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Breakout Session: Strategic Discipleship Ages 0-18 & Beyond

Workbook

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Description and Contents

Sending healthy disciples into the world doesn't just happen by chance, it happens as we create intentional and reproducible systems to empower, equip and send our greatest treasures into the kingdom, our children. In this interactive workbook you will work to build a successful model for the strategic discipleship of the next generation in your church. You will be challenged to evaluate your current models in order to strategically ensure your families and church leadership are intentionally making disciples of your kids aged 0-18 and beyond. This work book will help you build a strategic plan for home and church discipleship in order to see your community achieve the great commission through the equipping and sending of the next generation.

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Introduction and Establishing the Why

Notes: _____

Intentional Discipleship

Relational Environments

Reproducible Process

Why: _____

What is my 'Why' for engaging in the next generation of Jesus followers?

7 Practices of Effective Ministry:

Andy Stanley, Reggie Joiner, Lane Jones

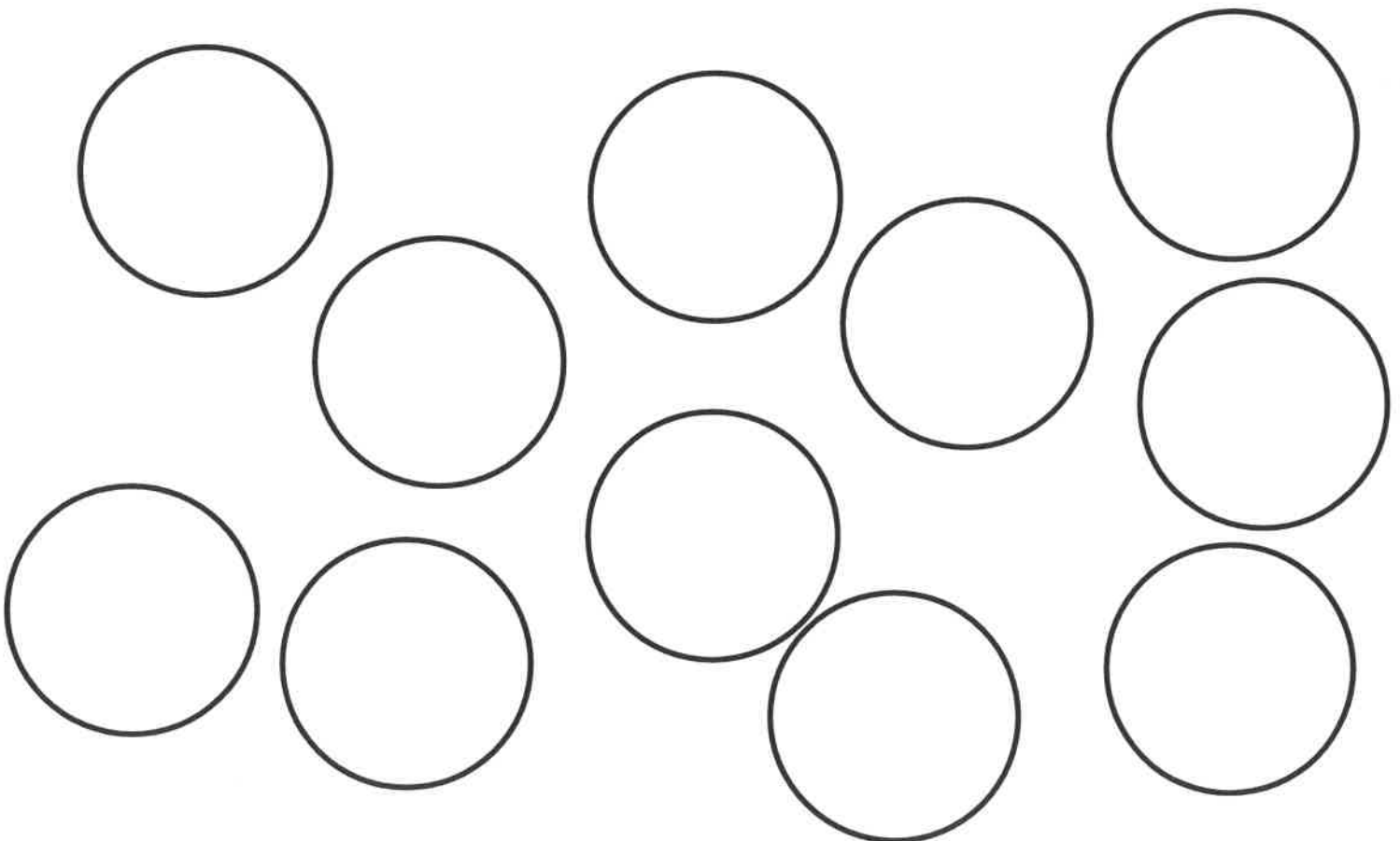
1. **Clarify the Win.** When all is said and done, what is it that we want to look back on and celebrate?
2. **Think Steps, Not Programs.** Your programs should take people somewhere, not simply fill up their time. Ask yourself, “Where do we want our people to be? What do we want them to become? Is our programming designed to take them there?”
3. **Narrow The Focus.** Focus is the key to achieving excellence and making an impact. Each ministry environment should be designed to do no more than one or two things well.
4. **Teach More For Less.** The less you say, the more you will communicate. Learn to say only what you need to say to the people who need to hear it.
5. **Listen To Outsiders.** The needs and interests of insiders have a tendency to determine the agenda for the organization. Focus your efforts on those you’re trying to reach, rather than those you’re trying to keep.
6. **Replace Yourself.** One day someone else will be doing what you are doing. Embrace the inevitable and prepare now for the future.
7. **Work On It.** To maintain your relevance, your sanity, and your effectiveness, you must carve out time in your schedule to step back and evaluate what you are doing and how you are doing it.

Understanding Spiritual Development

Know, Grow, Go

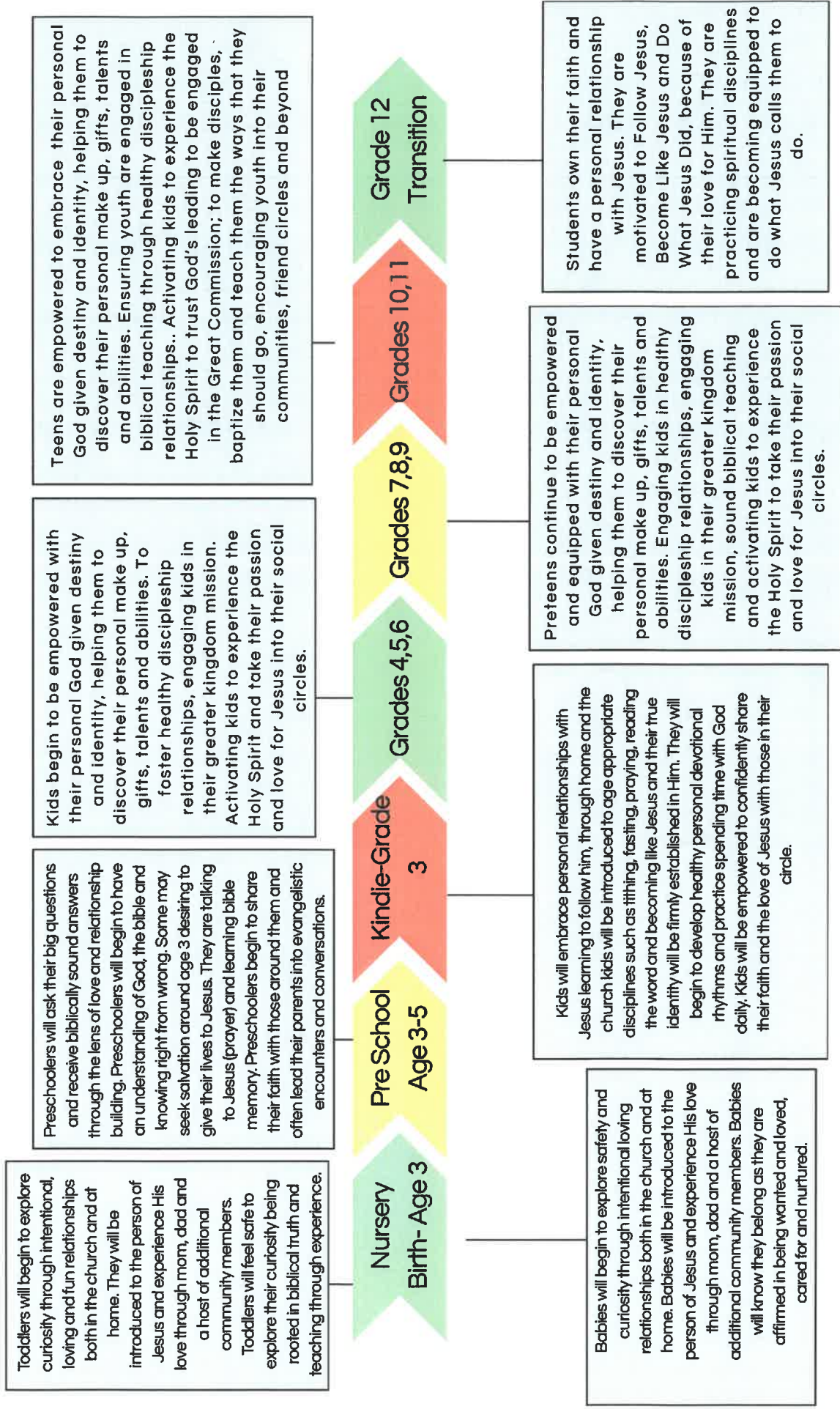
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Something Spots



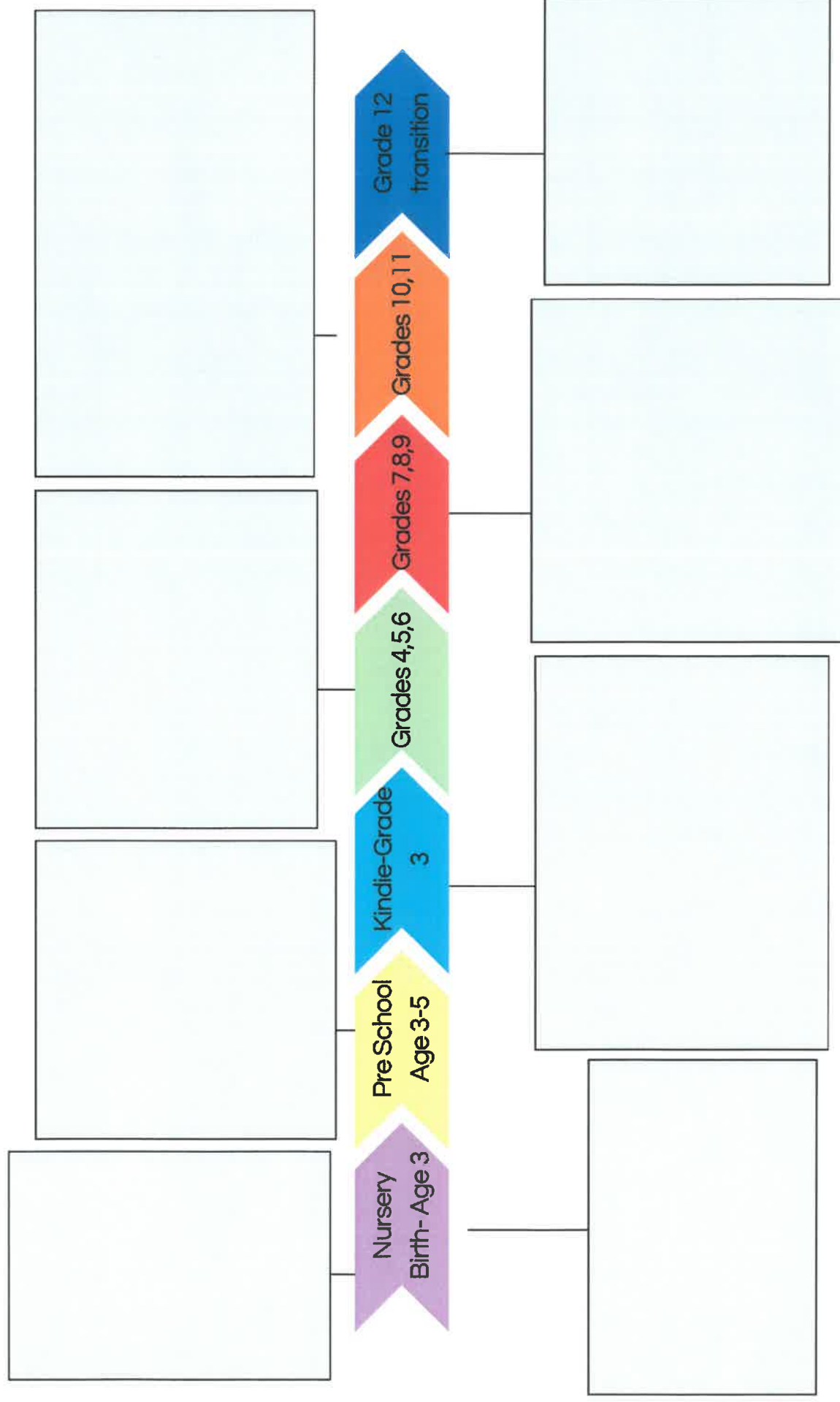
CONNECT KIDS/YOUTH SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Setting intentional spiritual goals for kids/youth to be disciplined and nurtured to Follow Jesus, Become Like Jesus, and be empowered to Do What Jesus Did.



YOUR STRATEGY: SPIRITUAL GOAL SETTING

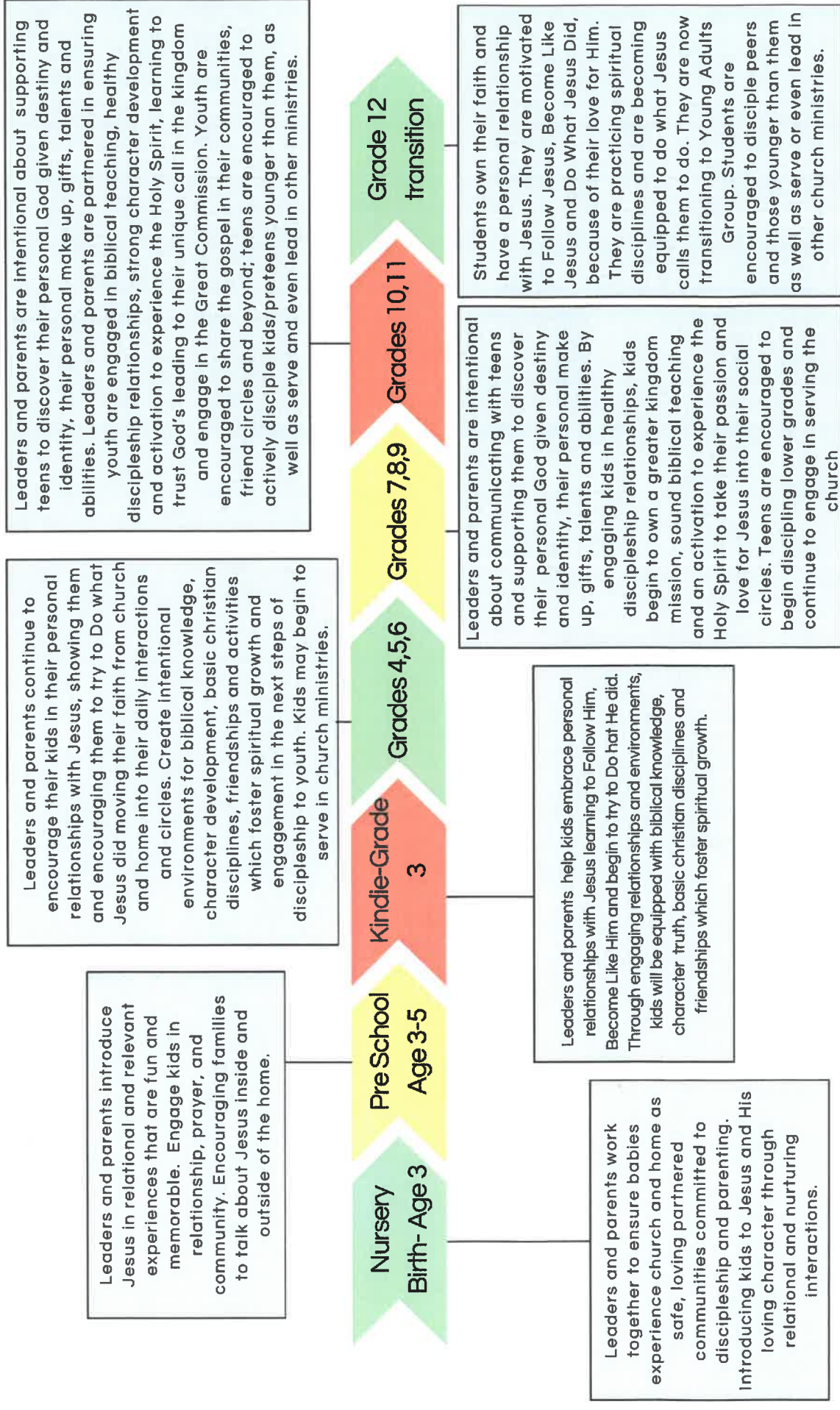
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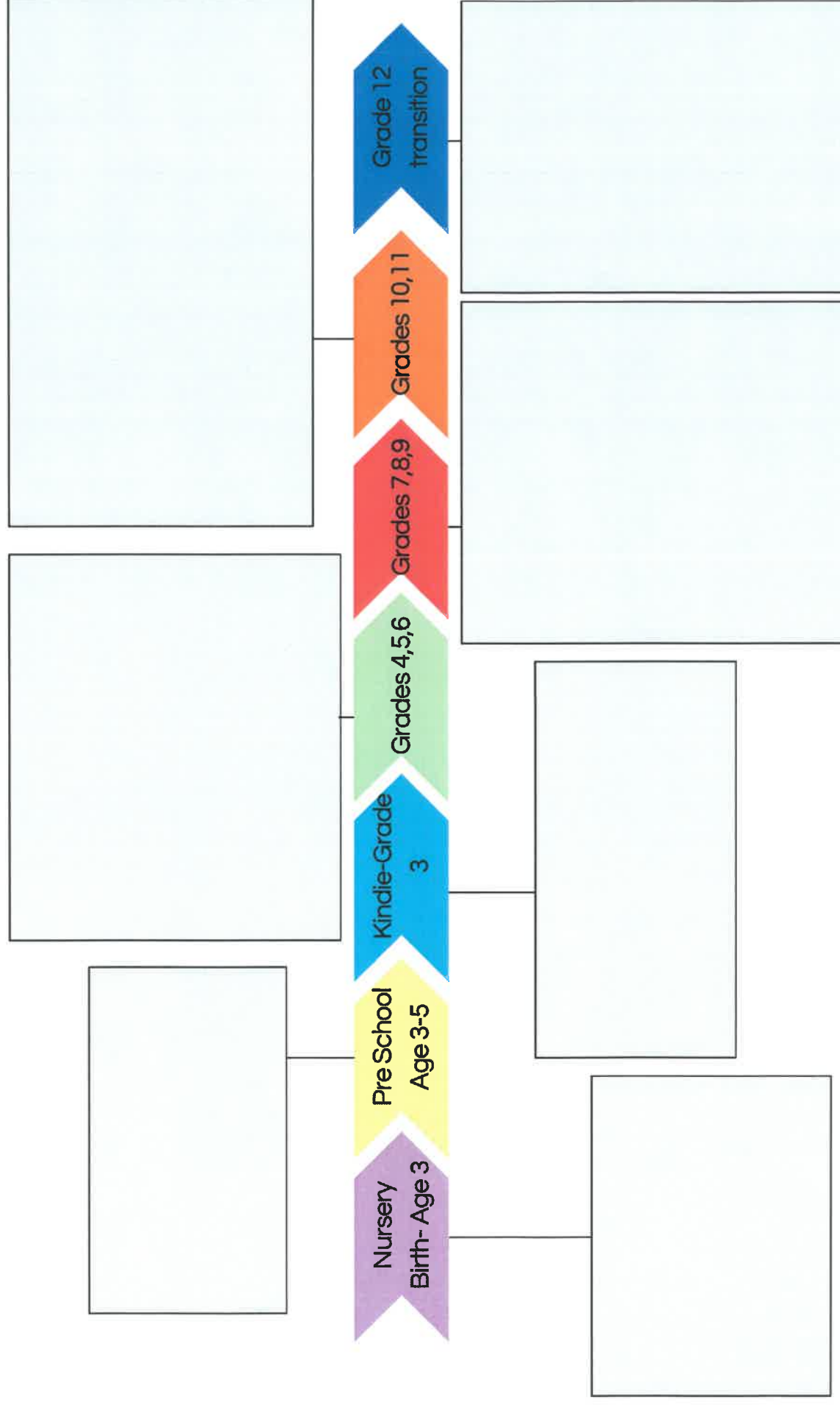
DISCIPLESHIP

Facilitating engaging, fun, relational environments for kids/youth to learn to Follow Jesus, Become Like Jesus, and be empowered to Do What Jesus Did.



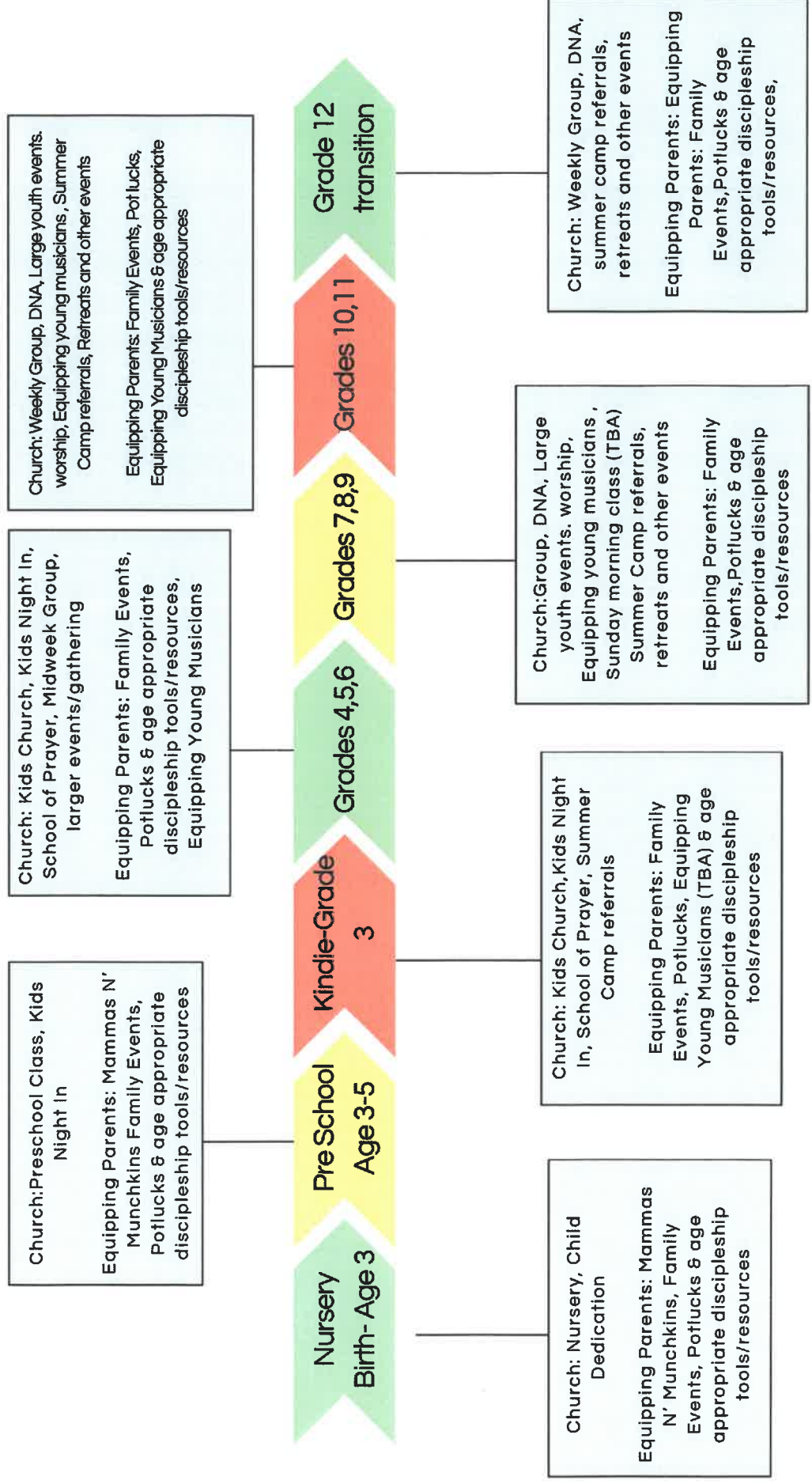
YOUR STRATEGY: INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

Your discipleship statement:



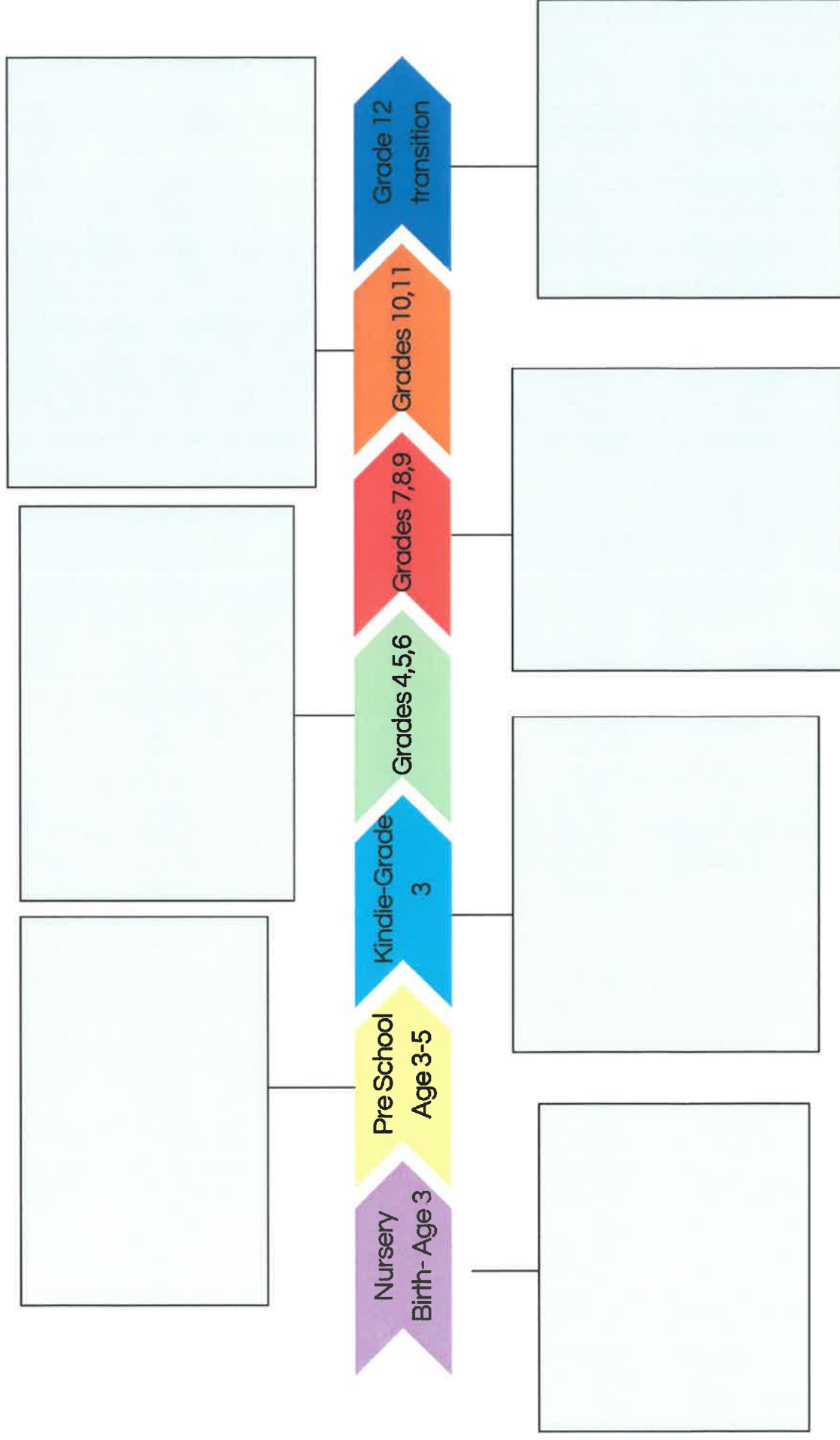
CONNECT KIDS/YOUTH EQUIPPING FAMILIES

Equipping families to Live Like Jesus extending the hope of the the gospel through the family unit.



YOUR STRATEGY: HOME AND CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

Your statement:



Building Intentional and Cohesive Leadership

Notes: _____

Chief

Responsible for the overall leadership, development, vision casting, strategy management, and operations of the department.

Captain

Responsible to oversee personnel, plays a key role in the roll out of strategy, administration, volunteer coordinating, duties & programming.

Lieutenant

Responsible for the oversight of one age group.
May assist with vision casting, volunteer care, training etc

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Team Members

Team member who serves in role of teacher, helper, front line workers.

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Captain:_____

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Age Group:_____

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Resources:

Connect Church Cranbrook Kids/Youth Resource Development

Connect Church Discipleship Resources

Real Life Discipleship- Jim Puttman

The Spiritual Growth of Children- Focus on the Family

Phase Guides- Orange Strategy

Don't Miss It- Orange Strategy

Power of a Parent's Blessing- Craig Hill

Visioneering- Andy Stanley