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DISCIPLESHIP

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How can you discover the stories of how COVID-19 has impacted the lives of the children/families to allow for pastoral connections?

- Simply ask – encourage families to share their stories and experiences.
- Provide pastoral leadership by offering intentional times of connecting with families and individuals to ask how they are feeling and any struggles they may be facing.
- Provide clear points of contact that include an avenue of response such as text messages, emails, and personal phone calls.
- Share personal stories of how COVID-19 has impacted YOUR life to allow others to feel comfortable with sharing their personal stories or experiences.
- Consider sending out an email response link such as Google forms or Survey Monkey that include open-ended questions for families to respond.
- Provide avenues of sharing for kids through phone calls or virtual visits.
- Once we are able to gather together, consider additional small group opportunities that provide kids with a comfortable setting to open up and share their feelings or experiences.
- Provide specific times of prayer for families and kids to share their needs and opportunity for the church to respond.

In what ways can you discover the spiritual growth that took place during the “stay at home” season?

- Ask families to describe how they provided a spiritual influence for their children at home during this season.
- Encourage kids to share with others what they read in their Bible while at home.
- Lead small group discussions that focuses on how kids felt connected to God while they were at home.
- During prayer times, allow kids to share stories and testimonies of how God spoke to them while they were at home.
- Provide questions for parents to ask their kids related to their spiritual growth and encourage parents to share their responses.

What spiritual goals will you focus on in the next few weeks for your kids?

- Maintain a strong connection to the family to allow the home to continue to be the primary source of spiritual development.
- Provide resources and teaching to help families establish family moments with God such as prayer at home.
- Structure services to focus on the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Lead kids in hearing the voice of God.
- Provide resources and teaching on personal discipleship include prayer and Bible reading.
- Encouraging kids to see the power of their prayers in their personal lives, their families, and their community.
- Teach on God's faithfulness, celebrate victories, and remind kids of God's goodness.

How can your service elements support your spiritual goals for your kids?

- Create intentional engagement and build on relational elements.
- Provide opportunities for kids to share what God is doing in their lives and celebrate with them.
- Build in time for children to respond to how God is leading/speaking.
- Model for the kids the spiritual attributes we desire to see in their lives during services.
- Schedule prayer times during services and encourage kids to participate and be bold in their prayers.
- Teach from a physical Bible and encourage kids to be familiar and comfortable with using their own Bible.
- Lead worship that is more than just singing and dancing but engaging in the presence of God.
- Create an environment where kids feel safe and comfortable to respond to the presence of God.
- Provide lesson notes for families so they can continue the conversation at home together.

How can your curriculum be utilized to provide a foundation for the spiritual development of your kids?

- Pray over your service and lesson before you begin developing your curriculum.
- Seek God for direction and clear leading of the Holy Spirit to effectively minister to each child.
- Utilize curriculum and resources that relay Bible stories and focus on God in every story.
- When teaching, identify issues that children face and remind them that God is able to solve all of their problems.
- Be willing to change your plans or weekly lesson based on what you are hearing/sensing from God.

What resources could you provide to encourage support for continued spiritual development in the home?

- Ask parents what they need and respond with appropriate resources.
- Provide resources to families in a consistent manner.
- Create 'How To' videos for families to assist them in developing family devotional times, responding to tough questions, and blessing your child.
- Provide online content that includes a family devotional and discussion questions.
- Provide a parenting class in a small group environment.
- Provide a weekly service re-cap video for families who are not able to attend so they can remain connected and encourage their children at home.