Bible story, an activity, at least one **small group question** to discuss, a prayer, and the **Memory Verse.**

LEVEL 3 Pre-record and share a shortened version of your typical weekly service that includes these elements from the **Elementary** or **Preschool Lesson Guide** (or both): at least one worship song, the Big Idea, the Bible Story, and one **small group question** that families can discuss at home.

Edit the **Lesson Guide** to be parent-friendly and send it to families to do at home, along with the **Coloring Page** and **Memory Verse Video.** Include: the Big Idea, the Bible story, an activity, at least one **small group question** to discuss, a prayer, and the **Memory Verse.**

Choose at least one module from the **Lesson Guide** that you didn't already use in your online service and post about it on social media during the week. This might be a one-minute object lesson or devotional based on one of that week's passages of Scripture, or a challenge to families to participate in a contest based on one of that week's activities.

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