



THE ONLINE GUIDE

TO USING GROW CURRICULUM IN YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY



Grow Students Curriculum is as easy to use online as it is in person! In this guide to online youth ministry, we'll show you how to adapt every aspect of Grow for an online environment: the **planning** resources, **teaching** resources, **games**, **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.

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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 Strategy** using the Annual Planning Meeting Video, Meeting Guide, and Grow Calendar Cards.

LEVEL 2 Plan your **Discipleship Strategy, Teaching Strategy, and Games Strategy** using the Annual Planning Meeting Video, Meeting Guide, and Grow Calendar Cards.

LEVEL 3 Plan your **Discipleship Strategy, Teaching Strategy, Games 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 students! That's why Grow Students provides our teaching material in different formats. For online ministry, **choose one format each week:** 1-Minute Sermon, Video Call, or Sermon Video.



LEVEL 1 Post or send the **1-Minute Sermon Video**.

LEVEL 2 Post or send the **1-Minute Sermon Video**, or record your own using our **script**. Use a few questions from the **Small Group Guide** to lead a discussion through social media or group text.

LEVEL 3 Post or send the **1-Minute Sermon Video**, or record your own using our **script**. Lead a devotional and discussion using the "So What" section of the Sermon Guide and a few questions from the **Small Group Guide** on a video call or a live-stream on social media.

LEVEL 1 Pre-record and share a brief teaching video (5-10 minutes) using 3-5 easy no-prep modules from the **Sermon Guide**.

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

LEVEL 3 Pre-record and share a series of teaching videos (1-5 minutes each) by breaking the **Sermon Guide** into short segments and sharing those videos throughout the week. Use the questions from the **Small Group Guide** to lead a discussion through social media, video call, or group text.

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

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

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



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 teenagers through the experience.

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GAMES

Grow gives you 50 new games every year, and then we pair those games with our series based on the series theme or topic. But since most of these games are meant to be played in person, here's how we suggest adapting your strategy for fun and games.

LEVEL 1 Skip the organized games! There are other ways to have fun. Share a funny video or meme during the week instead.

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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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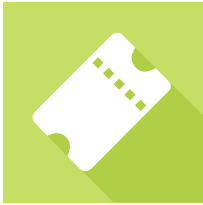
PARENTS

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 . . .

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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 or set up just-for-fun video calls to help students connect to you and each other.

LEVEL 2 Plan a movie night or game tournament using tools like Zoom, Netflix Party, Jackbox, or Skribbl.

LEVEL 3 Adapt a Grow Event to be done either as a video call, a drive-through, in person (with social distancing), or in small groups. 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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