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Taking care of your Garden of Children's Ministry



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

Once you have written down your vision and made changes with your leadership team, you are ready to transmit that vision to your whole team. Put your vision on your church's website, print it in the bulletin, make signs for the doors, make posts for Facebook, sharing the vision everywhere as much as possible.



b. Water your garden: Encourage your teachers!

One of the best ways to encourage your teachers is to give them a Sunday off! Everyone needs a break now and again. One of the greatest ways you can show appreciation is to give them a break, helping find a replacement teacher for a Sunday or for a month, so they can have some time off. Take the effort to go recruit more teachers so that they can all have a break!



c. Weed your garden: Manage the conflict!

Conflicts will happen in every church! Your best practice as a children's ministry pastor or leader is to always write down the conflicts as they happen. If a child falls and cries in pain, write it down. If one child bullies another child, write it down. If a parent comes to you with a complaint, ask them to write it to you in an email. You need to cover your liabilities and have a record to show what happened if the situation escalates. Many people may say, "I shouldn't have to do that in a church!" You don't think that the enemy is going to attack your church? The better you are doing in reaching the lost, the more attacks you will have. Write every situation down, don't ever delete any emails from parents or teachers regarding incidents, and keep your pastor informed.

