Grow students

ONLINE HACKS
FOR ANY GROW CURRICULUM SERIES

Grow Students 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 youth 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 teenagers who can't attend in person.
- You want to give new students 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 and your students. Here are the three options we recommend.

ONE-MINUTE SERMON
Post a short video clip to social media or a text group and connect with students in the comments.

SERMON VIDEO
Post a full sermon video to social media or a text group and connect with students in the comments.

VIDEO CALL
Teach through a live group discussion with your students through a video conferencing app.

#2 CHOOSE A LEVEL

No two churches have the same amount of time, resources, or people to invest in their online youth 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, discussion questions, and any other activities you'd like to use. Here's what we recommend . . .

choose one!

ONE-MINUTE SERMON

LEVEL 1 Post or send this week's **One-Minute Sermon Video.**

LEVEL 2 Post or send the **One-Minute Sermon Video**, or record your own using our script. Use a few questions from this week's **Discussion Guide** to lead a discussion through social media or group text.

LEVEL 3 Post or send the **One-Minute Sermon Video**, or record your own using our script. On a video call or social media live-stream, lead a devotional using your favorite points from the **Lesson Guide** (especially the "So What?" section) and a few questions from the **Discussion Guide.**

SERMON VIDEO

LEVEL 1 Pre-record a brief teaching video (5-10 minutes) using 3-5 easy no-prep modules from the **Lesson Guide.** Share it on social media.

LEVEL 2 Pre-record and share a brief teaching video (5-10 minutes) using 5-8 modules from the **Lesson Guide**, including at least one visual like an object lesson, video, or image. Use a few questions from the **Discussion Guide** to lead a discussion through social media, video call, or group text.

LEVEL 3 Pre-record and share a series of teaching videos (1-3 minutes each) by breaking the **Lesson Guide** into short segments and sharing those videos throughout the week. Use the questions from the **Discussion Guide** to lead a discussion through social media, video call, or group text.

VIDEO CALL

LEVEL 1 Host an interactive video conversation using 3-5 easy no-prep modules and a few discussion questions from the **Lesson and Discussion Guides.**

LEVEL 2 Host an interactive video conversation using 5-8 modules and just a few discussion questions from the **Lesson and Discussion Guides,** including at least one visual like an object lesson, video, or image.

LEVEL 3 Host an interactive video conversation using 5-10 modules and all the discussion questions from the **Lesson and Discussion Guides,** including at least one visual like an object lesson, video, or image and a time of reflection or response.



For even more resources like this one, try a free trial of Grow Curriculum and Annual Strategy for your children's or youth ministry. It's everything you need for a more strategic year of discipleship, teaching, environments, events, volunteers, and families!

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