

August Garden Tote Bag

This garden tote bag is filled with items you'll need during your 2025 - 2026 year with Growing Families.

1. **A three-ring binder** with your August curriculum
 - **Time Budget worksheet.** Please fill these out after you watch Dr. Steve Stratton's video this month!
 - **August Family Worksheets**
 - **Coloring sheet** for young children. This will keep them engaged during your family conversation.
 - **A Growing Families contract.**
2. **Growth chart** to record your child/children's growth over the next 9 months.
3. **Townhouse backdrop and peg dolls** that represent your family and home. While your younger children play house with these, listen closely to the stories they tell about your family.
4. **Blank journals** for each family member to use throughout our months together.
 - Consider spending a few moments each week together as a family. Integrate the spiritual practice of bible reading into your time together. Read or memorize this month's theme verse:



***2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.***

6. God's Story Blocks reveal the monthly bible story. Each month, we will highlight one part of God's Story. Place these blocks somewhere in your home where the family members can see them. Supervise young children with the blocks so they don't get lost. We hope this set will be a keepsake for many years.

Some items you will find each month in your resource bag:

- New curriculum pages to put in your binder.
- Books for parents or children.
- A small bag with props to help you tell God's Story. **Housekeeping hint:** keep your stories organized by putting story pieces back in the bags after using them.
- A family snack.

For further reading on the importance of Catechesis and Discipleship in handing down the faith, this article is a great read:

<https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/resources/catechesis-and-christian-discipleship/>