Practical Ways to Use Share the Science®: STEM to Advance Early STEM Learning

1. In Your School:
   - Make an appointment with your principal or your school’s science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) specialist to showcase the virtual reality (VR) experience.
   - Bring a headset (or your cellphone and a pair of cardboard goggles) to your child’s teacher’s room and give demonstrations.
   - Email this report on early STEM learning to everyone who influences school curriculum.
   - Visit several early learning programs in your area and use the app to start a discussion about how to transform early learning to incorporate STEM.

2. In Your Community:
   - Get the buzz going by identifying five key nonprofit groups in your community that have a lot of influence in your community and over local schools—organizations like Rotary International, Kiwanis International, Deltas, or your local Junior League club, children’s hospital, child welfare agency, etc. Then ask if you can give a short introduction to Share the Science®:STEM at an upcoming meeting or if you can meet with a key leader about the VR experience.
   - Contact the head of your local Parent-Teacher Organization and ask about raising funds and/or increasing awareness about early STEM learning in your community.
   - Attend a local city council or school board meeting and suggest increased funding for early STEM learning. Bring the VR goggles as a visual aid.
   - Bring VR goggles to your local makerspace/fab lab and use the app as a way to start conversations about early STEM learning with community members.

3. In Your Place of Worship:
   - Write a short notice for your newsletter, suggesting that those who got VR headsets for the holidays might want to use them for good will.
   - Share the app at community gatherings or at religious school.
4. With Your Social and Professional Networks:
   - Post a picture of yourself in Share the Science® goggles on your Facebook page and link to www.sharethescience.org.
   - Ask who got a VR headset for the holidays and follow up with a link to the app.

5. With Your Family:
   - When parenting conversations turn to the dilemmas of the digital world, bring up this app as an example of good educational uses of technology.
   - Plan a family movie night where everyone can try out the app. Talk about what you've learned, and brainstorm ways different family members can become involved through volunteering, advocacy, etc.

6. With Elected and Appointed Officials:
   - Ask for an appointment with the head of your school board to share the app.
   - Make an appointment with your congressional representative during a recess period and explain why it is important to encourage early STEM learning; use Share the Science®:STEM as your leave-behind.
   - Identify who routinely lobbies your legislature (for local industry, business, agriculture, etc.). Contact lobbyists and ask them to make early STEM learning their “second issue.” To explain its importance to their industries, use the app.

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