



THE ONLINE GUIDE

TO USING GROW CURRICULUM IN YOUR KIDS MINISTRY



Grow Kids Curriculum is as easy to use online as it is in person! In this guide to online kids ministry, we'll show you how to adapt every aspect of Grow for an online environment: the **planning** resources, **teaching and programming** resources, **discipleship** activities, **volunteer** and **parent** resources, and even the **events**. In each area of ministry, we've given you 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. Do what you want!

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 on your hands.

WE'RE CREATING DETAILED ONLINE HACKS FOR EVERY SERIES, DISCIPLESHIP ACTIVITY, AND EVENT IN VOLUME 4! YOU CAN FIND THEM IN YOUR DOWNLOADS FOR EACH RESOURCE.



ANNUAL PLANNING

While Grow gives you everything you need to plan your entire year in every area of ministry, you may need to scale back your ministry calendar for a season of online ministry. If that's the case, here's how we recommend prioritizing your ministry planning.

- LEVEL 1** Plan your **Teaching** and **Programming Strategies** using the Annual Planning Meeting Video, Meeting Guide, and Grow Calendar Cards.
- LEVEL 2** Plan your **Discipleship Strategy, Teaching Strategy, and Programming Strategy** using the Annual Planning Meeting Video, Meeting Guide, and Grow Calendar Cards.
- LEVEL 3** Plan your **Discipleship Strategy, Teaching Strategy, Programming Strategy, Volunteer Strategy, Parent Strategy** and **Events Strategy** using the Annual Planning Meeting Video, Meeting Guide, and Grow Calendar Cards.



TEACHING

You'll need to find the teaching format that works best for you and your families! That's why Grow Kids provides our teaching material in different formats. For online ministry, **choose one format each week:** Teaching Videos or Online Services.



TEACHING VIDEO

choose one!

Or do both. Whatever you want!



ONLINE SERVICE

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 discussion question or prompt from the lessons in teach 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 Guides. Include 2-3 age-appropriate discussion questions or prompts from the lessons in each outro to help families engage together. Send families the **Coloring Pages**, **Memory Verse Video**, and **Elementary Small Group Guide**.

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 discussion 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 discussion question that families can discuss at home.

Edit the **Lesson Guides** to be parent-friendly and send them to families to do at home. Include: the Big Idea, the Bible Story, an Activity, at least one question to discuss, 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 discussion question that families can discuss at home.

Edit the **Lesson Guides** to be parent-friendly and send them to families to do at home, along with the **Coloring Pages** and **Memory Verse Video**. In the Lesson Guide, include: the Big Idea, the Bible Story, an Activity, at least one question to discuss, and 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. You could post a one-minute Object Lesson or devotional based on one of that week's passages of Scripture, or challenge families to a contest based on one of that week's Activities.



PROGRAMMING

Every month, Grow gives you ideas for decorating, crafts, and snacks that go along with each teaching series. If you're not meeting in person, you may not have a reason to decorate your kids ministry area – but there are plenty of others things you can do!

LEVEL 1 Choose one or two decorating ideas from the **Programming Guide** and use it to create a backdrop for your Teaching Videos or Online Services.

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DISCIPLESHIP

With Grow, our discipleship strategy is based on four spiritual habits: spending time with others, using your gifts, spending time with God, and sharing your story. Here's how to use the discipleship resources we provide for online ministry . . .

LEVEL 1 Send your **Discipleship Activity** for the quarter to your volunteers or families, and ask them to lead their kids through the experience.

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VOLUNTEERS

While Grow gives you a robust volunteer strategy in seven key areas (events, meetings, discussion groups, conversations, celebrations, communication, and tools), you may need to rethink (or scale back) that strategy for a season. Here's how . . .

LEVEL 1 Send your **Volunteer Email** every week as usual, including the link or log-in information they'll need to access your teaching for the week. Use the **Social Media Plan** as usual to communicate with your team.

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PARENTS

While Grow gives you a robust parent engagement strategy in four key areas (events, discussion groups, communication, and tools), you may need to rethink (or scale back) that strategy for a season. Here's how . . .

LEVEL 1 Send your **Parent Email** every month as usual, including the link or log-in information they'll need to access your teaching for the series. Use the **Social Media Plan** as usual to communicate with parents.

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EVENTS

While Grow gives you everything you need to create a ton of really fun in-person events during the year, you may need to rethink that strategy for a season, either by adapting our events or by saving them for a later date. Here's how . . .

LEVEL 1 Skip the events! Send surprises in the mail to help kids and families connect with you and your ministry in the meantime.

LEVEL 2 Use social media to share fun at-home family event ideas, like a movie night with a movie you recommend or a game night with a few of your favorite low-prep Activities from your **Elementary or Preschool Lesson Guides**.

LEVEL 3 Adapt a Grow Event to be done either as a drive-through, in person (with social distancing), or as a do-it-yourself family event. Or hang onto your **Grow Event Guides** and throw a big We're Back party when it's safe!

and don't forget...

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