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Taking care of your **Garden** of Children's Ministry



a. Sun in your garden: Transmit vision to your team!

Take some time to write down what you want to see in the future for your church and your children's ministry. Dream a little, get inspired, and ask God what He wants to see in your church. Now take the time to write it down! You need to have God's vision fully embedded in you to be able to transmit it to your team. As Jim Wideman said, "I don't have a vision, a vision has me!"



b. Water your garden: Encourage your teachers!

Have fun together! Plan some fun activities with your teachers, either together at church or at someone's home, or offsite for something special. You could go mini-golfing, a trip to the beach or the zoo, go to a fun movie or do a movie and popcorn at someone's house, eat lunch together, or even a special dinner together with a gift exchange. The more fun you have together, the more fun your ministry together can be!



c. Weed your garden: Manage the conflict!

Wait before you respond.

Do not respond to someone's anger and frustration immediately, and especially if you are tired, sick or emotional. If you do, you are almost guaranteeing that you will respond in a way that will escalate the situation. Try to respond within 24 hours. If it is your day off, respond within 36 hours.

