



 **DEEP**
DISCIPLESHIP[®]
preteens

**A DISCIPLE-MAKING SYSTEM
FOR YOUR PRETEENS MINISTRY**



WHY DEEP DISCIPLESHIP?

Too Many Students Are Not Experiencing Spiritual Growth

DISCIPLE

One who follows Jesus and lives in obedience to his commands.



DISCIPLESHIP

The process of multiplication through relationships.

We Need Deep Discipleship

Go make disciples. A simple statement. One of Christ's last commands is also one of his most straightforward. *Make disciples.* Just reading those two words probably stirs something up inside of you. They're part of that calling God placed in the hearts of all believers. But as a pastor, those words seem to ring a little louder in your ears. It's rooted deep in the core of who you are. You've given your life to that holy pursuit. *Making disciples.* It's more than your job. It's your mission. So...are you? Are you making disciples?





DEEP DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGY

The new Deep Discipleship is so much more than a curriculum, it's an entire system designed to help you make and multiply disciples.

Deep Discipleship equips you with everything you need to run your entire ministry and make disciples. We've streamlined this process with a strategy that intentionally focuses on the 5 foundational elements of preteen ministry.

5 Foundational Elements of Preteens Ministry



PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

Help parents transition from primary influence to Gate Keeper.



THE BIBLICAL LENS

Teach preteens to see how God's Word applies to all areas of life.



ACTIVE PROGRAMMING

Discipleship through discussion, experience, and application.



ADULT LEADERS

Develop relational mentors focused on facilitating discipleship.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Leadership and service promote belonging and ownership.

Partnering with Parents

Help parents transition from primary influence to Gate Keeper.



Parents play a vital role in making disciples. To make a lasting impact on your preteens, you have to partner with their parents.

You're a youth pastor and you love spending time with students. But you know that students only make up one-third of your youth ministry. You also have to focus your attention on adult volunteers and parents. Without the involvement of these key adults, the odds of having a lasting impact on your students goes way down. Partnering with parents is one of the most successful routes you can take in your goal of making disciples.

Parents now move from the largest influence to “Gate Keepers” of influencers.

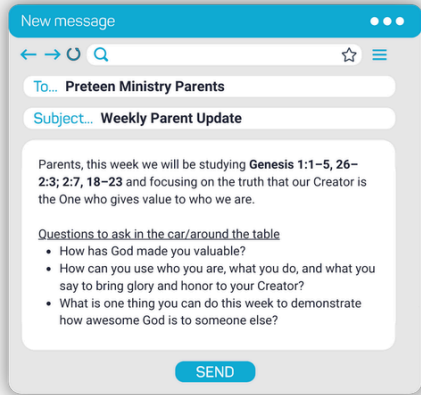
Parents are meant to be the chief disciple-maker of their kids (Deut. 6:4-7, Prov. 22:6). Even if you have a student attend everything your preteen ministry offers, that only adds up to 4-5 hours a week at the most. That is a fraction of the time they spend with their parents. Most parents want to disciple their kids but struggle to know how or where to begin. They need a partner. They need you.

Because parents are one of the primary faith influencers of their children, your preministry needs to be the critical third-party voice, advocating for and reinforcing parents' disciple-making efforts at home. When working in tandem, parents and youth pastors/volunteers strengthen the example for students of how to walk with Christ. Partnering with parents in youth ministry allows you to dig even deeper into a student's life and equip them to own their faith as they move out of your ministry.

DEEP DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES THESE PARTNERING WITH PARENTS RESOURCES

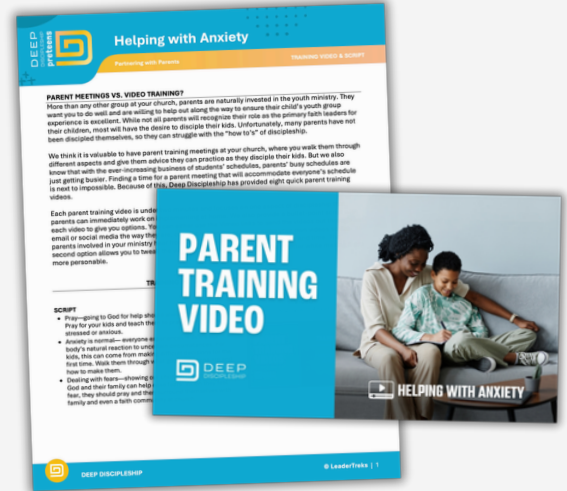
Weekly Parent Communications

Quick updates to keep parents engaged with the teaching, plus questions they can ask



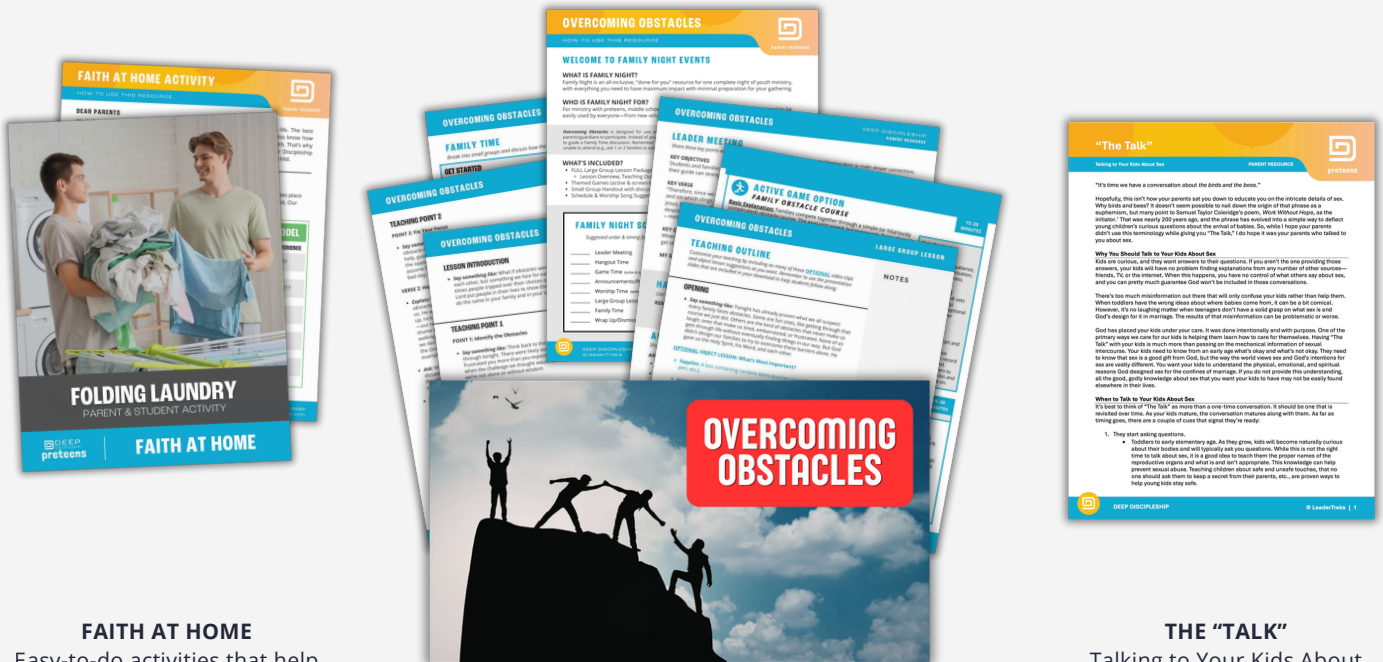
Parent Training Videos & Scripts

Helpful tips to share with parents. Use our pre-made videos or create your own using our scripts.



Parent Events

Resources that help you equip parents to be the primary faith-influencers in their preteens' lives



FAITH AT HOME
Easy-to-do activities that help parents incorporate discipleship into daily life

FAMILY NIGHTS
Youth Group Nights for the whole family
Includes Teaching, Slides, Games & Activities, and Small Group Discussion

THE "TALK"
Talking to Your Kids About Sex resource equips parents to take the lead in helping their kids develop a healthy and biblical view of sexuality.

INTRODUCING A NEW SUBSCRIPTION ADD-ON FOR ADULTS

Deep Discipleship Adults—Parent + Adult Lessons

Deep Discipleship Adults is a new subscription add-on that includes a complete year of adult Bible study lessons. Adults and Parents study the same Scripture and themes as students and preteens—helping your entire church grow deeper, together.

SMALL GROUP LESSONS FOR PARENTS

DEEP DISCIPLESHIP ADULTS

Prayer Is a Conversation
Small Group Lesson 1

SCRIPTURE
LUKE 11:1-13

Jesus shows us how to pray

- Why do you think Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them to pray?
- What are the main points of the passage?
- Does it ever feel difficult to pray?

MARK OF A DISCIPLE
Disciples of Christ connect with God through prayer (Ps. 145:18).

SCRIPTURE
LUKE 11:1-13

BACKGROUND & CONTEXT
Prayer was a powerful part of Jesus' ministry on earth. He prayed at his baptism (Luke 3:21). Before he chose the 12 apostles, he prayed all night (Luke 6:12). Jesus took away the stone at times so he could pray (Luke 5:16; 9:18). He prayed for his disciples (Luke 22:32). Christ prayed before his arrest (Luke 22:40-46) and even while dying on the cross (Luke 23:46). The disciples couldn't help but note the importance of prayer to Jesus, so they asked him to teach them how to do the same.

DISCIPLESHIP NOTE We've given you a lot of material. Don't feel like you should cover everything here. Use your group before this lesson. Choose the material that will best fit your group and skip over the rest.

PRAYER
Start your small group by asking the Lord to bless your discussion and time together. **OPTIONAL:** Use *Prayer* as a group devotion the opportunity to read the prayer each week.

OPENING QUESTIONS

- Have you ever asked "What's the best thing that's happened? Anything major going on?"
- Share about a time when you had a hard time starting a conversation with someone.

ACCOUNTABILITY & ENCOURAGEMENT
Ask group members to share about their application steps from the previous lesson.

HERE'S WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Lessons for self-led small groups or teacher-led Sunday school
- Scriptures and themes matched to the Student & Preteen Scope & Sequence
- Discussion prompts for adults and parent-focused applications
- Built to spark at-home conversations and churchwide unity in discipleship

We designed these lessons so that families can study the Word together—and so that your church can disciple across every generation.

[Learn more at deepdiscipleship.com/adults](https://deepdiscipleship.com/adults)

The Biblical Lens

Teach preteens to see how God's Word applies to all areas of life.



Without a strategic teaching plan, we may miss critical aspects of the Gospel.

As followers of Jesus, God has called us to make disciples. We are to take the knowledge and experiences we have gained as Christ-followers and pass them on to other believers. That's the process of discipleship. We also know that goal of discipleship more than passing on mere knowledge of God. True discipleship leads to transformation in the lives of believers. In Deep Discipleship, we have given you many tools to help you pass down knowledge and understanding of God through the teaching of his Word.

THE 8 ROOTS OF THE GOSPEL

To ensure the whole picture is presented, every teaching lesson in Deep Discipleship centers around the core **8 Roots of the Gospel**. Ultimately, only God knows and can transform the heart of a student. As we intentionally focus on **The 8 Roots of the Gospel**, we can reflect, uncover, and resemble the truth that saves lives and makes disciples.



RESCUE

helps students understand their need for a Savior (John 1:12).

WORSHIP

explores what it means to live a lifestyle of worship (Psalm 105:1).

KINGDOM

helps students understand how to live in the Kingdom of God every day (Luke 17:20–21).

IDENTITY

helps students discover their unique identity in Christ (Genesis 1:27).

OUTREACH

helps students understand their God-given mission (Romans 10:14–15).

KNOWLEDGE

helps students understand the basics of who God is (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

APOLOGETICS

prepares students to explain the hope they have in Christ (1 Peter 3:15).

COMMUNITY

helps students understand the meaning of biblical fellowship (James 1:27).

DEEP DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES THESE THE BIBLICAL LENS RESOURCES

A Year of Bible-based Teaching

All teaching series and stand-alone lessons come with everything you need for large group and small group gatherings



BIBLICAL TEACHING

Large Group Teaching with Activities
Small Group Lessons w/Discussion Questions
Lesson User Guide



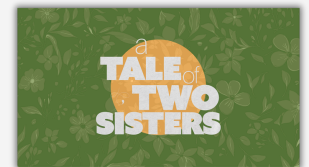
MEDIA, VIDEOS & PARENT COMMUNICATIONS

Teaching Slides
Series Promo & Countdown Videos
Social Media Graphics
Memory Verses & Devos
Weekly Parent Communication

Scope and Sequence

We've arranged our series in the order that naturally flows well with the rhythm of the school year. Or teach these series in the order that best meets your preteens' needs.

Each series comes with the complete list of supporting outlines, guides, graphics, templates, and videos shown on the left.



[Click here for a detailed Scope & Sequence.](#)

Active Programming

Discipleship through discussion, experience, and application.



Every event, meeting, and training revolves around the goal of making and multiplying disciples.

For the most part, preteens are beyond children's ministry. But they're not quite ready for student ministry either. They no longer need a craft station, music station, and story station to learn, but they also don't need to sit in a 45-minute small group discussion. They need a balance of both. They need structured and unstructured programming. They don't need a minute-to-minute planned out meeting time, but they also aren't ready to move independently within a ministry event without any guidance or instruction from a leader.

Preteens often see themselves as older than they are. They are ready for more responsibility and taking on more mature themes of study and learning styles. Unstructured time for relational development must now be mixed in with intentional activities and games.

But they are also still kids. Their window of focus is still relatively small. The amount of information they can take in and retain is limited. Having a programming approach that balances children and student ministry meets the middle-ground needs where most preteens find themselves.

PROGRAMMING DESIGNED FOR PRETEENS

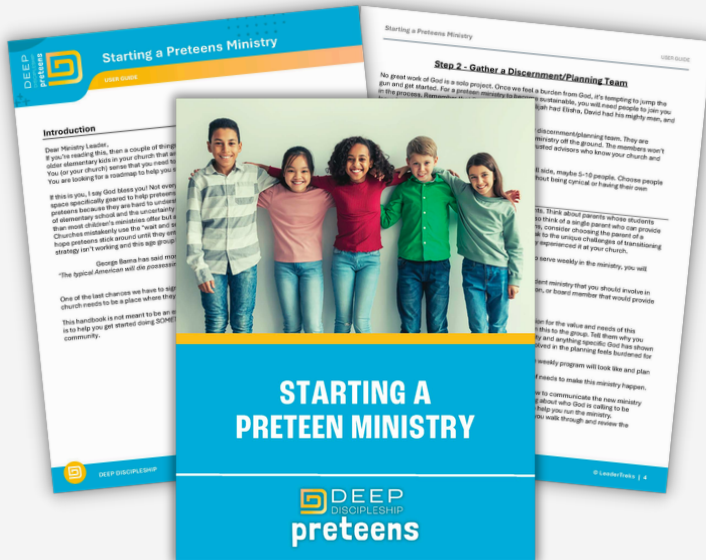
Too old for story time. Not yet ready for unstructured Bible study.

Preteen students still have a significant element of "kid" to them and need the right balance between play and instructional time. A programming approach that balances unstructured relational development and intentional activities meets the needs of preteen students.

DEEP DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES THESE ACTIVE PROGRAMMING RESOURCES

Starting a Preteen Ministry

A handbook to help you launch a successful ministry for your preteens.



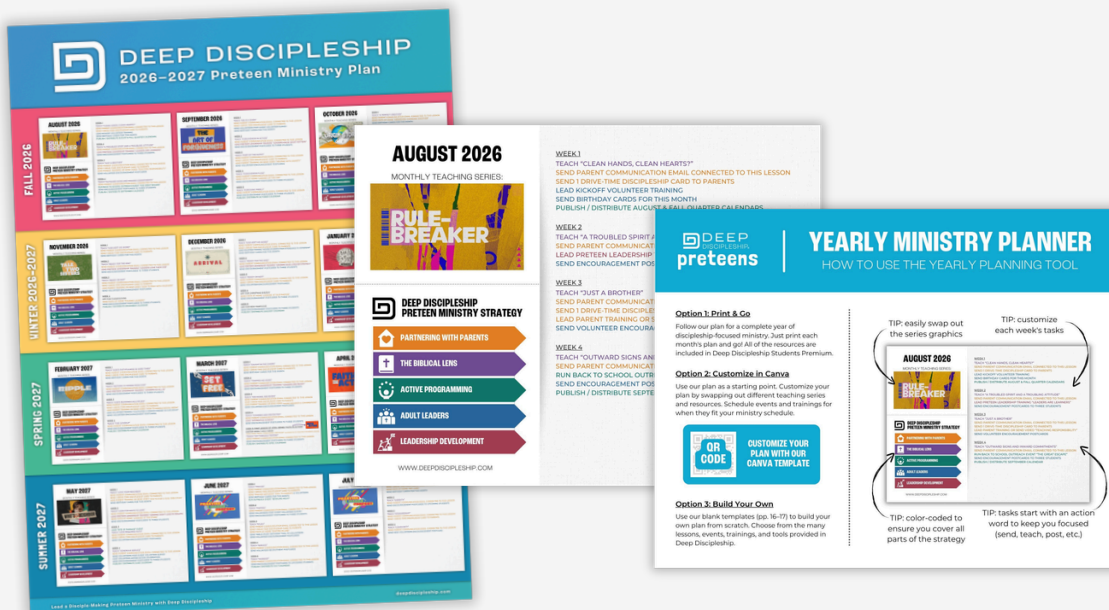
Ministry Calendars

Customizable calendars to plan and communicate your entire year



Yearly Ministry Planner

Planning Tool to help you apply the Deep Discipleship Preteens Strategy to your whole year. Including a customizable Canva template.



DEEP DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES THESE ACTIVE PROGRAMMING RESOURCES

DEEP DISCIPLESHIP GAMES SUBSCRIPTION

Game Library with over 150 Games

Included Free with every Deep Discipleship subscription. Just visit deepdiscipleship.com/game-library.

ACTIVE/SCREEN GAMES

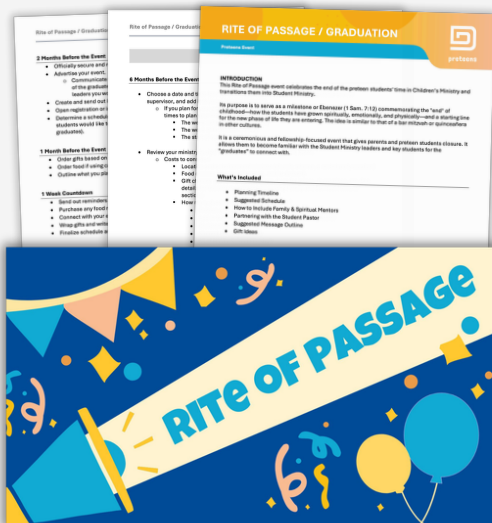


TEAM-BUILDING GAMES



Preteen Events

Events complete with plans, checklists, budgets, supply lists, games, and teaching.



RITE OF PASSAGE (GRADUATION)

A special event designed to help you celebrate and prepare your preteens to move up to student ministry.



OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP

Fun events to run throughout the year that help you students reach out to their friends.

Adult Leaders

Develop relational mentors focused on facilitating discipleship.



Programs don't make *the* difference in your student ministry. People do.

Studies have shown that young people need around five adults investing in them to flourish spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. Just in case you struggle a bit with math (and who doesn't), that's you plus four more. We understand that if our volunteers can build these strong relationships, students will turn to them to learn the truth about Jesus Christ. And that is how disciples are made. Our goal for each volunteer is to reach a second-level relationship with students.

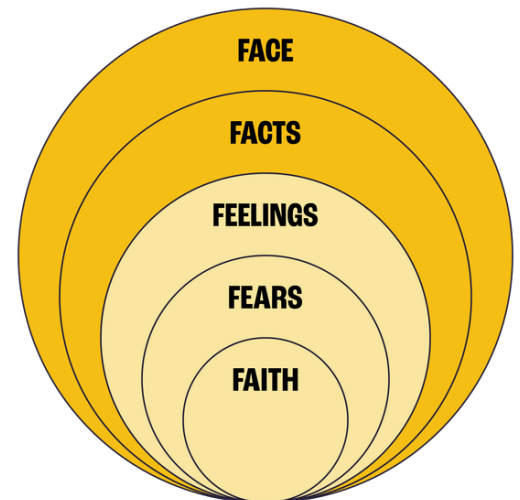
BUILDING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

A first-level relationship is where a leader recognizes a student's face and knows some basic facts about their life.

EXAMPLE: *That's Josh, and he plays soccer.*

A second-level relationship is where a leader has some understanding of a student's feelings, fears, and faith.

EXAMPLE: *Josh injured himself at practice and is worried about losing his starting position as a midfielder. This is also causing him some doubts about God's goodness.*



Discipleship cannot take place outside the context of a meaningful relationship.

Students want to learn from people who care about them; they want to be discovered and known. For us to effectively make disciples, we must first effectively build relationships. A meaningful relationship is what lays the foundation for continued discipleship. To have a strong and growing ministry, your students need a second-level relationship with multiple adult leaders. This is one of the best strategies for multiplying disciples.

DEEP DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES THESE ADULT LEADERS RESOURCES

4 Training Sessions

Adult Volunteer Training that builds confidence and clarity for your leaders.



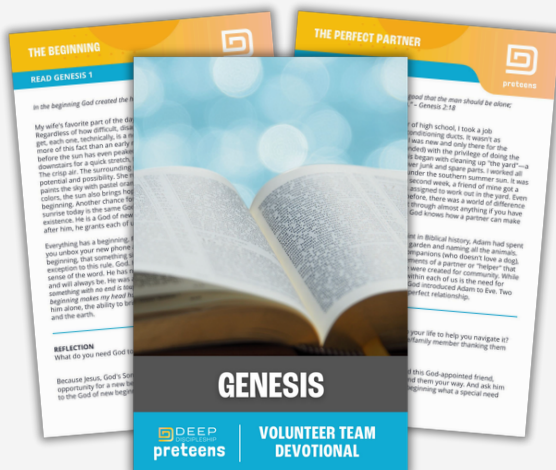
Volunteer Postcards & Encouragement Note Templates

Communication templates that help you stay connected with your volunteers throughout the year, by email or handwritten postcards.



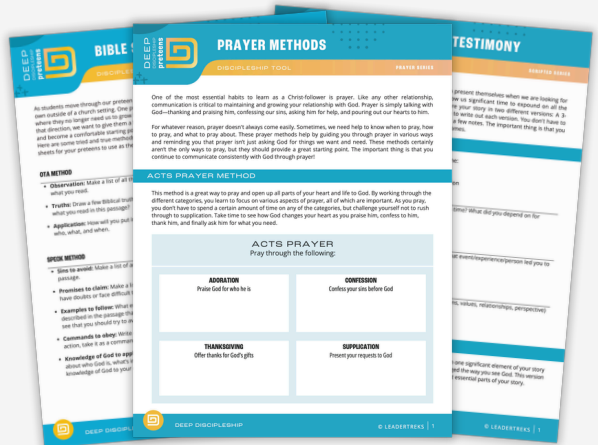
Volunteer Team Devotional

30 devotionals through the book of Genesis to use with volunteers who are part of your ministry.



Volunteer Tools

Prayer Methods
Bible Study Methods
Sharing Your Testimony



Leadership Development

Leadership promotes ownership.



**Experience plays a significant role in learning and development.
Leadership and service give preteens belonging and ownership.**

If we are not intentional about making disciples, it's easy for preteen ministry to become a spectator sport. Students come to church to watch us teach and lead, and then they go home. Week after week, they come in, watch, and leave. Rarely are they given opportunities to put into practice the lessons and godly principles that we teach. But true learning requires experience and application. And leadership development will call for a heavy dose of both.

Learning to lead is part of the discipleship process

When given consistent opportunities to serve and lead within the ministry and church as a whole, students gain feelings of belonging and ownership.

As we read through the Gospels, we see Jesus teaching and equipping his disciples, then sending them off to do what they had seen him do. This was one of his methods for making disciples. He gave them authority (Matt. 10:1), provided opportunities to problem solve (Luke 9:12–13), allowed them to teach (Mark 3:14), and even sent them out in pairs to different towns to spread the message of Christ on their own (Luke 9:2–6).

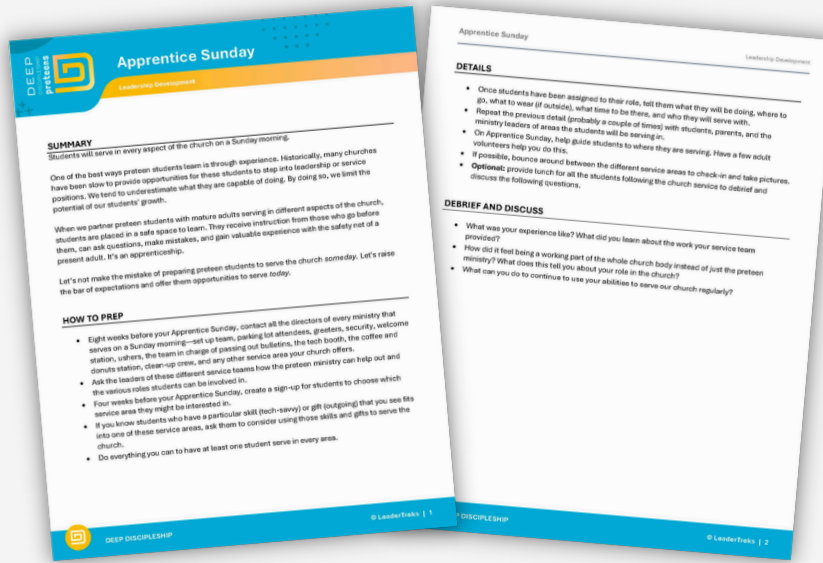
As preteen pastors, we can be great at the teaching and equipping parts of Jesus' example. But unlike Jesus, we can be a little reluctant to hand over ministry responsibilities to the students under our care. *Are they ready? Can they handle it?* But you are well aware that the disciples were far from prodigies. They were learning as they went. Still, Jesus allowed them to try and fail and try again.

The process of developing preteen leaders doesn't happen accidentally. You need a plan and tools to help you follow Christ's example of making and multiplying disciples by training students to lead in God's Kingdom.

DEEP DISCIPLESHIP INCLUDES THESE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

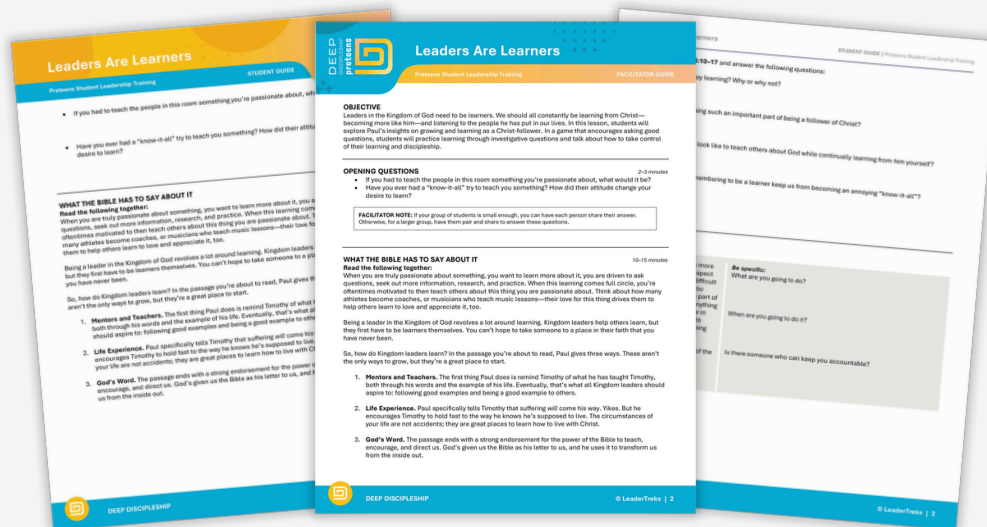
Apprentice Sunday

A step-by-step guide to creating an entry-level service and leadership opportunity for your preteens



10 Leadership Teaching Lessons

10 Months of Teaching for your Student Leaders
Every lesson includes:
Facilitator & Student Guides
Experiential Learning Activities



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is this curriculum for?

Deep Discipleship Students is designed for both junior high and senior high students. Deep Discipleship Preteens is designed for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Also included are resources and tools for parents, adult volunteers, and youth pastors. Deep Discipleship Adults is designed for adults, especially to help parents of students or preteens study the Word alongside their children.

How do I access the content?

All Deep Discipleship content is in digital format and is downloadable through your account immediately after purchase. Go to [My Account](#) and navigate to the [Download Center](#) to access your content.

How long can I access the content?

Downloadable content is completely yours—you can keep it forever. New content will be available every May.

What “year” or “volume” of content will I get today?

Deep Discipleship Year 5 is currently available. Year 4 subscribers will continue to have access to your Year 4 content through your renewal date. Deep Discipleship Year 6 will be available in May 2027 with new teaching series, games, and resources.

When do I get the next year’s content?

You’ll have access to content based on your renewal date. Each time your subscription renews, you’ll receive access to the newest content. For example: If you sign up for Deep Discipleship in May 2026, you’ll immediately have access to all of the content in Year 5. When your subscription renews in May 2027, you’ll receive access to Year 6. If you sign up for Deep Discipleship in June 2027, you’ll immediately have access to Year 6 content.

When does my subscription renew?

Your subscription will automatically renew every year on the anniversary of your original purchase date.

Can I modify the content?

Some lessons and resources are provided in an editable format so you can modify individual lessons, add your own elements, and customize for your ministry needs.

Can I share the content?

The content is meant to be used solely within the church/organization that purchased it.

Where can I find the scope and sequence?

You can view the current Scope and Sequence here:

Do I have to follow the scope and sequence?

We have created an order based on what we think flows best, but you know your students better than anyone, so you can walk through the curriculum in whatever order you think is best.

Can I use Deep Discipleship at multi-site churches?

Churches are welcome to use their subscription for up to two additional campuses (total of 3 campuses). To best serve you in the use of our product, we request that churches with more than three campuses purchase additional subscriptions, or contact us to discuss partnership opportunities.

What Bible translation do you use?

Our translation of choice is the [ESV® Bible](#) (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®) which uses a “word-for-word” translation philosophy. They offer study Bibles that are great for in-depth exploration and study. We occasionally use additional translations, like the [NIV®](#) (Holy Bible, New International Version®), the [NLT](#) (Holy Bible, New Living Translation), and others to give further context and support our teaching.

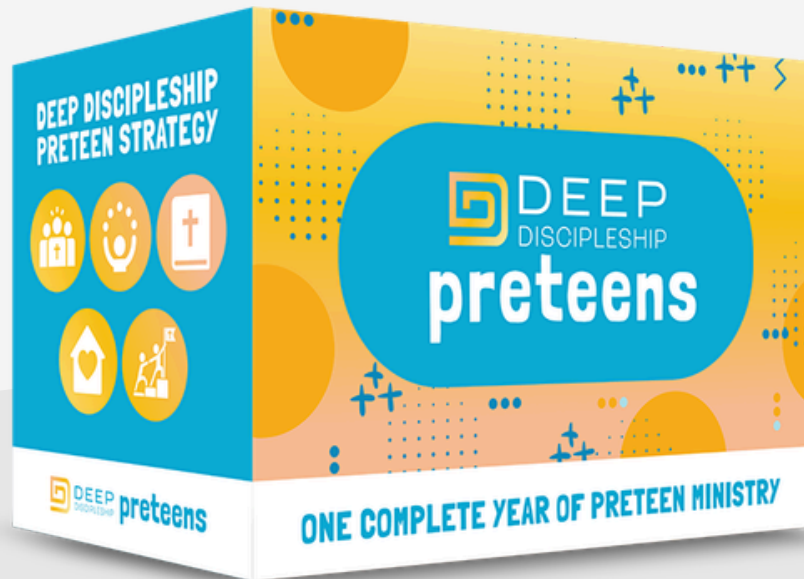


WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Deep Discipleship Preteens comes with all of this and more!

NEW CONTENT RELEASES YEARLY

Every subscription includes ongoing access to our content library. Your ministry stays up-to-date with fresh resources and you can focus on discipling preteens and empowering volunteers.



Kellee

Deep Discipleship Specialist

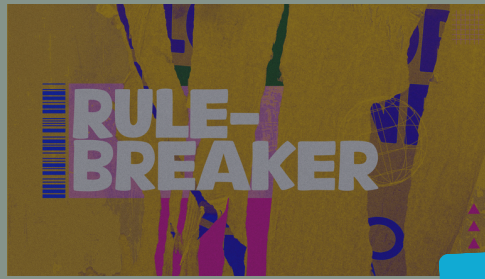
Still on the fence?

We'd love to talk with you about how Deep Discipleship can help you be more intentional and effective in ministry.

Contact **Kellee** for a personalized walk-through of everything Deep Discipleship has to offer.



**DON'T FORGET TO GET
YOUR FREE TRIAL**



2026-2027

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YEAR 5

2026–2027 SCOPE & SEQUENCE

BIBLICAL TEACHING FOR A YEAR

The **Deep Discipleship Preteens** yearly subscription comes with a year's worth of biblical teaching. Here's a preview of the series and lessons that you receive when you sign up for a Deep Discipleship subscription.

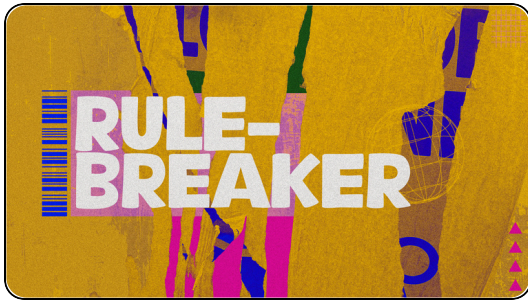
OUR SUGGESTED SEQUENCE

We have provided the entire scope of the teaching series and sequenced them in the order we think naturally flows well with the rhythm of the school year. But that doesn't mean it necessarily fits your ministry calendar or desired direction. Our list is a *suggestion*. You rearrange and teach these series in the way you feel best meets the needs of your students.

The **DETAILED VERSION** gives you an overview of each series, plus the takeaway and main passage from each individual lesson. This will give you a good idea of each series and lesson and help you decide when you will teach it in your calendar year. The **SHORT VERSION** gives you a quick peek into each series for a point of reference.

FALL 2026

AUGUST 2026



Rule-Breaker

This is a 4-week series in the Knowledge Root that examines how we sometimes blur the lines between following Jesus and following rules we've established about God. Following Jesus changes our hearts and lives, whereas following rules and traditions is merely behavioral modification. Church traditions can be great, but not greater than Christ.

Lesson 1: Clean Hands, Clean Heart?

Disciples of Christ consistently choose God's way over their way (Luke 9:23).
Mark 7:1-13

Lesson 2: A Troubled Spirit and A Troubling Attitude

Disciples of Christ discern God at work in the world around them (John 5:17).
Luke 13:10-17

Lesson 3: Just A Brother

Disciples of Christ seek God and his perspective (Matt. 6:33).
John 7:1-9

Lesson 4: Outward Signs and Inward Commitments

Disciples of Christ rely on God's grace (Eph. 2:8-9).
Acts 15:1-12

SEPTEMBER 2026



The Art of Forgiveness

This is a 5-week series in the Community Root that helps us understand the role of biblical forgiveness in the lives of believers. God's Word teaches us that we should love each other because "love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8)—that level of love must include forgiveness. God's love brings forgiveness to us; our love for him and others should drive us to forgive others.

Lesson 1: Sin is a Given, But We Are Forgiveness

Disciples of Christ offer forgiveness and mercy to others (Ephesians 4:32).
Luke 17:1-4

Lesson 2: Forgiveness in Action

Disciples of Christ seek God and his perspective (Matt. 6:33).
Luke 23:32-38

Lesson 3: Part of the Outfit

Disciples of Christ share God's grace with the world (Acts 20:24).
Colossians 3:12-17

Lesson 4: Forgiveness Flow

Disciples of Christ rely on God's grace (Eph. 2:8-9).
Matthew 6:9-15

Lesson 5: Forgiving Freely

Disciples of Christ offer forgiveness and mercy to others (Ephesians 4:32).
Genesis 45:1-11; 50:15-21

OCTOBER 2026



Origin Story

This is a 4-week series in the Apologetics Root that examines how everything started, how we ruined it all, and how God solved our problem. God's creation was perfect, including us. Then we chose our own way, a path away from him. Because of God's unfailing and unconditional love for us, he created a way back to him through Jesus.

Lesson 1: A Perfect Creation

Disciples of Christ discern God at work in the world around them (John 5:17).
Genesis 1 & John 1

Lesson 2: A "Very Good" Work

Disciples of Christ find their meaning and purpose in the Lord (2 Cor. 5:17).
Genesis 1:26-31; 2:4-25

Lesson 3: A Broken Relationship

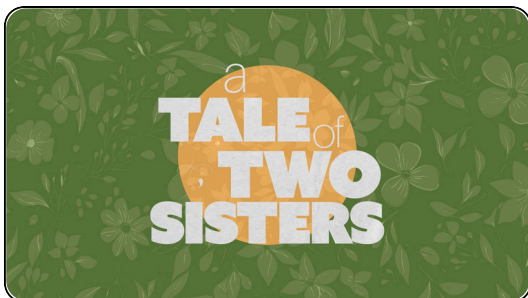
Disciples of Christ recognize their need for a Savior (Rom. 3:23).
Genesis 3; Mark 10:18; Romans 3:10-12

Lesson 4: A Great Sacrifice

Disciples of Christ depend on Christ for salvation (Acts 4:12).
Genesis 3; Romans 5:12-21

WINTER 2026-2027

NOVEMBER 2026



A Tale of Two Sisters

This is a 3-week series in the Worship Root that studies the lives of two sisters, Mary and Martha. Both of these women loved Jesus, but often differed in how they related to and spent time with him. Like us, these women chose ways that were comfortable to them to honor and worship the Lord.

Lesson 1: Being with Jesus

Disciples of Christ make an effort to glorify God in all they do (1 Cor. 10:31).
Luke 10:38-42

Lesson 2: Even If

Disciples of Christ acknowledge God for who he is and what he's done (Pr. 3:5-6).
John 11:1-44

Lesson 3: The Aroma of Worship

Disciples of Christ live a lifestyle of worship (Rom. 12:1-2).
John 12:1-8

DECEMBER 2026



Arrival

This is a 3-week series in the Rescue Root examining the prophecies Christ fulfilled in the first Advent, prophecies about his second Advent, and how we can be ready for his return. While we celebrate the birth of Jesus during the Christmas season, we can't forget that he's coming again. Most of the world missed Christ's first coming; the world won't be able to deny his second coming.

Lesson 1: God Kept His Word

Disciples of Christ recognize their need for a Savior (Romans 3:23).
Genesis 3:14-15; Isaiah 7:14-15, Micah 5:2, Isaiah 9:6-7, Genesis 49:8-10

Lesson 2: Ready for the King

Disciples of Christ depend on Christ for salvation (Acts 4:12).
Hebrews 9:27-28; Matthew 24:30-31; Revelation 1:7 & 19:11-16

Lesson 3: Ready or Not!

Disciples of Christ share God's grace with the world (Acts 20:24).
Matthew 24:36-51

JANUARY 2027



Extraordinarily Ordinary

This is a 4-week series in the Identity Root that demonstrates how submitting all we are to God allows him to do incredible things through us. It's not our abilities that produce miracles for God's Kingdom; it's his work in us that does the impossible.

Lesson 1: Be with Jesus

Disciples of Christ share the truth about God through their words and actions (1 John 3:18).
Acts 3-4:14

Lesson 2: Give to Jesus

Disciples of Christ follow Christ's example of sacrificial service (Phil. 2:5-8).
John 6:1-14

Lesson 3: Help Others See God's Grace

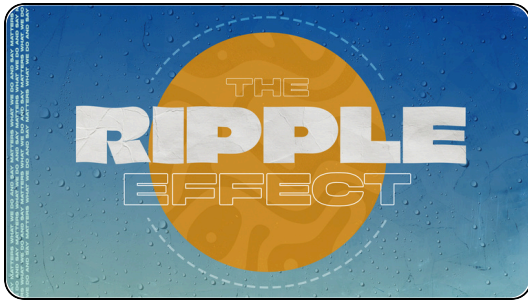
Disciples of Christ share God's grace with the world (Acts 20:24).
2 Kings 5:1-14

Lesson 4: Sacrificial Love

Disciples of Christ seek God and his perspective (Matt. 6:33).
Mark 12:41-44

SPRING 2027

FEBRUARY 2027



The Ripple Effect

This is a 4-week series in the Community Root. Our actions rarely, if ever, affect only us. When we sin, it harms us and hurts those around us. When we are obediently following God, not only are our lives made better, but God blesses those around us through us. What we do and say matters.

Lesson 1: God's Faithfulness in Hard Times

Disciples of Christ allow God to grow them in every circumstance (James 1:2-4).
Genesis 39 & 41

Lesson 2: Nothing is Hidden from God

Disciples of Christ consistently choose God's way over their way (Luke 9:23).
Joshua 7

Lesson 3: God's Blessing Multiplied

Disciples of Christ seek God and his perspective (Matt. 6:33).
Genesis 30:25-36

Lesson 4: The Cover Up

Disciples of Christ live a life of integrity (Psalm 15:1-3).
2 Samuel 11

MARCH 2027



Set Free

This is a 4-week series in the Rescue Root that examines the parallels between God delivering his people from the slavery of Egypt and him delivering his people from the bondage of sin. This series culminates in a lesson that's perfect for Easter.

Lesson 1: Caught in the Chains

Disciples of Christ recognize their need for a Savior (Rom. 3:23).
Exodus 1:1-22, Romans 6:15-23

Lesson 2: Trapped No More

Disciples of Christ depend on Christ for salvation (Acts 4:12).
Exodus 3:7-12; John 3:16; 8:31-38

Lesson 3: Decisions, Decisions

Disciples of Christ recognize their need for a Savior (Rom. 3:23).
Exodus 5:1-9, Luke 9:23-27

Lesson 4: Covered and Protected

Disciples of Christ depend on Christ for salvation (Acts 4:12).
Exodus 12:1-27; 1 Corinthians 5:7; John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:13-21; 1 John 1:5-10; Ephesians 1:7; Romans 2:21-26

APRIL 2027



Faith in Action

This is a 5-week series in the Kingdom Root that walks through the book of James. The overall theme of James is for believers to live out their faith, “be doers of the word, and not hearers only” (James 1:22). James lays out several common circumstances and practical applications to move away from worldliness and toward faithfulness.

Lesson 1: Joy Through Testing

Disciples of Christ allow God to grow them in every circumstance (James 1:2-4).
James 1:2-18

Lesson 2: Listening and Doing

Disciples of Christ apply God’s Word in their lives (James 1:22).
James 1:19-27

Lesson 3: Faith and Works

Disciples of Christ obey God’s commands (John 14:15).
James 2:14-26

Lesson 4: Talk, Talk, Talk

Disciples of Christ glorify God with their speech (Psalm 63:3).
James 3:1-12

Lesson 5: Friendship with the World

Disciples of Christ consistently choose God’s way over their way (Luke 9:23).
James 4:1-12

SUMMER 2027

MAY 2027



Who’s My Neighbor?

This is a 4-week series in the Outreach Root that explores what it means to live out Christ’s call to love our neighbors. We tend to think of our neighbors as being the people closest to us, but Jesus’ definition of neighbor stretches far beyond proximity, similarities, or value systems. To love our neighbor is to love people.

Lesson 1: Love Your Neighbor

Disciples of Christ follow Christ’s example of sacrificial service (Phil. 2:5-8).
Luke 10:25-37

Lesson 2: Look for Ways to Love

Disciples of Christ share the truth about God through their words and actions (1 John 3:18).
2 Samuel 9

Lesson 3: Love Requires Faith

Disciples of Christ follow God in the big and small ways (Col. 3:17).
1 Kings 17:8-16

Lesson 4: Generous Service

Disciples of Christ form deep relationships with other disciples (Heb. 10:24-25).
2 Kings 4:8-17

JUNE & JULY 2027



Practice Makes Perfect

This is a 9-week series in the Kingdom Root that examines different spiritual disciplines that grow our relationship with the Lord and strengthen our faith in him. Like all other disciplines in our lives, the more we do something, the more natural it becomes and the better we become at it. Practice makes us better and stronger. Practicing spiritual disciplines will benefit our faith for years to come.

Lesson 1: Prayer

Disciples of Christ spend time alone with God (Mark 1:35).
Matthew 6:5-13; Luke 11:1

Lesson 2: Fasting

Disciples of Christ seek God and his perspective (Matt. 6:33).
Ezra 8:21-23; Matthew 6:16-18; Luke 4:1-2; Acts 9:8-9

Lesson 3: Study

Disciples of Christ reflect on God's truth routinely (Phil. 4:8).
Psalm 119:9-16 & Psalm 1

Lesson 4: Service

Disciples of Christ follow Christ's example of sacrificial service (Phil. 2:5-8).
John 13:1-17

Lesson 5: Worship

Disciples of Christ make an effort to glorify God in all they do (1 Cor. 10:31).
Mark 12:30; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Lesson 6: Confession

Disciples of Christ rely on God's grace (Eph. 2:8-9).
1 John 1:5-10; James 5:16

Lesson 7: Sabbath (Rest)

Disciples of Christ follow God in the big and small ways (Col. 3:17).
Genesis 2:1-3; Matthew 11:25-30

Lesson 8: Stewardship

Disciples of Christ respond with thankfulness to God's many gifts (1 Thes. 5:18).
Matthew 25:14-30 & 1 Peter 4:10

Lesson 9: Community

Disciples of Christ form deep relationships with other disciples (Heb. 10:24-25).
1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Hebrews 10:24-25

2026–2027 SCOPE & SEQUENCE (SHORT VERSION)

FALL 2026

Rule-Breaker (August)

Knowledge Root

A 4-week series on the difference between following rules and following Jesus.

The Art of Forgiveness (September)

Community Root

A 5-week series that helps students understand biblical forgiveness.

Origin Story (October)

Apologetics Root

A 4-week series that walks through Creation, the Fall, and God's redemptive solution through Christ.

WINTER 2026–2027

A Tale of Two Sisters (November)

Worship Root

A 3-week series on what we can learn from Mary and Martha about different ways to honor and worship God.

Arrival (December)

Rescue Root

A 3-week series that explores Christ's first coming and His promised return.

Extraordinarily Ordinary (January)

Identity Root

A 4-week series that shows how God uses ordinary people for extraordinary Kingdom impact.

SPRING 2027

The Ripple Effect (February)

Community Root

A 4-week series that demonstrates how our obedience—or disobedience—affects others.

Set Free (March)

Rescue Root

A 4-week series that draws powerful parallels between the Exodus and the freedom Christ offers from sin. Includes an Easter lesson.

Faith in Action (April)

Kingdom Root

A 5-week series through the book of James, examining practical ways to move from worldliness to faithfulness.

SUMMER 2027

Who's My Neighbor? (May)

Outreach Root

A 4-week series that redefines what it means to love people the way Jesus does.

Practice Makes Perfect (June & July)

Kingdom Root

A 9-week series that explores different spiritual disciplines that grow our relationship with God and strengthen our faith.