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— A 1-YEAR STRATEGY FOR YOUR —

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OVERVIEW

The Grow 1-Year Discipleship Strategy is based on four spiritual habits: Spending Time with God, Spending Time with Others, Using Your Gifts, and Sharing Your Story. This strategy influences our curriculum and teaching strategy, but it's much bigger than just what you teach on Sundays. That's because, as you've probably realized, **even the best children's ministry lessons in the world aren't quite enough to ensure that kids are being disciplined.** Here's what this strategy looks like . . .

SPRING

In the spring, we'll go deep into the spiritual habit of spending time with God through personal spiritual disciplines when Easter is on the way, you've built trust with kids and families, and the unpredictability of school and the holidays has leveled off into some stability for your kids and your ministry.

SUMMER

In the summer, we'll focus on the spiritual habit of sharing your story while kids prepare for summer mission experiences and a new school year.

FALL

In the fall, we'll focus on the spiritual habit of community when kids are beginning a new school year, making new friends, and getting plugged into new small groups.

WINTER

In the winter, we'll focus on the spiritual habit of knowing and using your gifts to serve God and others, when there are lots of service opportunities available around the holidays.

WHAT WE'VE PROVIDED

SPEND TIME WITH GOD

For the spring season, we've created a printable **Family Easter Devotional** to help kids and families prepare their hearts for the Easter season.

SHARE YOUR STORY

Throughout the summer, you'll empower kids to share their stories of faith with a set of printable **conversation starter cards**. These cards can be used in small group or at home. Either way, the point is to help kids learn to talk about who God is, what they're learning, and what they believe through a conversation with trusted adults.

SPEND TIME WITH OTHERS

To begin the school year, you'll help kids build community at church by providing your adult volunteers with a set of **small group fun kits** that adult leaders can use during their small group time.

USE YOUR GIFTS

For the holidays, you'll launch a **giving war service project** for kids. During your giving war, teams of kids or families will compete to out-give each other in a holiday fundraiser or donation collection.