



Our Mission

Growing families closer to God and closer to each other.

As ministry leaders, and as parents, it's often difficult to see "the forest for the trees". We believe that by returning to God's design for faith, based in family and community, there is tremendous opportunity to lead a simple, yet solid, plan of spiritual growth that outlasts a lifetime. If God is calling you to lead the next generation into spiritual growth & renewal, *we're here to help.*

At Growfamily, our vision is to empower, equip & encourage families, and leaders of families, to grow a strong faith with generational impact.

- ideas & inspiration designed for children, parents & ministry leaders
- faith resources based on Biblical objectives, current research/ trends & developmental theory
- online, coaching & workshop support for ministry teams

"Grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now & forever!"

2 Peter 3:18

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About Us



Dori Beltz

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After five years as an elementary school teacher, Dori stepped into family ministry, serving as a pastor for more than 15 years. Her passion is to bridge generations and provide experiences that merge individual narratives with God's story. Dori's flair for creativity has resulted in several ventures designed to bolster faith development, including the "growthrings" concept. During the summer, you'll find Dori amidst kids and critters leading her Bible-based barnyard day camp. Dori and her husband Chris have been blessed with five amazing kids, ages 14-23.



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Shelley served in children's and family ministry for over two decades, most recently with the International Network of Children's Ministry. She has a passion to serve and equip ministry leaders as they serve children and families. Her book, *24 Family Ministry Events for the Holidays* was published by RoseKidz in 2017. She also works with clients through her business, Kidmin Specialties, to assess and evaluate ministries to effectively reach children and families through a wide variety of initiatives. Shelley and her husband Mike have 4 children, ages 10-20.

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**Ministry Tools for Leaders and Parents
Designed for Generational Spiritual Impact & Renewal**

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Scripture: The fruit of each growthring is rooted in God's Word, with layers that intentionally span across childhood.

LOVE 1 Yr	<i>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.</i> 1 John 5:2
BLESSING 2 Yr	<i>And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.</i> Mark 10:16
FAITH 3 Yr	<i>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.</i> Deuteronomy 6:7
WONDER 4 Yr	<i>On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.</i> Psalm 145:5
PRAYER 5 Yr	<i>Pray continually.</i> 1 Thessalonians 5:17
TRUTH 6 Yr	<i>I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.</i> Psalm 119:11
WORSHIP 7 Yr	<i>For where two or three are gathered, I am there among them.</i> Matthew 18:20
STORY 8 Yr	<i>One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.</i> Psalm 145:4
COVENANT 9 Yr	<i>As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.</i> Joshua 24:15
WISDOM 10 Yr	<i>Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.</i> Psalm 119:105
MERCY 11 Yr	<i>Act justly and love mercy and walk humbly with your God.</i> Micah 6:8
JOY 12 Yr	<i>Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.</i> 1 John 4:11
IDENTITY 13 Yr	<i>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!</i> 2 Corinthians 5:17
COMMUNITY 14 Yr	<i>And so you will bear testimony to me.</i> Luke 21:13
AUTHORITY 15 Yr	<i>Neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.</i> Romans 8:39
FOLLOW 16 Yr	<i>Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.</i> Jeremiah 3:15
GRACE 17 Yr	<i>My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.</i> 2 Corinthians 12:9
PURPOSE 18 Yr	<i>Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.</i> Proverbs 16:3
LEAD 19 Yr	<i>Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.</i> 1 Timothy 4:12
PEACE 20 Yr	<i>The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.</i> Numbers 6:24



**A Fundamental Framework for Spiritual Growth,
Designed to Inspire & Guide Those Who Lead**

Development:

Theories of cognitive, psychosocial & faith development are accounted for, providing practical application for all life stages.

LOVE 1 Yr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• model habits & spiritual disciplines• safe environment/respond to needs• opportunities to make decisions and verbalize faith• activities together that build relationships
BLESSING 2 Yr	
FAITH 3 Yr	
WONDER 4 Yr	
PRAYER 5 Yr	
TRUTH 6 Yr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• imaginative play• images & story-telling• opportunities to serve & be active
WORSHIP 7 Yr	
STORY 8 Yr	
COVENANT 9 Yr	
WISDOM 10 Yr	
MERCY 11 Yr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• connect lessons to life• answer logical, black/white questions• recognize & celebrate uniqueness• events/activities that build relationships
JOY 12 Yr	
IDENTITY 13 Yr	
COMMUNITY 14 Yr	
AUTHORITY 15 Yr	
FOLLOW 16 Yr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• provide opportunities for self-reflection & discovery• grow community of support & involvement• provide opportunities to serve• listen more; talk less
GRACE 17 Yr	
PURPOSE 18 Yr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• invite/include in all aspects of church & community• maintain & deepen relationships
LEAD 19 Yr	
PEACE 20 Yr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• faith partnership, not leadership• allow space & consequences• offer unconditional support & encouragement

Perspectives: By acknowledging both the adult and child's point of view, growth objectives are personalized and practical.

“I will come alongside parents as they:”		“I will discover that:”
LOVE 1 Yr	commit to maintaining a faith-centered home & church	God loves me
BLESSING 2 Yr	speak life through scripture	God’s Word is for me
FAITH 3 Yr	reinforce God’s love through everyday faith experiences	God is always with me
WONDER 4 Yr	recognize God’s goodness	God is good
PRAYER 5 Yr	teach & model a lifestyle of prayer	God listens to me
TRUTH 6 Yr	explore the basics of the Bible together	God teaches me
WORSHIP 7 Yr	establish a culture of worship	I make God happy
STORY 8 Yr	understand God’s Biblical narrative	I am part of God’s story
COVENANT 9 Yr	create a framework of family faith	God leads my family
WISDOM 10 Yr	explore the treasure found in God’s word	God leads me
MERCY 11 Yr	discover family purpose through selfless service	I love God by loving others
JOY 12 Yr	experience the blessing of sharing gifts & resources	serving and giving bring joy
IDENTITY 13 Yr	share God’s plan for growth and relationships	I am who God says I am
COMMUNITY 14 Yr	support a shared expression of faith	others know God through me
AUTHORITY 15 Yr	claim God’s provision and protection over evil	God takes care of me
FOLLOW 16 Yr	connect with a dedicated faith coach	Godly people lead me
GRACE 17 Yr	dig deep into honesty and forgiveness	God always forgives
PURPOSE 18 Yr	seek opportunities to share Jesus	I will share my faith
LEAD 19 Yr	encourage shepherding of others	I can lead people to God
PEACE 20 Yr	release with Godly confidence	my faith is my own