



FIRST PRIORITY  
HOPE WEEKLY GUIDE

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# CHOOSE THIS DAY

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Choose this day whom you will serve...  
Joshua 24:15

*A year of intentional choices to follow  
Jesus and share the Good News.*





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This guide is designed to equip you to share the Gospel story in your school.

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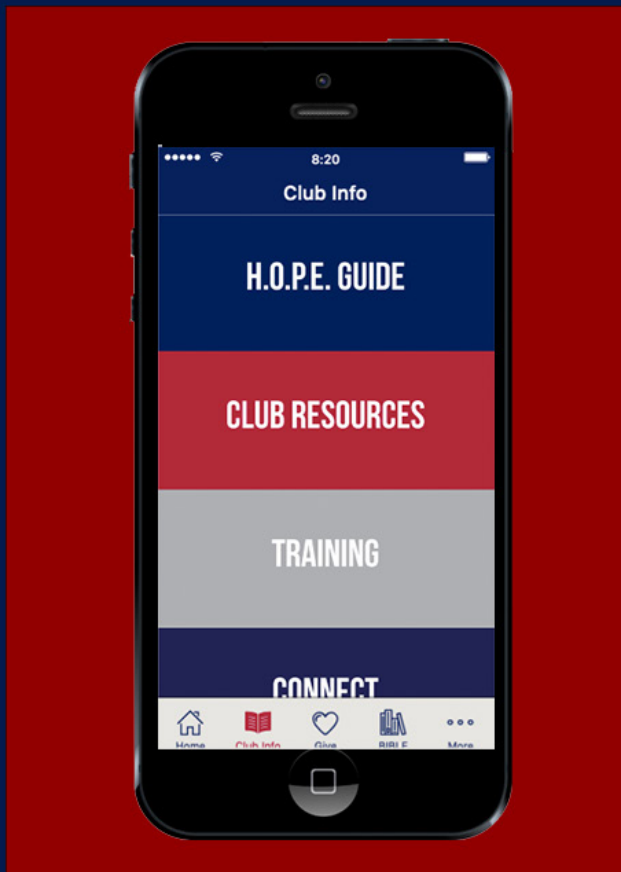
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# APPS & RESOURCES

The following apps are great tools to equip you to share the Good News of Jesus.



**YouVersion**  
The Bible App™

The YouVersion Bible App is the Bible in your pocket!



MySharePal is a simple and systematic way to share the Gospel.

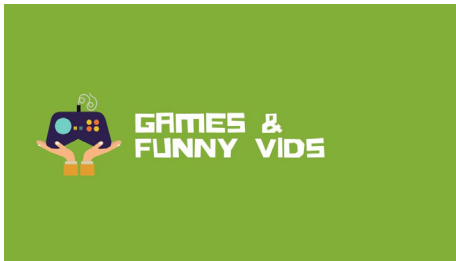
**BibleProject**  
[youtube.com/thebibleproject](https://youtube.com/thebibleproject)

The Bible Project is a collection of videos that tell how the Bible is a story leading to Jesus.



The Life in 6 Words app will give you a simple way to share the Gospel.

Go to [firstpriority.club/resources](https://firstpriority.club/resources) for additional resources.



**STUDENT STORIES**



**POSTERS**

**FOLLOW UP SHEET**

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**STUDENT RESPONSE CARDS**

**PLANNING GUIDES**

# GOSPEL TOOLS

The following are the Help Week Gospel Tools.

**THE WAGES OF SIN IS**

**THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL**

**WHY AM I W.A.I.T I CHOOSE TO LISTEN TALKING**

James 1:19

You are God's Valentine

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

"but God shows His LOVE for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

God loves you so much, He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ to die for you.

"because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

Today you can choose the LOVE, and FORGIVENESS that Jesus offers through His death, burial, and resurrection.

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be SAVED." Romans 10:13

Happy Valentine's Day

**JESUS LOVES YOU**  
We have all sinned and are separated from God.  
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

But God still loves us.  
"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Sin earns us death in hell but God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

If we confess our sins and turn from them, believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, we will be saved.

"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:9-10,13

**CHOOSE JESUS TODAY**

**PRAYER TIME**  
**APPOINTMENT WITH GOD**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_



.tsp (TEASPOON PRAYER)

**T** IS FOR THANK YOU  
TAKE TIME TO THANK GOD FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE FOR YOU.

**S** IS FOR SORRY  
ASK GOD FOR FORGIVENESS FOR THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE DONE WRONG.

**P** IS FOR PLEASE  
ASK GOD FOR WHAT YOU NEED AND FOR THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.

**CHOOSE PRAYER**

**THE Cause Circle**

Who is God prompting you to **Pray**, **Care** for, and **Share** the Gospel with?  
Write their names on the lines below.

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\_\_\_\_\_



DARE 2 SHARE MINISTRIES

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## CANDY CANE GOSPEL

**SHEPHERD'S STAFF**  
JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
JOHN 10:14

**RED STRIPES**  
REPRESENT THE BLOOD THAT JESUS SHED ON THE CROSS TO FORGIVE US OF OUR SINS  
Romans 5:8

**WHITE CANDY**  
REPRESENTS THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN AND JESUS GIVING US A CLEAN HEART  
1 JOHN 1:9

**"J" FOR JESUS**  
YOU CAN BEGIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS TODAY BY CONFESSING YOUR SIN AND BELIEVING IN HIM  
Romans 10:9

The shape of the candy cane reminds us of a "Shepherd's Staff." In John chapter 10 verse 14, it says, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me."

The "Red Stripes" on the candy cane represents the blood that Jesus shed to forgive us of our sins. Romans chapter 5 verse 8 says, "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." We need forgiveness, because in Romans chapter 3 verse 23, we are reminded that we ALL have sinned: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

The "White Candy" represents the forgiveness of sins and a clean heart. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

When the candy cane is turned upside down, it represents a "J" for Jesus! To begin a relationship with Him, we must do what Romans chapter 10 verse 9 says, "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

## Ask, Listen, Lead



This survey card comes from the MySharePal app. You can use it to interview your friends. Ask the questions in a nice way. Listen to understand their answers. Don't be afraid to lead them by sharing about your relationship with God. Let them know that you are glad to talk more, if they have more questions. You would also be happy to pray with them, if they would like.

- Do you have any spiritual beliefs?
- Who do you think Jesus is?
- What do you think of your purpose in life is?
- What do you think happens to you when you die?
- If there was a way to have a relationship with God and go to heaven would you want to know?
- Did you know that Jesus died and rose again, so that we could have a relationship with God?
- Could I read some verses from the Bible that are on the back of this card to you?
- Did those verses say anything special to you?
- IF YES - Would you like to begin a relationship with Jesus today? (Pray the prayer on the back.)
- IF NO - Do you mind if I pray for you? If not, that's okay.

## Scripture And Prayer

- Romans 3:23 - all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- Romans 6:23 - the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Romans 5:8 - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Romans 10:9-10 - if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
- Romans 10:11 & 13 - Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
- Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**Prayer:**  
God, I want to begin a relationship with you. I believe the Good News of Jesus. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and rose again, so that I could have a relationship with Him. I know that I am not perfect, so I ask that you forgive me of the things that I have done wrong. I invite you to come into my life. I choose to trust and follow you now and forever. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



## eFOLDS Unfolding the Gospel!

easy, simple, portable.

**How to lead someone to Jesus Christ using the eFolds (optional)**

- 1) SHOW "MAN IN SIN" SEPARATED FROM "GOD"**
- 2) OPEN TO "CRIST ON THE CROSS"**
- 3) OPEN TO THE "TOMB"**
- 4) OPEN TO "RISEN CHRIST"**
- 5) OPEN TO "CROSS BRIDGE"**
- 6) OPEN TO "HEAVEN & HELL"**

**ASSURANCE OF SALVATION: SHOW HEAVEN & HELL**

**STEPS FOR FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST!**

- LOVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE.
- STUDY THE BIBLE (GOD'S WORD) DAILY.
- PRAY TO GOD CONSTANTLY.
- MEET REGULARLY WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS.
- TELL OTHERS THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS.

**ASK THE QUESTION: would you like to trust Jesus right now and be saved? (if YES, continue)**

**e3 RESOURCES**

SHARE YOUR STORY WITH US!

Write about the eFolds you shared and how you felt about it. Send your story to: [efolds@firstpriorityhope.com](mailto:efolds@firstpriorityhope.com)

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# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

## The Big Picture

### THE VISION

The hope of Christ in every student.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

**Matthew 6:10**



### THE STUDENT MISSION

Share the Good News of Jesus in your school.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
has come upon you, and you will be my (Jesus)  
witnesses.

**Acts 1:8a**

### THE TEAM

A group of students who share the Good News of Jesus  
together in school.

Sharing the Good News of Jesus as a team is something  
you do every day through actions and words. Here is  
an easy way to remember this and some things you can  
practice doing together:

**Be with Jesus. Become like Jesus. Do what Jesus did.**

#### Be With Jesus

Pray together  
Read Scripture together  
Eat meals together

#### Become Like Jesus

Let the Good News of Jesus make you like Him.

#### Do What Jesus Did

Pray for your school  
Love your school  
Serve your school  
Share the Good News  
Invite everyone into God's story



### THE GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y.



**S**CRIPTURE tells us who Jesus is and what  
He has done.



**T**RUE identity begins with knowing that  
God created us.



**O**UR lives are broken because of sin.



**R**EAL love is Jesus giving His life for ours.



**Y**ou are invited into God's story.

# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

## The Club

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### STUDENT LEADER ROLES

Assign a Student Leader to each role.  
Student Leaders should train someone a grade below them to help.



#### PROMO

Promote & Communicate Club

- Social Media
- Invitations
- Posters
- Announcements



#### WELCOME

Set Welcoming Environment

- Music
- Food
- Greet



#### HOST

Keep Club Meeting on Schedule

- Games
- Prayer
- Announcements
- HOPE Cycle Week



#### SPEAKER

Teach HOPE Cycle Content

- Teach Content
- Schedule Other Speakers



#### FOLLOW UP

Follow Up With New Students

- Be Available
- Manage Follow-Up Sheet
- Lead Follow-Up Process

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### HOPE STRATEGY

The HOPE Strategy will equip you to share the Good News of Jesus in your school.



#### HELP

Helping each other believe and share the Good News of Jesus.



#### OVERCOME

Overcoming things that keep you from believing and sharing the Good News of Jesus.



#### PREPARE

Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



#### ENGAGE

Engaging your school with the Good News of Jesus.



# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

## The Club

### LEADER MEETING

#### PLAN

- Choose way to communicate
- Plan monthly leader meeting
- Assign leader roles

#### PREPARE

- HOPE Cycle on Planning Guide
- Games, food, announcements, etc.
- Confirm speakers have HOPE content

#### PRAY

- Share Scripture
- Share prayer requests
- Pray together

### SPEAKER PREP

Preparing to speak begins with preparing your heart and understanding the content. This is an easy way to prepare. Read the content, pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you, and **HEAR**.

#### HEAR

**H**IGHLIGHT the Scripture

**E**XPLAIN how it speaks to you

**A**PPLY it to your own life

**R**ESPOND and share at FP

#### CLUB RESOURCES

[firstpriority.club/hope](http://firstpriority.club/hope)

On this website and the FP app, you can find club resources, such as game ideas, funny videos, extra resources from this guide, and more.

### CLUB SCHEDULE

1. Welcome & Open in Prayer
2. Game or Video
3. HOPE Content
4. Announcements & Close in Prayer

#### HEALTHY CLUBS

Healthy Clubs are a place where:

- Students are the leaders.
- All students are invited, loved, and welcomed.
- The Good News of Jesus is shared in word and action.
- All students are invited to follow Jesus.
- Practical tools are given to live on mission in school.

Use the 5 S.T.A.R. Club Evaluation sheet to evaluate the health & organization of your club.

### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGES

The First Priority Social Media Challenge is designed to assist students in engaging their peers with the gospel.

Each week of the school year will offer a challenge to students to post to their social media accounts (Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok, Facebook, etc.) memes, texts, or videos that communicate the theme of each HOPE Cycle and communicate the Gospel.

First Priority will provide memes for each of the weeks, but students can create their own materials for posting, if desired.

Each week of the **HOPE** Cycle has a different focus: Speak, Offer, Answer, and Proclaim (SOAP)

**H** Week: Speak the Truth

Post based on the cycle's theme.

**O** Week: Offer a Question

Ask a question to spark discussion.

**P** Week: Answer the Question

Share your answer to last week's question.

**E** Week: Proclaim the Gospel

Proclaim the Good News of Hope in Christ.

# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

## Adult Support Roles

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### **Club Coaches**

Coaches are adults who volunteer to train and equip students to lead their First Priority Clubs.

#### **Coaches help students:**

- Plan and prepare each week's club.
- Navigate crisis and conflict.
- Manage their club time well.
- Provide students with First Priority resources.

#### **Coaches commit to:**

- Register as a volunteer with the school.
- Be trained and vetted by First Priority.
- Fill out club reports.
- Utilize First Priority resources.
- Attend club meetings as allowed by the school.
- Attend First Priority Network meetings.

### **Teacher Sponsors**

Sponsors are teachers who volunteer to open their rooms for First Priority Club meetings and provide access to school resources.

#### **Teacher sponsors:**

- Liaison between the school and the club.
- Attend club meetings.
- Help access things, such as getting club on announcements, access to class boards, and other resources.

### **Parents**

Parents support students in prayer and celebrate them.

#### **Parents:**

- Volunteer to help at the club.
- Provide food and snacks for the club meeting.
- Get their church on board with praying for and supporting First Priority.
- Promote First Priority to other parents and the community.

### **Business Leaders**

The business community provides financial support and organizational leadership, so that First Priority is in every school in your area for many years to come.

#### **Business leaders:**

- Provide financial support.
- Serve as board members or advisors to the local First Priority chapter.
- Promote First Priority to other business and community leaders.

### **Churches**

Churches support the ministry of First Priority in the school.


#### **Churches:**

- Send students to be missionaries to their schools.
- Pray for the student missionaries, their schools, and for students to come to faith.
- Give financially to support the ministry of First Priority.
- Receive new students into their churches for long-term community and disciple-making.

# 5 S.T.A.R.S. CLUB EVALUATION

Student Leaders, you are the **ALL-STARS** of First Priority, taking the hope of Christ to every student. God will bless your efforts, as you continue to live **ON MISSION!**

This self-evaluation is broken into five categories and designed to help you have a healthy, effective club that makes a difference in your school. Do this evaluation together, rate your club, set goals, and ask your Club Coach to include it in their FP reporting, so we can pray with you. All three questions in a category should be checked yes to receive a star.

<b>STRONG: Student Leader Team</b>	<b>TRAINED: Club Coach</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Did we have leaders covering all five roles? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> <li>2. Did each leader fulfill their responsibility as outlined in the HOPE Guide? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> <li>3. Did each leader contribute and participate in most meetings? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Did we have a Club Coach who has been trained by FP? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> <li>2. Did we receive regular guidance from the Coach in areas of meeting, preparation objectives, leader roles, and best practices? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> <li>3. Did the Coach assist with resources, like printing, food, and club reporting? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> </ol>
<b>ACTIVE: Teacher Sponsor</b>	<b>REPEATED: HOPE Cycles</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Did we have a designated Teacher Sponsor on file with the school? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> <li>2. Was the Teacher Sponsor (or sub) present for all meetings? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> <li>3. Did the Teacher Sponsor help us navigate things, like unlocking meeting spaces, notifying of irregular schedules, and promoting the club to the school? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Did we follow the general purpose and theme of each Help, Overcome, Prepare, and Engage Week? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> <li>2. Did we clearly present the Gospel story of Jesus each cycle and invite all to believe and follow Him? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> <li>3. Was each week engaging, interactive, fun, and focused (as opposed to a lecture or unfocused meeting)? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> </ol>
<b>SINCERE: Salvations</b>	<b>OUR CLUB RATING IS:</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Did we create a welcoming environment for non-regular FP attenders on Engage Week? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> <li>2. Did we invite students who are not Jesus followers to join us on Engage Week? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> <li>3. Did we help students who responded to the Gospel get connected to a local youth group? Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes ___</li> </ol>	
	<b>IMPROVEMENT GOALS:</b>







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# PLANNING GUIDE


## Plan To Win


### HELP WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_


 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_


 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_


### OVERCOME WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_


 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_


 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_


### PREPARE WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_


 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_


 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_


### ENGAGE WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_

 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_

 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTES

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# HELP WEEK

## CHOOSE JESUS



Helping each other believe and share the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! This school year we will be talking about the choices we make every day and how they affect not only us but the people around us. This month we will focus on what it looks like to Choose Jesus, the greatest choice we can ever make. Let’s start things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about how to choose Jesus and use a new help tool that will walk us through it.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Help Week Discussion and Help Tool to make sure you understand it.
- Read the Help Week Discussion.
- Then pass out the **Life/Death Cards**.
- **HELP TOOL:** Life/Death Cards



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “H” Week

Speak the Truth

- Post this truth on your social media: I choose this day to serve the Lord! Joshua 24:15

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Overcome Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you as we continue our theme Choose Jesus.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.



SPEAKER

# HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE JESUS

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” **Joshua 24:14-15**

### EXPLAIN

Who you are today determines who you will be tomorrow. If you want to be a better student, you have to decide today to study and put in the work. If you want to grow in your relationship with God, you have to decide today to spend time reading His Word, the Bible. So when we decide what we want to do with our lives, we have more control than we think.

In Joshua chapter 24 verse 14, Joshua gave Israel a challenge: “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.” The decision was in their hands. God did not force Himself on anyone, but Joshua had already decided that he would follow and serve the Lord. In verse 15, Joshua gave them the choice: to serve the gods of their fathers or serve the Lord. You see, we do not need to convince people to serve the Lord. We have nothing to fear and everything to gain by presenting the options and giving our friends and family the right to make up their own minds.

Then Joshua made it personal at the end of verse 15: “But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” At the end of the day, it comes down to this: YOU must choose to serve the Lord. It won’t happen by accident. You must begin each day by choosing to serve Him and then follow up that decision with a bunch of small choices in the right direction. If you follow Jesus, there will come a time when you must say, “Do what you want, and whatever you do, I will still be your friend, but I am going to serve the Lord.”

The request is clear: Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. I pray you will make the right choice. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

### APPLY

Today’s Help Tool is the Life/Death card. Take the Life/Death card and begin with the word **Death** showing. Read the top of the card, “For the wages of sin is death”. Then flip the card clockwise to show the word **Life** and read the top of the card, “But the gift of God is eternal life.” Next, read the verses on the back as you continue to share the Gospel.

### RESPOND

Let’s get into groups and practice the Help Tool, before we leave today. Pray for God to give you boldness to begin the conversation about Jesus with the world.

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Decide today who you will be tomorrow and who you will serve.



# HELP WEEK TOOL

## CHOOSE JESUS

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# OVERCOME WEEK

## CHOOSE JESUS



Overcoming things that keep you from believing and sharing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Overcome Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### GAME OF CHOICES: WOULD YOU RATHER?

- Would you rather be covered in fur or covered in scales?
- Would you rather lose the ability to read or lose the ability to speak?
- Would you rather have free flights forever or never have to pay for food?
- Would you rather dance or sing to every song you hear?
- Would you rather only use a fork or only use a spoon?

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about what it means to choose Jesus. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about what we need to overcome to make Jesus first.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Overcome Week Discussion page to make sure you understand it.
- Read Overcome Week Discussion.
- Then break into groups and discuss.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “O” Week

Offer a Question

- Post this question on your social media:  
What has been one of the biggest choices you have ever made in your life?

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Prepare Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.



SPEAKER

# OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE JESUS

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“The young man said to him, ‘All these I have kept. What do I still lack?’ Jesus said to him, ‘If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.’” **Matthew 19:20-21**

### EXPLAIN

We don’t usually think of ourselves as being rich. There are people with bigger houses, more money, and nicer stuff. There is a sense of security when we have everything we need. Instead of looking to God to find our worth, we look at our “stuff” for that.

In the Book of Matthew chapter 19, we read about a young guy who was very wealthy. We call him the rich young ruler. He asked Jesus what good deed he must do to have eternal life. Jesus told him to follow the commandments. The rich young ruler told Jesus that he already followed all of them but was still lacking something. Jesus then told him in verse 21, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the rich young ruler heard this, he went away sad.

What? Is Jesus asking us to sell all our stuff? Maybe. When Jesus told the young man to sell all his stuff, He was telling him to get rid of everything that he had that was more important to him than Jesus. He is asking us to do the same. Jesus wants us to let go of whatever takes our focus off Him, so we can follow Him.

Real JOY comes from following Jesus and allowing Him to work through us. Sometimes that means that we must OVERCOME the desire to focus on “stuff.” At the end of the day, it’s not about us, it’s about Him.

The story in Matthew goes on to say that the rich young ruler was very sad when he walked away from the conversation with Jesus. He was sad, because he was not willing to give up the things that he loved to follow Jesus. What about you? Are you willing to say yes to whatever He is asking you to do?

### APPLY

What do you have to Overcome to make Jesus first in your life?  
Pray that God gives you nudges when you start to take your eyes away from Him.

### RESPOND

Let’s get in groups and discuss:

- How can you move Jesus up on your priority list?
- What are some things that you tend to focus on more than Jesus?

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Life is full of tough choices. Choose today to follow Jesus.

# PREPARE WEEK

## CHOOSE JESUS



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Prepare Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about what we need to overcome to make Jesus first. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to share a creative way we can tell our faith story.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

- Look over the Prepare Week Exercise page and make sure you understand it.
- Read the Prepare Week Exercise.
- Then pass out **The Hero of My Story** handout, and allow students time to write out their story.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “P” Week

Answer the question

- Post on social media your answer to the question you posted last week.  
Explain what has been one of the biggest choices you have had to make.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Don’t forget to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Engage Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you to hear the Good News of Jesus.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

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WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.





# PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

## CHOOSE JESUS

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### SPEAKER

### THE HERO OF MY STORY

Who is the hero of your faith story? For many of us, our faith story serves as a way of sharing some of the most important details in our lives that led to choosing to follow Jesus. If we are not careful, though, we can share too much about our own actions and not enough about Christ's. It is helpful to think of Jesus as the hero and main focus of our story, so that the Gospel is clearly presented when we share how it all happened. Romans chapter 5 verse 8 and Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8 tell us that salvation was started and finished by Christ, and our part in that is simply to receive or reject.

Romans chapter 5 verse 8 says, "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

This doesn't mean that you are no longer in your story; it just means that Jesus is the focus! In order to show Jesus as the hero, describe in detail what God has done and limit describing your own actions to ways in which you responded to His work. This will help your listeners to understand that they too are invited by God to follow Him, and that they can respond to that invitation any time.

**Redeemed:** To be saved or rescued from sin and brokenness.

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3. I realized I was lost and broken because:
4. God created all people and loves them dearly. He knows that they are broken and cannot fix themselves. That's why He sent Jesus. This is what Jesus did for me, so that I would not be separated from God:
5. When I understood all of this for the first time, I realized that I needed Jesus to redeem me. Not only that, but Jesus also invited me to know Him and to follow Him. The story of how I accepted God's offer of salvation went like this:
6. If you could see my life from my view today, you'd see two very different people, especially compared to what I was like before and after I started following Jesus. Here are some of the biggest things He has done in my life since He redeemed me:



# PREPARE WEEK HANDOUT

## CHOOSE JESUS

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# ENGAGE WEEK

## CHOOSE JESUS



Engaging your school with the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Engage Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about making Jesus the hero of our faith story and practiced writing out our faith story. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about the Good News of Jesus.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Engage Week Discussion GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. to make sure you understand it.
- Read Engage Week Discussion. Then close in prayer.
- Next have the Host read the **Response Time** below.
- Pass out **Student Response Cards** to each student.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

**RESPONSE TIME:** (Pass out Student Response Cards)

“Everyone take a minute and think about what was just shared today. If you decided to begin a relationship with Jesus, then on your response card, check the first box. If you have questions or would like us to help you find a youth group to go to, check that box, and we would love to get you connected. Take a few minutes to fill out your card, and we will come around to collect them.”

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE “E” WEEK

Proclaim the Gospel

- Share the spoken word G.O.S.P.E.L. by Propaganda - <https://youtu.be/jyYFxp7apl4>

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Thank you for coming. Join us next week for Help Week!”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more. Do the follow-up sheet and process.



SPEAKER

# ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE JESUS

### GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y.

SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

The word **Gospel** means **Good News**. It was used to announce good news about a new king. The good news told about the king’s message, actions, and victories. The Gospel of Jesus is found in the Bible. It is the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Gospel story also tells us who we are, why we are broken, and how Jesus is the King who gave His life to rescue us. We are invited to be a part of God’s story by trusting and following Jesus.

 <b>SCRIPTURE</b> tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.	If you are making a choice to trust and follow someone, you need to know who that person is. The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.  But wait, why do we need Jesus to rescue us from our sins? Let me explain.
 <b>TRUE</b> identity begins with knowing that God created us.	The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made, good. He created humans to know Him and to represent Him on the earth (Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity.  Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.
 <b>OUR</b> lives are broken by sin.	The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God’s purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. Because of this, we often feel distant and disconnected from God. We need someone to rescue us and reconnect us to God.
 <b>REAL</b> love is Jesus giving His life for ours.	Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins. He died and was buried, but on the third day, God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true King who rescued us by His love. We can now be forgiven, rescued, and reconnected to God.
 <b>You</b> are invited into God’s story.	There are many stories about who Jesus is and what He has done in the Bible. John chapter 20 verses 30 and 31 say, “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John says that the Gospel story was written, so that you would believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and you can have eternal life. You are invited into God’s story. This new life can begin by trusting and following Jesus.

If you would like to begin a relationship with God, I would like to invite you to pray with me.

**PRAY:** “God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen.”

(Pass out **Student Response Cards** while the Host shares **Response Time** from **Part 3**.)

# STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

My response to the Gospel story today.  
(Please only check one.)

- I began a relationship with Jesus today.
- I have questions about following Jesus.
- I am already a follower of Jesus.
- I am not interested.

I would like to get connected to a youth group.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

What church do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Who invited you to FP today? \_\_\_\_\_

The information you put on this card will be given to a student leader to follow up with you. Your information will not be stored or given to anyone else.



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FIRST PRIORITY  
HOPE WEEKLY GUIDE

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# CHOOSE PRAYER

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PRAYER




# PLANNING GUIDE


## Plan To Win

PRAYER


### HELP WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_


### OVERCOME WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_


 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_


 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_

### PREPARE WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_


 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_


 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_

### ENGAGE WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_

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 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_

 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTES

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# HELP WEEK

## CHOOSE PRAYER



Helping each other believe and share the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! This month our focus will be on choosing prayer. We will talk about how to apply prayer to our daily lives and in every situation. Let’s start things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about making prayer a choice and show us a help tool that will help us make prayer a priority.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Help Week Discussion and Help Tool to make sure you understand it.
- Read the Help Week Discussion.
- Then pass out the **Appointment Card** with **Teaspoon Prayer Journal**.
- **HELP TOOL:** Appointment Card with Teaspoon (.tsp) Prayer Journal



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “H” Week

Speak the Truth

- Post this truth on your social media: Prayer doesn’t change God, it changes me!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Overcome Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you as we continue our theme Choose Prayer.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.



SPEAKER

# HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE PRAYER

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### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” **Romans 12:12**

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### EXPLAIN

How is your prayer life? It is a simple question, but it can be tough to answer. We may think we have to pray with fancy words, but prayer is simply talking to God. Throughout the day, God longs to hear our requests.

For example: “Thank you for this breakfast, Lord.” - “God, help me to focus on my schoolwork.” - “Lord, help me love this person right now.” - “God, will you show me what to do?”

The best way to strengthen your relationship with God is through developing a prayer life. Just like with any relationship, you make a point to communicate daily to show that you love and care for them. With God, it is no different. Romans chapter 12 verse 12 says, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” We rejoice in the hope that God will take care of everything. Our patience shows others that we are different in how we handle trials, and we are constant in prayer, knowing that God hears our requests.

So how can you be constant in prayer? You CHOOSE to. That might seem so simple, but without choosing each day to spend time in conversation with God, we will find ourselves not praying at all. Next, you need to pick a time and place where you can be alone with God. Jesus gave us a glimpse of what that looks like in Mark chapter 1 verse 35, “And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.” Jesus got up before everyone else to go spend time alone with God praying. What time works best for you? It could be in the morning before school, on the bus ride, or maybe in the evening before you go to bed. Whatever time you choose, let’s start today by making an appointment to spend time praying to God.

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### APPLY

Take a few minutes and fill out the appointment card for your prayer time with God. (Give students a few minutes.) Now that you have set the time and place, below is a simple way to start off your time in prayer.

**t** is for Thank You – Take time to thank God for all He has done.

**s** is for Sorry – Ask God for forgiveness for things you have done wrong.

**p** is for Please – Ask God for what you need or for the needs of others.

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### RESPOND

Let’s take some time before we leave today and begin filling out our Teaspoon (**.tsp**) Prayer Journals.

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### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

A better question than “How’s your prayer life?” would be “Did you choose to pray today?”



# HELP WEEK TOOL

## CHOOSE PRAYER

PRAYER TIME  
APPOINTMENT WITH GOD

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATON: \_\_\_\_\_

PRAYER TIME  
APPOINTMENT WITH GOD

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.tsp (TEASPOON PRAYER)



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CHOOSE PRAYER

# OVERCOME WEEK

## CHOOSE PRAYER

PRAYER



Overcoming things that keep you from believing and sharing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Overcome Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### GAME OF CHOICES - WOULD YOU RATHER?

- Would you rather live without the Internet or live without heat and air?
- Would you rather live on the beach or live in a cabin in the woods?
- Would you rather free sushi for life or free tacos for life?
- Would you rather give up bathing for a month or brushing your teeth for a month?
- Would you rather it never stop snowing or never stop raining?

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about how to make prayer a priority. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about overcoming our anxiety by praying.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Overcome Week Discussion page to make sure you understand it.
- Read Overcome Week Discussion.
- Then break into groups and share.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “O” Week

Offer a Question

- Post this question on your social media: How can I pray for you?

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Prepare Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

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WELCOME

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FOLLOW UP

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SPEAKER

# OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE PRAYER

PRAYER

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” **Philippians 4:6**

### EXPLAIN

Last week we talked about how to make prayer a priority. Today we will use our highlight verse to help us overcome our anxiety by praying.

One thing that is true about all religions is that people pray. They chant or sit silently and speak to themselves or even out loud, but they pray. So what makes Christianity different? Great question. Let’s look at today’s highlight verse again in Philippians chapter 4 verse 6, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Paul gives us an outline of how to do this. First, don’t be anxious, worried, or even stressed! That’s hard, because stress is all around us. How do we do this? When Paul wrote these words, he was in prison for his faith, so he was no stranger to stress. He was able to pray, because he had faith that God was hearing him. God is bigger than all of our stress and worries.

Second, pray and ask in every situation with thanksgiving. Prayer is simply talking and listening to God. That means talking to Him and thanking Him in the good times and the bad. God never gets tired of hearing our requests, no matter the situation. Paul is also telling us to make our requests known to God. He cares about even the little things. Even though God already knows what we need, He wants to hear us asking Him through prayer.

### APPLY

There is comfort in prayer. For some, the hardest part is trying to find the right words or feeling like we don’t know how to pray. The Bible tells us in Romans chapter 8 verse 26, “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” He hears you. What is keeping you from praying?

### RESPOND

Let’s get into groups and share:

- What you are grateful for.
- What you struggle to pray for.
- If God would answer one prayer right now, what would it be?
- If you brought your **Teaspoon Pray Journal** from last week, take some time before you leave and write down some things that you are thankful for.

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Don’t be nervous or worried about anything. Talk to God. He cares for you.

# PREPARE WEEK

## CHOOSE PRAYER

PRAYER



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Prepare Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about overcoming our anxiety by praying. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to share a creative way we can tell our faith story through our prayer journey.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

- Look over the Prepare Week Exercise page and make sure you understand it.
- If you have students signed up to share their **Faith Story**, let them go first.
- Read the Prepare Week Exercise.
- Then pass out **My Faith Story** handout, and allow students time to write out their story.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “P” Week

Answer the question

- Post on social media how God has answered one of your prayers.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Don’t forget to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Engage Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you to hear the Good News of Jesus.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.



SPEAKER

# PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

## CHOOSE PRAYER

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PRAYER

### FAITH STORY

Today \_\_\_\_\_ is sharing their faith story.

Please listen, as it can be hard to share in front of people. Remember, there is power in your story.

(After students share, continue to the exercise below.)

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### MY FAITH STORY - KEYWORD

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In the sheet we are handing out, we are going to work through four things.

1. Keywords that describe your life before knowing Jesus
2. Setting up the background of why you chose these keywords
3. How Jesus entered your story
4. The impact that Jesus has made in your life



# PREPARE WEEK HANDOUT

## CHOOSE PRAYER

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PRAYER

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#### 1. START WITH A KEYWORD

The first step in writing down your faith story is choosing what keywords describe your life before Jesus. Below is a list of emotions. Circle two or three that adequately describe how you felt as a result of a problem you faced without Jesus in your life. You are not limited to this list, so feel free to choose a keyword of your own! This part helps keep your story compelling and on track.

alienated	depressed	hopeless	uncertain
alone	distrusting	hurt	unforgiving
angry	doubtful	insecure	unloved
apathetic	fearful	lonely	worthless
ashamed	frustrated	lost	
bitter	guilty	prideful	
confused	heartbroken	rejected	

#### 2. SET UP THE BACKGROUND

Now describe the situation in which you came to face this problem and why your keyword describes the way you felt. It is more important to be honest than dramatic. This helps people to relate with your story personally and understand why we need God in our lives. If you need more space, continue on the back.

#### 3. SHARE HOW JESUS ENTERED YOUR STORY

Now describe how you came to know Jesus. Be sure to describe that moment or that process, if you can, with adjectives that show how meaningful and impactful it was for you. Try to describe how Jesus touched your heart and how you responded, such as asking Him to be your Lord and Savior. This part challenges people's idea of what God is like.

#### 4. STATE THE IMPACT OF JESUS ON YOUR LIFE

Now describe how Jesus impacted your problem and your life. Use the emotion opposite of your keyword and share how Jesus either reversed your problem or is continually giving you the power to overcome. This is the part that inspires your hearers to place their hope in Jesus.

# ENGAGE WEEK

## CHOOSE PRAYER



Engaging your school with the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Engage Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we wrote out our faith story using key words. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about the Good News of Jesus.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Engage Week Discussion GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. to make sure you understand it.
- Read Engage Week Discussion. Then close in prayer.
- Next have the Host read the **Response Time** below.
- Pass out **Student Response Cards** to each student.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

**RESPONSE TIME:** (Pass out Student Response Cards)

“Everyone take a minute and think about what was just shared today. If you decided to begin a relationship with Jesus, then on your response card check the first box. If you have questions or would like us to help you find a youth group to go to, check that box, and we would love to get you connected. Take a few minutes to fill out your card, and we will come around to collect them.”

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE “E” WEEK

Proclaim the Gospel

- Post the Teaspoon Prayer of salvation meme from First Priority or create your own.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Thank you for coming. Join us next week for Help Week!”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more. Do the follow-up sheet and process.

# ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION








SPEAKER

## CHOOSE PRAYER

### GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y.

SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

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 <p><b>SCRIPTURE</b> tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.</p>	<p>Have you ever had someone pray for you? If so, it can be a good feeling to know that someone cares about you. Thousands of years before you were even born, Jesus prayed for you. He prayed that everyone would hear this Gospel story and believe that He was sent by God (John 17:20). But why does it matter that Jesus prayed for you?</p> <p>The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.</p>
 <p><b>TRUE</b> identity begins with knowing that God created us.</p>	<p>But wait, why do we need to believe in Jesus and be rescued from sin? Let me explain.</p> <p>The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made, good. He created humans to know Him and to represent Him on the earth (Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity. God also invited us to talk to Him. This is what we call prayer.</p> <p>Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.</p>
 <p><b>OUR</b> lives are broken by sin.</p>	<p>The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God's purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. Because of this brokenness, instead of talking to God in prayer, we often feel alone and isolated from God. We need someone to rescue us and reconnect us to God.</p>
 <p><b>REAL</b> love is Jesus giving His life for ours.</p>	<p>Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins (1 John 3:16). He died and was buried, but on the third day God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true King who rescued us by His love. We can now talk to God any time.</p>
 <p><b>You</b> are invited into God's story.</p>	<p>Jesus prayed that you would have eternal life by knowing Him (John 17:3). You are invited into God's story. This new life can begin by trusting and following Jesus.</p> <p>If you would like to begin a relationship with God, I would like to invite you to pray with me.  <b>PRAY:</b> "God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen."          (Pass out <b>Student Response Cards</b> while the Host shares <b>Response Time</b> from <b>Part 3.</b>)</p>

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(Please only check one.)

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# CHOOSE COMMUNITY

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COMMUNITY






# PLANNING GUIDE


## Plan To Win

COMMUNITY


### HELP WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_


### OVERCOME WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_


 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


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### PREPARE WEEK

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### ENGAGE WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_

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 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_

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# HELP WEEK

## CHOOSE COMMUNITY



Helping each other believe and share the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! This month our goal is to focus on the importance of connecting to a community of believers through the local church and how we were created to fellowship with one another. Let’s start things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about our need for community.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Help Week Discussion page and make sure you understand it.
- Share the Help Week Discussion.
- Then introduce the youth pastor/volunteer/student that has joined you and give them a few minutes to share about their youth ministry.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “H” Week

Speak the Truth

- Post on your social media an ad or commercial for your youth group with the date and time you meet and invite your followers to join you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Overcome Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you as we continue our theme Choose Community.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

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**SPEAKER**

# HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”  
**Hebrews 10:24-25**

### EXPLAIN

On a scale of 1 to 10, how important is going to church to you? (Wait for students to respond.) Society would try to convince you that as long as you say you believe in God, you don’t need to go to church. Often times we may think we don’t need to hang out with other Christians to grow in our faith. But we do need each other, so that we stay faithful to the Lord. Without the support of a local church/youth group, we can easily fall back into our old way of living.

Our need for community is our focus in today’s scripture. In Hebrews chapter 10 verses 24 and 25, we are given a challenge; “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” When we stir up one another to love and good works, we are comforting those who are struggling, encouraging others to follow Jesus, and connecting to believers, so that they can grow in their faith. We are building COMMUNITY!

So why are people staying away from church? (Wait for students to respond.) Ask yourself this question: “Do I really believe that I need encouragement to maintain my faith?” The answer should be YES! Believers share their struggles with each other and pray for one another. In First Thessalonians chapter 5 verse 11, Paul encourages believers, “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” Allow fellow believers to encourage you, and if you are not a part of a church, we would love to get you connected today.

### APPLY

Today our Help Tool will help us get connected to a local church. We have invited youth pastors from churches near you to share what is happening at their church and how you can get plugged in.

(Introduce the youth pastor/volunteer/student and give them a few minutes to share about their youth ministry and church.)

### RESPOND

Take this time to get to know the youth pastor/volunteer and find a church where you can get connected.

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

We are called to community, so that we can connect with one another and grow in our faith.

# OVERCOME WEEK

## CHOOSE COMMUNITY



Overcoming things that keep you from believing and sharing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Overcome Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### GAME OF CHOICES - WOULD YOU RATHER?

- Would you rather be the funniest person in the room or the smartest?
- Would you rather live without music or movies for the rest of your life?
- Would you rather brush your teeth with a hairbrush or brush your hair with a toothbrush?
- Would you rather live in a world with no toilet paper or a world with no soap?
- Would you rather spend the weekend with friends or home alone?

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about the importance of getting connected to a community. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about overcoming not attending church.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Overcome Week Discussion page to make sure you understand it.
- Read Overcome Week Discussion.
- Then break into groups and discuss.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “O” Week

Offer a Question

- Post this question on your social media: What church are you involved at?

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Prepare Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



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SPEAKER

# OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” **Acts 2:44-47**

### EXPLAIN

In a world where we have so much technology, like texting, facetime, and many other social apps, why do so many people feel alone? We were created to have relationships with others. We need each other.

In Acts chapter 2 verses 44 through 47, it gives us a look at the very first church. “And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” It was a group of people gathering daily to worship, pray, eat, and share one another’s burdens. As these people continued to meet, their numbers grew, because they felt connected to people who cared and had things in common. They even sold their own things to meet the needs of others. This is exactly what the church is supposed to look like. Galatians chapter 6 verse 2 says for us to “bear one another’s burdens.”

Often people have a difficult time going to a church for several reasons. They don’t want to feel judged, or maybe they have been hurt in the past. Others find it difficult to open up to others about life’s struggles. This is exactly why it is important to get connected to a community of people that will encourage you, just as they did in the very first church. The church is where you can go to be encouraged and learn about how much God loves you and wants to use you to reach more people. The church is made up of people that welcome you in, point you to Jesus, and encourage your faith.

### APPLY

Our shared gifts, our shared talents, and our shared resources make us better together. What do you need to do to get connected to a local church?

### RESPOND

Let’s get into groups and share:

- What church you attend.
- About the things that you like about your youth group or church.
- Now make sure that everyone in your group has been invited to a youth group.

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

We are better together. Get connected.



# PREPARE WEEK

## CHOOSE COMMUNITY



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.

COMMUNITY



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Prepare Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about what is keeping us from getting plugged into a church. Today we have a guest panel sharing about their faith story.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

- Prior to Prepare Week, select two to three church leaders who have experience in sharing their faith and live it out publicly to join the panel.
- Look over the Prepare Week Exercise page and make sure you understand it.
- If you have students signed up to share their **Faith Story**, let them go first.
- Introduce **Church Leader Panel**.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “P” Week

Answer the question

- Post on social media what church you attend and invite others to join you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Don’t forget to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Engage Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you to hear the Good News of Jesus.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



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SPEAKER

# PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

## CHOOSE COMMUNITY

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COMMUNITY

### FAITH STORY

Today \_\_\_\_\_ is sharing their faith story.

Please listen, as it can be hard to share in front of people. Remember, there is power in your story.

(After students share, continue to the exercise below.)

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### CHURCH LEADER PANEL

Set up a couple of chairs in front of the club and have your panel sit in them. You can lead the discussion almost like a live TV show host.

Here are the questions for the panel:

1. When did you begin a relationship with Jesus?
2. How do you live out your faith in public?
3. What struggles do you have sharing your faith?

# ENGAGE WEEK

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SPEAKER

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HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

**RESPONSE TIME:** (Pass out Student Response Cards)

“Everyone take a minute and think about what was just shared today. If you decided to begin a relationship with Jesus, then on your response card check, the first box. If you have questions or would like us to help you find a youth group to go to, check that box, and we would love to get you connected. Take a few minutes to fill out your card, and we will come around to collect them.”

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE “E” WEEK

Proclaim the Gospel

- Post an invite for people to attend your church and youth group this week.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 <p><b>SCRIPTURE</b> tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.</p>	<p>Have you ever wished that you could be a part of a story that is bigger than yourself? Jesus invited people into a story that changed everything. He invited people into community with God. All people can be a part of God’s family by believing in Jesus. But why is it such a big deal that Jesus invited us into the Gospel story? It is because of who He is.</p> <p>The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.</p>
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 <p><b>You</b> are invited into God’s story.</p>	<p>Jesus invited everyone to follow Him and join His community. No matter who you are or what you have done, you are invited into God’s community. You are invited into God’s story. This new life can begin by trusting and following Jesus.</p> <p>If you would like to begin a relationship with God, I would like to invite you to pray with me. <b>PRAY:</b> “God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen.”</p> <p>(Pass out <b>Student Response Cards</b> while the Host shares <b>Response Time</b> from <b>Part 3</b>.)</p>

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# CHOOSE LISTENING

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## Plan To Win

LISTENING


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# HELP WEEK

## CHOOSE LISTENING



Helping each other believe and share the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! This month we will learn how talking less and listening more helps us to get to know those around us and gives us an opportunity to share Jesus with them. Let’s start things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about what it looks like to be slow to speak and quick to listen and share a Help Tool that will remind us of how to do that.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Help Week Discussion and Help Tool to make sure you understand it.
- Read the Help Week discussion.
- Then pass out a **W.A.I.T.** sticker and **THE Cause Circle** card.
- **HELP TOOLS:** W.A.I.T. Sticker and THE Cause Circle card



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “H” Week

Speak the Truth

- Choose this week to be silent on social media and listen to those around you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Overcome Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you as we continue our theme Choose Listening.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.





SPEAKER

# HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE LISTENING

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### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.” **James 1:19**

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### EXPLAIN

We live in a world of talk. Talk, talk, talk. Speak, speak, speak. Everyone, it seems, wants to be heard. We have become a culture full of talking heads, regardless of where we find ourselves. And the chatter is deafening. Into this noise comes the words of James in chapter 1 verse 19, “Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.” This verse is almost impossible to understand by a culture intent on talking. We have it backwards: we are quick to speak, slow to hear.

Do you remember the story of Martha and Mary in Luke chapter 10 verses 38 through 42? Luke offers us a helpful contrast in speaking and listening. Martha was frantically trying to make dinner preparations for Jesus and the disciples. I envision her running around the house, uttering things under her breath like, “I can’t believe Jesus is here on such short notice” and “Why doesn’t Mary get in here and help me?” Unlike Martha in verse 39, it tells us what Mary was doing: “And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to His teaching.”

Not surprisingly, Martha gets a bit frustrated at Mary’s lack of effort with the event. So Martha does what we probably all would do under similar circumstances - she starts talking. In verses 40 through 42, it says, “But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’” We are not left to wonder which course of action Jesus commands. We see it in His gentle rebuke: “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

Mary was quick to listen and slow to speak. She knew when to be quiet. In a culture full of chatter, I want to learn how to be silent, so I can hear what the Lord wants to teach me. He’s speaking. Am I listening?

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### APPLY

Today we are going to use our Help Tool as a reminder to stop talking and start listening to God and others. Also, we will use The Cause Circle to help us be more intentional about sharing Jesus’ message.

- Pass out the W.A.I.T. stickers (Why Am I Talking) and place them on your binder or phone as a reminder to choose daily to listen.
- Then pass out The Cause Circle and explain: Prayer - Care - Share

**Prayer:** It all starts with prayer! Praying for the people we are seeking to reach with the Gospel prepares their hearts to hear the Good News of Jesus.

**Care:** Jesus modeled how important it is to care for people’s needs. In the same way, we must love those we are trying to reach. We do this by listening to them and caring for them.

**Share:** After prayer and care, we must lovingly share the Gospel message clearly and confidently. When we invite someone to put their faith in Christ, we are inviting them to make the best decision of their lives.

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### RESPOND

- Let’s take sometime before we leave and fill out our The Cause Circle card.
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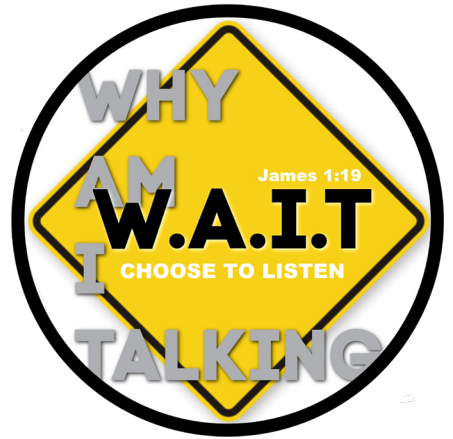
Choose today what James suggests in our highlight scripture; be quick to listen and slow to speak.

LISTENING

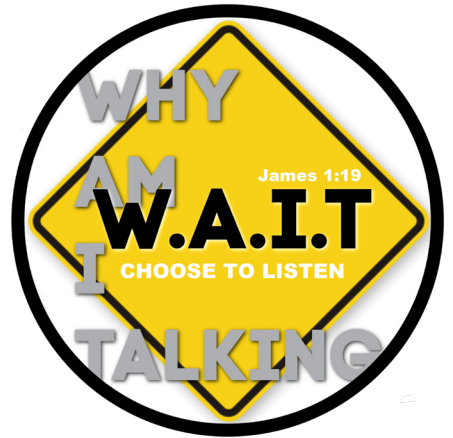


# HELP WEEK TOOL

## CHOOSE LISTENING



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## CHOOSE LISTENING

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LISTENING

# OVERCOME WEEK

## CHOOSE LISTENING



Overcoming things that keep you from believing and sharing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Overcome Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### GAME OF CHOICES - WOULD YOU RATHER?

- Would you rather be stranded in the jungle or in the desert?
- Would you rather only be able to whisper or shout?
- Would you rather all your shirts be two sizes too big or one size too small?
- Would you rather wrestle a bear or wrestle an alligator?
- Would you rather lose the ability to speak or to hear?

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we learned the story of Mary and Martha and about being still and listening. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about what we need to overcome, so we can listen better.”

LISTENING



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Overcome Week Discussion page to make sure you understand it.
- Read Overcome Week Discussion.
- Then break into groups and discuss.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “O” Week

Offer a Question

- Post this question on your social media: Who do you listen to when you need advice or encouragement?

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Prepare Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

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**SPEAKER**

# OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE LISTENING

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.” **Proverbs 19:20**

### EXPLAIN

Last week we learned the story of Mary and Martha and about being still and listening. Mary would listen well, while Martha stayed busy and missed out on what Jesus had to say. We have the same problem. We want to be heard. We want people to hear about our day or our experiences. Why is it so difficult for us to listen? We struggle with this, because we would rather speak our thoughts instead of listening to the thoughts of others.

Proverbs chapter 19 verse 20 tells us to “listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.” So listen to advice and take instruction. This verse describes the need for listening. It takes effort, patience, and being intentional. A lot of times we barely listen, because we are distracted by our surroundings. Instead of concentrating on what’s being said, we are busy deciding what to say in response or mentally rejecting the other person’s point of view.

Proverbs chapter 18 verse 2 says, “It is the fool who takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.” It means a lot to a person to be heard. When someone starts talking to you, they are inviting you to walk with them and go on a journey for a short time. Maybe it’s not your first choice of conversation, or maybe you are in a hurry and feel like you don’t have the time. Stop and take the time to invest in someone else’s story. Be an example of God’s love, and let His light shine through simply by listening.

The Bible says that Jesus was a friend of sinners. That’s our example—to be a friend, to listen to people, see where they are, and then take them where they need to go.

### APPLY

Be ready whenever someone needs to talk. It might mean you have to give up a lunch or maybe a workout. God is asking us to represent Him to others, and God always listens to us.

### RESPOND

Let’s get into groups and discuss these questions:

- Who is someone you listen to when you need advice?
- When you listen, are you listening to learn from them or waiting for a moment of silence so you can interject what you think?
- Share a time when NOT listening got you in trouble.

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

The best ministry you might do for someone today is to simply listen.

LISTENING

# PREPARE WEEK

## CHOOSE LISTENING



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Prepare Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about what we need to overcome, so that we can listen better. Today \_\_\_\_\_ is going to share with us how we can share our faith stories without saying a word.”

LISTENING



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

- Look over the Prepare Week Exercise page and make sure you understand it.
- If you have students signed up to share their **Faith Story**, let them go first.
- Read the **Cardboard Testimony** discussion.
- Then pass out paper and pens to each student to write down their cardboard testimony.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “P” Week

Answer the question

- Post on your social media your cardboard testimony.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Don’t forget to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Engage Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you to hear the Good News of Jesus.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



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**SPEAKER**

# PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

## CHOOSE LISTENING

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### FAITH STORY

Today \_\_\_\_\_ is sharing their faith story.

Please listen, as it can be hard to share in front of people. Remember, there is power in your story.

(After students share, continue to the exercise below.)

LISTENING

### CARDBOARD TESTIMONY

We have seen homeless people standing on street corners with a piece of cardboard and a message, such as “Will Work for Food,” “Need Money,” or “Please help me feed my family.” That is where the idea for cardboard testimonies began. The silent message can speak volumes in just a few words.

We have put our own spin on the idea by sharing a few words on one side of the cardboard about our life before Jesus and writing a few words on the back about our transformation after Jesus made us a new creation. Not many of us get an opportunity to stand before an audience and speak about what the Lord has done in our lives. Even fewer Christians want to speak before an audience because of fear. A cardboard testimony is a way to share the change Jesus has made in our lives without speaking a word. It is a powerful witness to the transforming power of God’s Spirit in our lives.

- Paul is one of the most prominent Christians in the Bible. His testimony would probably say:  
side one: murderer - Christian hater  
side two: evangelist - prisoner for Jesus
- The disciple John would perhaps say:  
side one: selfish - angry  
side two: beloved by Christ
- Zacchaeus encountered Christ, who invited Him home to dinner. His testimony?  
side one: cheater - thief  
side two: generous - forgiven
- One of the most powerful testimonies would come from Lazarus:  
side one: literally dead for 4 days  
side two: alive - healthy - following Jesus

Now we’re going to share our cardboard testimonies. (Pass out paper and pens to everyone.) On one side write what your life was like before Jesus, and keep it simple. Flip it over to the other side and write the difference Jesus has made in your life.

What does your cardboard testimony say?

(If time allows, without saying a word, show side one that shares your life before Jesus. Pause for a moment, so that people can read it. Then flip to side two that shows the difference Jesus has made in your life.)



# ENGAGE WEEK

## CHOOSE LISTENING



Engaging your school with the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Engage Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week students were able to share their faith story without saying a word. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about the Good News of Jesus.”

LISTENING



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Engage Week Discussion GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. to make sure you understand it.
- Read Engage Week Discussion. Then close in prayer.
- Next have the Host read the **Response Time** below.
- Pass out **Student Response Cards** to each student.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

**RESPONSE TIME:** (Pass out Student Response Cards)

“Everyone take a minute and think about what was just shared today. If you decided to begin a relationship with Jesus, then on your response card check the first box. If you have questions or would like us to help you find a youth group to go to, check that box, and we would love to get you connected. Take a few minutes to fill out your card, and we will come around to collect them.”

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE “E” WEEK

Proclaim the Gospel

- Use the MySharePal app to share the Gospel with someone today.  
Focus on listening to them.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Thank you for coming. Join us next week for Help Week!”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more. Do the follow-up sheet and process.








# ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE LISTENING

### GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

The word **Gospel** means **Good News**. It was used to announce good news about a new king. The good news told about the king's message, actions, and victories. The Gospel of Jesus is found in the Bible. It is the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Gospel story also tells us who we are, why we are broken, and how Jesus is the King who gave His life to rescue us. We are invited to be a part of God's story by trusting and following Jesus.

LISTENING

 <p><b>SCRIPTURE</b> tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.</p>	<p>There are many voices that we are told to listen to. Some are good, like teachers, coaches, and parents. Other are not so good. We have to choose who we will listen to. The Gospel story tells us to listen to Jesus because of who He is.</p> <p>The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.</p>
 <p><b>TRUE</b> identity begins with knowing that God created us.</p>	<p>But wait, why do we need Jesus to rescue us from our sins? Let me explain.</p> <p>The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made, good. He created humans to know Him and to represent Him on the earth (Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He has created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity. God also created you to hear His voice and respond.</p> <p>Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.</p>
 <p><b>OUR</b> lives are broken by sin.</p>	<p>The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God's purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. Instead of listening to God, we listen to other voices that lead us away from Him. This causes us to feel distant and disconnected from God. We need someone to rescue us and reconnect us to God.</p>
 <p><b>REAL</b> love is Jesus giving His life for ours.</p>	<p>Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins. He died and was buried, but on the third day, God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true King who rescued us by His love. Listening to Him is the first step to being rescued.</p>
 <p><b>You</b> are invited into God's story.</p>	<p>You have a choice about who you will listen to. By listening to this Good News about Jesus and believing it, you can be rescued from sin. You are invited into God's story. It begins with a choice to trust and follow Jesus.</p>
<p>If you would like to begin a relationship with God, I would like to invite you to pray with me.  <b>PRAY:</b> "God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen."          (Pass out <b>Student Response Cards</b> while the Host shares <b>Response Time</b> from <b>Part 3</b>.)</p>	

# STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

My response to the Gospel story today.  
(Please only check one.)

- I began a relationship with Jesus today.
- I have questions about following Jesus.
- I am already a follower of Jesus.
- I am not interested.

I would like to get connected to a youth group.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

What church do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Who invited you to FP today? \_\_\_\_\_

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# CHOOSE **FORGIVENESS**

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FORGIVENESS

# PLANNING GUIDE


## Plan To Win

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### HELP WEEK

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### ENGAGE WEEK

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# HELP WEEK

## CHOOSE FORGIVENESS



Helping each other believe and share the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! This month we will learn how freeing it is to choose forgiveness and that we forgive others, because we have been forgiven. Let’s start things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about what it looks like to forgive others and share a Help Tool that will show it.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Help Week Discussion page and Help Tool to make sure you understand it.
- Read the Help Week discussion.
- Then pass out the **Candy Cane Gospel** to each student.
- **HELP TOOL:** Candy Cane Gospel



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “H” Week

Speak the Truth

- Post on your social media a picture of the Candy Cane Gospel.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Overcome Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you as we continue our theme Choose Forgiveness.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

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SPEAKER

# HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE FORGIVENESS

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### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” **Ephesians 4:32**

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### EXPLAIN

In a fallen world, forgiveness is essential to maintain close relationships. We all need forgiveness, and we all need to grant forgiveness. Why? Because we all sin, and we all have been sinned against. But asking for and granting forgiveness are not easy tasks! If you're a Christian, asking and granting forgiveness are not optional. Jesus said in Matthew chapter 6 verse 15, that if you do not forgive others, the heavenly Father will not forgive you: “but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” It is important for you as a Christian to understand and practice forgiveness.

The Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians chapter 4 verse 31 how we are to put away all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander. In verse 32, it tells us how we are to replace these sins: “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” What does it mean to ask forgiveness or to forgive someone? Paul says that we are to forgive each other “just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” God didn't say, “Hey, don't worry about it. We all make mistakes!” He didn't just brush our sin aside. He requires that the penalty be paid. But in love, He sent His own Son to bear the penalty that we deserved.

How do we put forgiveness into practice? To forgive someone is to promise not to bring the matter up again or use it against them. God forgives us, so that we may be reconciled to Him and enjoy a close relationship with Him. When we forgive others, we should also seek to restore the broken relationship. This does not always mean becoming best of friends, but it should at least mean that we are friendly towards the person. To say, “I forgive you, but I never want to see your ugly face again,” is not to forgive as God forgives! We are still commanded to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, bless those who curse us, and pray for those who mistreat us. Luke chapter 6 verses 27 and 28: “But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”

When you forgive, you will get rid of your bitterness, which eats at your soul. You will enjoy restored relationships with others, along with many other blessings. But the most important thing is that you will glorify God with your actions.

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### APPLY

Today's Help Tool is the Candy Cane Gospel. It is a great way to share how Jesus forgives. (Pass out a candy cane and a card to each person. Instructions below will help you explain.)

The shape of the candy cane reminds us of a **Shepherd's Staff**. In John chapter 10 verse 14, it says, “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.”

- The **Red Stripe** on the candy cane represents the blood that Jesus shed to forgive us of our sins. Romans chapter 5 verse 8 says, “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” We need forgiveness, because in Romans chapter 3 verse 23, we are reminded that we ALL have sinned: “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
- The **White Candy** represents the forgiveness of sins and a clean heart. First John chapter 1 verse 19 says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
- When the candy cane is turned upside down, it represents a “**J**” for **Jesus!** To begin a relationship with Him, we must do what Romans chapter 10 verse 9 says, “if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

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### RESPOND

Let's get into groups and practice sharing the Candy Cane Gospel, before we leave today. It is a great example of forgiveness.

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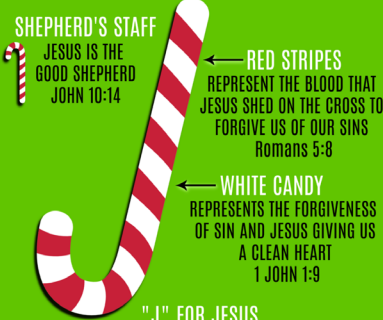
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# HELP WEEK TOOL

## CHOOSE FORGIVENESS

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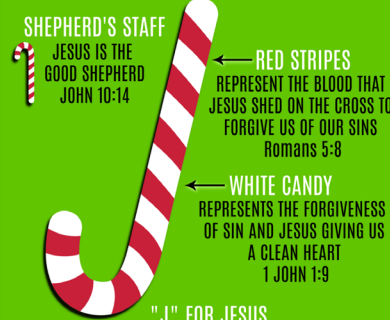
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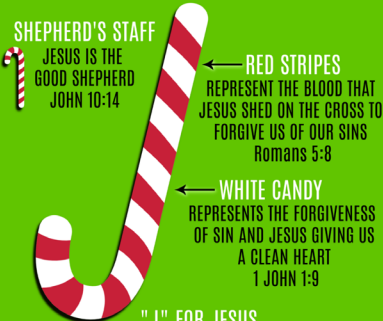
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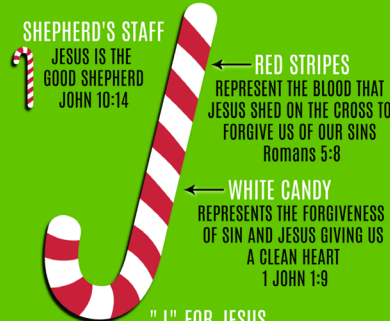
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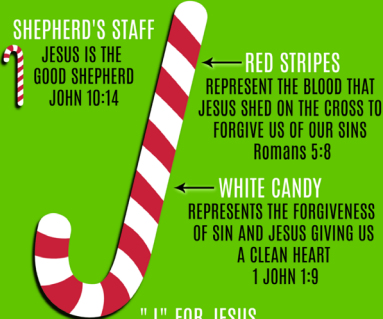
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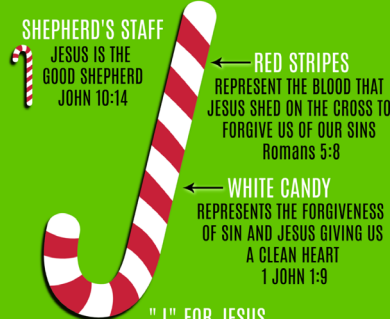
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# OVERCOME WEEK

## CHOOSE FORGIVENESS



Overcoming things that keep you from believing and sharing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Overcome Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### GAME OF CHOICES - WOULD YOU RATHER?

- Would you rather be an unknown superhero or a famous villain?
- Would you rather have lots of energy or lots of money?
- Would you rather have a lifetime of free Netflix or an unlimited gift card to Starbucks?
- Would you rather be able to taste colors or see smells?
- Would you rather be forgiven or forgive someone?

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about not only the need to forgive others, but we also learned how to do that. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about what we must overcome to forgive others and to ask for forgiveness.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Overcome Week Discussion page to make sure you understand it.
- Read Overcome Week Discussion.
- Then break into groups and share.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “O” Week

Offer a Question

- Post this question on your social media: What do you think someone needs to do to be forgiven?

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Prepare Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.



**SPEAKER**

# OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE FORGIVENESS

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### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” **Colossians 3:13**

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### EXPLAIN

When we think about forgiveness, it brings certain pictures to our mind. Maybe it's something that makes you think of a time when you were forgiven, because you had done something wrong. Did you feel a sense of relief when it was over? Maybe you have forgiven someone that has wronged you. Maybe you were in the right, but you still wanted to forgive them. How did you feel about that? Forgiveness is a choice we make.

In Colossians chapter 3 verse 13 it says, “bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.” We are to forgive. We are to work through difficulties in relationships and to forgive one another, even as Christ has forgiven us. We are NOT perfect!

TRUTH ALERT: You WILL mess up and make mistakes.

You will want forgiveness for something you have done or mistakes you have made. We understand forgiveness when we receive it and when we are actually and truthfully sorrowful for our actions. We hope to be restored to a clean slate. We can only forgive others, when we realize how much Jesus has forgiven us by his death.

Forgiveness is an exciting thing to receive. Think of how you felt when you realized your sin was forgiven and Jesus was now Savior and Lord of your life. We want our friends to experience this, too, as we share the Gospel in love and not in fear.

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### APPLY

Think of a time in your life where you dreaded to ask for forgiveness. Maybe it's not the first time you messed up or failed in something. Just the thought of asking for forgiveness makes you sick at your stomach. Think of it this way. If you had someone to go before you to soften the blow or ease the pain of seeking forgiveness, wouldn't that make things easier? This is what Jesus has done for us and we can help others find Jesus, too.

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### RESPOND

Let's get into groups and share:

- A time when you were forgiven. You don't have to go into deep detail here.
- When you had to forgive someone else.
- A time where forgiveness was withheld from you. How did you feel?

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### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

We forgive others, because we have been forgiven.

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# PREPARE WEEK

## CHOOSE FORGIVENESS



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Prepare Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about forgiving others, because we have been forgiven. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to share how God’s forgiveness is a part of our story.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

- Look over the Prepare Week Exercise page and make sure you understand it.
- If you have students signed up to share their **Faith Story**, let them go first.
- Read the Prepare Week Exercise.
- Then pass out the **WHICH ONE IS GREATER** handout, and allow students time to write out their story.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “P” Week

Answer the question

- Post on social media what it means to you to be forgiven.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Don’t forget to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Engage Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you to hear the Good News of Jesus.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



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WELCOME

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FOLLOW UP

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SPEAKER

# PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

## CHOOSE FORGIVENESS

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### FAITH STORY

Today \_\_\_\_\_ is sharing their faith story.

Please listen, as it can be hard to share in front of people. Remember, there is power in your story.

(After students share, continue to the exercise below.)

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### WHICH ONE IS GREATER

#### Begin by asking:

- Revenge or mercy?
- Hate or love?
- Punishment or forgiveness?

First John chapter 1 verse 9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

A great way to share your story is to be honest about your own struggles and stories of forgiveness. We all need God's forgiveness. Use the following questions to share your story in the sheet we are handing out.

1. Describe a time when someone did something wrong to you, and you chose to forgive them.
2. Describe a time when you needed someone to forgive you. Did you ask them to forgive you?  
How did it make you feel?
3. Describe a time when you asked God to forgive you. How did it feel to know you were forgiven by Him?  
Was there a Bible verse that spoke to you about it?
4. What would you say to someone who is not sure if God will forgive them for something they have done?



# ENGAGE WEEK

## CHOOSE FORGIVENESS



Engaging your school with the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Engage Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we shared our story about forgiveness. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about the Good News of Jesus.”

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SPEAKER

### PART 2 - ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Engage Week Discussion GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. to make sure you understand it.
- Read Engage Week Discussion. Then close in prayer.
- Next have the Host read the **Response Time** below.
- Pass out **Student Response Cards** to each student.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

**RESPONSE TIME:** (Pass out Student Response Cards)

“Everyone take a minute and think about what was just shared today. If you decided to begin a relationship with Jesus, then on your response card check the first box. If you have questions or would like us to help you find a youth group to go to, check that box, and we would love to get you connected. Take a few minutes to fill out your card, and we will come around to collect them.”

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE “E” WEEK

Proclaim the Gospel

- Use the Candy Cane story from Help Week to share the Gospel with someone that didn’t come to club.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Thank you for coming. Join us next week for Help Week!”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



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Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more. Do the follow-up sheet and process.



# ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION






## CHOOSE FORGIVENESS

### GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y.

SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

The word **Gospel** means **Good News**. It was used to announce good news about a new king. The good news told about the king's message, actions, and victories. The Gospel of Jesus is found in the Bible. It is the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Gospel story also tells us who we are, why we are broken, and how Jesus is the King who gave His life to rescue us. We are invited to be a part of God's story by trusting and following Jesus.

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 <p><b>SCRIPTURE</b> tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.</p>	<p>Have you ever done something that you wish you could undo? Have you ever wondered if God would forgive you for things you have done wrong? Is there someone who can rescue you from the guilt of past mistakes? The Gospel story tells us that God wants to forgive us. Jesus has the power to forgive us for anything we have done wrong because of who He is.</p> <p>The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.</p>
 <p><b>TRUE</b> identity begins with knowing that God created us.</p>	<p>But wait, why do we need Jesus to rescue us from our sins? Let me explain.</p> <p>The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made, good. He created humans to know Him and to represent Him on the earth (Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He has created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity.</p> <p>Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.</p>
 <p><b>OUR</b> lives are broken by sin.</p>	<p>The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God's purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. Because of this, we feel guilt and disconnected from God. We need someone to forgive us.</p>
 <p><b>REAL</b> love is Jesus giving His life for ours.</p>	<p>Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins. He died and was buried, but on the third day, God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true King who rescued us by His love.</p>
 <p><b>You</b> are invited into God's story.</p>	<p>Jesus often said that He had power to forgive sins (Mark 2:10). His death and resurrection proved that He can forgive anyone who asks Him. He will forgive you! You are invited into God's story. It begins with a choice to trust and follow Jesus.</p> <p>If you would like to begin a relationship with God, I would like to invite you to pray with me. <b>PRAY:</b> "God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen."</p> <p>(Pass out <b>Student Response Cards</b> while the Host shares <b>Response Time</b> from <b>Part 3</b>.)</p>

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(Please only check one.)

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- I am already a follower of Jesus.
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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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# CHOOSE KINDNESS

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# PLANNING GUIDE

## Plan To Win


### HELP WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_

 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_


### OVERCOME WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


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### PREPARE WEEK

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### ENGAGE WEEK

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 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_

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### NOTES

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KINDNESS

# HELP WEEK

## CHOOSE KINDNESS



Helping each other believe and share the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! This month we will talk about choosing to live a life of kindness. Let’s start things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about the importance of showing kindness to everyone, and as a group, plan a service project for this month.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Help Week Discussion page and Help Tool to make sure you understand it.
- Read the Help Week discussion.
- Then get into groups and come up with three service project ideas for the club to vote on.
- **HELP TOOL:** Service Project

KINDNESS



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “H” Week

Speak the Truth

- Post on social media your service project and invite others to join you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Overcome Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you as we continue our theme Choose Kindness.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

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WELCOME

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FOLLOW UP

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**SPEAKER**

# HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE KINDNESS

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” **Colossians 3:12**

### EXPLAIN

When you think about kindness, what comes to mind? (Allow students to respond.) We often think about kindness as a single act, such as “random acts of kindness” and not a part of who you are. However, the Bible tells us that we are to clothe ourselves in kindness, which goes far beyond just doing kind things for others “randomly.”

What if we stopped thinking of kindness as an action and started thinking of kindness as a part of who we are? In Colossians chapter 3 verse 12, it says, “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

This verse says that we are supposed to clothe ourselves with kindness. When you get dressed in the morning, do you just wear your clothes long enough for someone to see them before taking them off? Of course not! That would defeat the entire purpose of wearing clothes. In the same way, kindness should not be a single action completed and then forgotten. Instead, it should be something we put on, wrapped all around us, and worn all day long.

Here are a couple of ways that will help you be clothed with kindness every day. One is to pray for opportunities to be kind. Find things to compliment people on. Take a little extra time to think before you speak and ask yourself, “Am I building others up or tearing them down?” In the words of Thumper, “If you can’t say something nice, don’t say nothing at all.”

It’s so important to show kindness to everyone, even the people who you don’t feel like being kind to. No matter what people look like on the outside, you never know what they are going through on the inside. It will never hurt to be kind, but it will always hurt to be unkind. In a world where you can be anything, be kind!

### APPLY

Today for our Help Tool, we are going to put kindness into action, by planning a service project that we can do for our school or teacher sponsor. The goal is to complete this project sometime this month, as we continue to choose kindness.

### RESPOND

Break into groups and come up with a service project idea. Before the club ends, vote on which project your group is going to do and plan a date and time to complete it this month.

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Kindness isn’t something you do; it is who you are.

KINDNESS

# OVERCOME WEEK

## CHOOSE KINDNESS



Overcoming things that keep you from believing and sharing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Overcome Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### GAME OF CHOICES - WOULD YOU RATHER?

- Would you rather lose all your teeth or lose all your hair?
- Would you rather have a pillow fight or a snowball fight?
- Would you rather end crime or end poverty?
- Would you rather be lied to or gossiped about?
- Would you rather know a lot of people or have one really good friend?

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about how important it is to show kindness. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about what we need to overcome, so that we can show kindness.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Overcome Week Discussion page to make sure you understand it.
- Read Overcome Week Discussion.
- Then break into groups and discuss.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “O” Week

Offer a Question

- Post this question on your social media: Who do you need to show kindness to?

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Don’t forget about our service project. (Remind them when and where it is.) Next week is Prepare Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.



# OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE KINDNESS

**SPEAKER**

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”  
**Ephesians 4:32**

### EXPLAIN

Have you ever spent time with someone who is always complaining and finding fault in everything or someone who is always negative about everything? Even when things are going well, they just can't seem to find a kind word. Sometimes it's difficult to be around people like that. Now think about someone who is always kind and has kind words to say in any situation. Which person would you rather be around? Which person are you?

In Ephesians chapter 4 verse 32, Paul gave us the command: “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” We should do this, because God was kind and tender-hearted to us. He was so kind that He gave His only Son, so that we could have eternity in heaven.

What do we need to overcome in our own lives to not just be kind but to live a life of kindness? We need to think about the words we use, before we use them. Are they kind and encouraging? If not, don't say them. Are we building someone up or tearing them down, even if the words might be true? Kindness is also not complaining or gossiping. OUCH!! Kindness is letting someone go before us in line at the store or at the 4-way stop sign and maybe even putting the shopping cart in the cart corral. Kindness is thinking of others before ourselves. We know this is hard in this me-me-me culture.

The secret to kindness is to just be a kind person and not just sometimes. Let kindness be a lifestyle. When we have a relationship with Jesus, we have kindness in us. When we live a life of kindness, is it just as much of a blessing to us as it is to the person we are being kind to. There is great joy in seeing others' lives change because someone was kind to them.

The kindest thing you can do is to pray for someone. Take the negative thoughts and comments and turn them into a prayer for that person. Jesus was kind and He prayed for others. Be like Jesus!

### APPLY

All cultures seem to have something to say about kindness. There is even a saying, “No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” So as followers of Jesus, we are to be kind to others, no matter how large or small, so that others can see Jesus.

### RESPOND

Let's get into groups and discuss these questions:

- How do you see people being kind to you?
- How do you feel when someone is kind to you? Answer with more than just one word,
- How do you show kindness to others?
- The greatest act of kindness is sharing the Good News of Christ's love. List ONE way you can be kind to a classmate or friend this week.

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Kindness is showing others that they have value. Be kind no matter what.

KINDNESS



# PREPARE WEEK

## CHOOSE KINDNESS



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Prepare Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about how showing kindness matters. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to give us two different ways we can share our faith story.”

KINDNESS



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

- Look over the Prepare Week Exercise page and make sure you understand it.
- If you have students signed up to share their **Faith Story**, let them go first.
- Read the Prepare Week Exercise.
- Then have the students break into groups and start documenting their stories.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “P” Week

Answer the question

- Post on social media your group’s story. Tag your First Priority Club in your post.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Don’t forget to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Engage Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you to hear the Good News of Jesus.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



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Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

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# PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

## CHOOSE KINDNESS

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SPEAKER

### FAITH STORY

Today \_\_\_\_\_ is sharing their faith story.

Please listen, as it can be hard to share in front of people. Remember, there is power in your story.

(After students share, continue to the exercise below.)

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### FAITH STORY DOCUMENTARY

Split up into groups of three to five students. Each group will make a short documentary/story for Twitter/Instagram/Snapchat of what it means to have a relationship with Jesus.

**Option 1:** Use the space below or your phone to write down your testimony in 280 characters or less. Include only the most important, most specific, and most impactful details, and compose a tweet of your story. You can post on your own social media. After everyone is finished, go around the room and have everyone read their tweet aloud. You can use Instagram or Snapchat, instead of Twitter.

**Option 2:** Use the space below or your phone to write down or record a two-minute version of your story. Include your life before Jesus, how you came to know Him, and your life since then. After everyone is finished, go around the room, and ask if anyone would like to share their two-minute story. Post your story to social media.

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## CHOOSE KINDNESS

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# ENGAGE WEEK

## CHOOSE KINDNESS



Engaging your school with the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Engage Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we shared our faith story in 280 characters or two minutes or less. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about the greatest story. It is the Good News of Jesus.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Engage Week Discussion GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. to make sure you understand it.
- Read Engage Week Discussion. Then close in prayer.
- Next have the Host read the **Response Time** below.
- Pass out **Student Response Cards** to each student.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

**RESPONSE TIME:** (Pass out Student Response Cards)

“Everyone take a minute and think about what was just shared today. If you decided to begin a relationship with Jesus, then on your response card check the first box. If you have questions or would like us to help you find a youth group to go to, check that box, and we would love to get you connected. Take a few minutes to fill out your card, and we will come around to collect them.”

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE “E” WEEK

Proclaim the Gospel

- Post on social media pictures from your service project and invite students to join you at First Priority.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Thank you for coming. Join us next week for Help Week!”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more. Do the follow-up sheet and process.



SPEAKER






# ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE KINDNESS

### GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y.

SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

The word **Gospel** means **Good News**. It was used to announce good news about a new king. The good news told about the king's message, actions, and victories. The Gospel of Jesus is found in the Bible. It is the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Gospel story also tells us who we are, why we are broken, and how Jesus is the King who gave His life to rescue us. We are invited to be a part of God's story by trusting and following Jesus.

 <p><b>SCRIPTURE</b> tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.</p>	<p>Who are some of the kindest people that you know? What kind of things do they do every day that make you think they are kind? The Gospel story tells us that Jesus showed the kindness of God to us. Titus chapter 3 verse 4 says, "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us." Jesus came to show us how good, loving, and kind that God is. This is because of who Jesus is.</p> <p>The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.</p>
 <p><b>TRUE</b> identity begins with knowing that God created us.</p>	<p>But wait, why do we need Jesus to rescue us from our sins? Let me explain.</p> <p>The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made, good. He created humans to know Him and to represent Him on the earth (Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He has created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity.</p> <p>Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.</p>
 <p><b>OUR</b> lives are broken by sin.</p>	<p>The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God's purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. Because of this, we don't always realize how good and kind God is to us. We need someone to rescue us and show us how good God is.</p>
 <p><b>REAL</b> love is Jesus giving His life for ours.</p>	<p>Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins. He died and was buried, but on the third day, God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true King who rescued us by His love.</p>
 <p><b>You</b> are invited into God's story.</p>	<p>Jesus showed us that God is good and kind by coming to rescue us. You can know God's goodness and kindness through Jesus. You are invited into God's story. It begins with a choice to trust and follow Jesus.</p> <p>If you would like to begin a relationship with God, I would like to invite you to pray with me. <b>PRAY:</b> "God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen."</p> <p>(Pass out <b>Student Response Cards</b> while the Host shares <b>Response Time</b> from <b>Part 3</b>.)</p>

KINDNESS

## STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

My response to the Gospel story today.  
(Please only check one.)

- I began a relationship with Jesus today.  
 I have questions about following Jesus.  
 I am already a follower of Jesus.  
 I am not interested.

I would like to get connected to a youth group.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

What church do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Who invited you to FP today? \_\_\_\_\_

The information you put on this card will be given to a student leader to follow up with you. Your information will not be stored or given to anyone else.



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FIRST PRIORITY  
HOPE WEEKLY GUIDE

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# CHOOSE LOVE

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# PLANNING GUIDE

## Plan To Win


### HELP WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_


### OVERCOME WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


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### PREPARE WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


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### ENGAGE WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_

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 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTES

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# HELP WEEK

## CHOOSE LOVE



Helping each other believe and share the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! This month we will talk about how God defines love and how we choose to love others. Let’s start things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about what real love looks like and share a Help Tool that will put that into action.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Help Week Discussion page and Help Tool to make sure you understand it.
- Read the Help Week discussion.
- Then pass out the **Valentine’s Day Cards** to each student.
- **HELP TOOL:** Valentine’s Day Cards

LOVE



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “H” Week

Speak the Truth

- Post on social media your First Priority Valentine’s Day Card.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Overcome Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you as we continue our theme Choose Love.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



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**SPEAKER**

# HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE LOVE

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the payment for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” **1 John 4:10-11**

### EXPLAIN

You’ve probably heard at church or at home that you should love others. But you may have wondered, what does that look like? What does it really mean to love others?

Love looks different from what you see on TV. It looks different than what you hear in the hallways at school. True love, the way God meant it, looks way different than the way we see it portrayed. Many times, the definition of love on TV or school goes something like this: “I’ll love you, if you can do something for me, or if you can give me something.” However, this isn’t the meaning of “loving others” that the Bible describes.

First John chapter 4 verses 10 and 11 say, “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the payment for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” These verses show us that God defines love differently than what we see at school and on TV. God didn’t wait for us to be able to give Him something for Him to love us. God loved us first and gave His Son, before we even knew Him. Wow, that’s LOVE! Then God challenges us to take the love He gave to us and show it to others.

Loving others isn’t based on how others treat us. It is based on God’s love and grace, which empowers us to then love others. We are to love others and value them, not because they have done anything to deserve it, but because it is the example God showed us first. But don’t take my word for it. First John chapter 4 verse 19 says, “We love because He first loved us.”

So today choose to love others. Treat them with respect that’s not based on what they can do for you or how they treat you, but rather is based on how God treats you!

### APPLY

Today’s Help Tool will help you share with others that Jesus loves them and so do you. We are going to use a simple Valentine’s Day card to tell others about the love of Jesus. Choose today to show LOVE.

### RESPOND

Take a few minutes to pray over and personalize your Valentine’s Day Cards.

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

We love others because God first loved us.

LOVE



# HELP WEEK TOOL

## CHOOSE LOVE

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Today you can choose the LOVE, and FORGIVENESS that Jesus offers through His death, burial, and resurrection.

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LOVE

# HELP WEEK TOOL

## CHOOSE LOVE

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# OVERCOME WEEK

## CHOOSE LOVE



Overcoming things that keep you from believing and sharing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Overcome Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### GAME OF CHOICES - WOULD YOU RATHER?

- Would you rather have the neck of a giraffe or the hands of a baby?
- Would you rather fall asleep during class or during lunch?
- Would you rather give up your phone or give up junk food?
- Would you rather know who you will marry or how many kids you will have?
- Would you rather find true love or win a million dollars?

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about how we love others, because God first loved us. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about what we need to overcome, so that we can love our neighbors as ourselves.”

LOVE



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Overcome Week Discussion page to make sure you understand it.
- Read Overcome Week Discussion.
- Then break into groups and discuss.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “O” Week

Offer a Question

- Post this question on your social media: Who has shown you unconditional love?

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Prepare Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.



**SPEAKER**

# OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE LOVE

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How do you read it?’ And he answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.’” **Luke 10:25-27**

### EXPLAIN

In these verses, Jesus was teaching the people, when a lawyer stands up and asks Jesus a question, “What do I need to do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus questions him back, “What does the law say?” The man answers by quoting scripture, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus then says, “Do this and you will live!” Wow, that’s all there is? Well, not really. There’s more. We must love God with more than just words and actions.

Let’s break this down:

“All your heart” means to love God with all your desires, without hiding anything. “All your soul” means to love God with your innermost being, the real you. “All your strength” means loving God with everything you have. “With all your mind” means to love God with everything you think about. When we love God like that, we will love our neighbors, too. Who are our neighbors? Everyone. We love others because God loves us.

When we begin a relationship with Jesus, we give Him our heart, soul, strength and mind. It is then that we can love others the way He loves us. The greatest need people around us have is to have the love of Jesus through salvation. What do you need to overcome to choose to love your neighbor as yourself?

### APPLY

If others are ever going to see the love of Jesus, they may have to see it through a person in their school who is different in how they act and react. The love of Jesus breaks down barriers, and we get to share, and to show that love to our friends and classmates.

### RESPOND

Let’s get into groups and discuss these questions:

- How can you show the love of Jesus to a friend or classmate?
- What struggles do you have with loving other people?
- Share how you have been shown love.

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Forgiving others shows the love of Jesus!

LOVE

# PREPARE WEEK

## CHOOSE LOVE



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Prepare Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about how forgiving others shows the love of Jesus. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to help us share God’s great love through our story.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

- Look over the Prepare Week Exercise page and make sure you understand it.
- If you have students signed up to share their **Faith Story**, let them go first.
- Read the Prepare Week Exercise.
- Then pass out the **Story of His Great Love** handout, and allow students time to write out their story.

LOVE



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “P” Week

Answer the question

- Post on social media a picture of a person who has shown you unconditional love.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Don’t forget to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Engage Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you to hear the Good News of Jesus.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.



SPEAKER

# PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

## CHOOSE LOVE

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### FAITH STORY

Today \_\_\_\_\_ is sharing their faith story.

Please listen, as it can be hard to share in front of people. Remember, there is power in your story.

(After students share, continue to the exercise below.)

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### THE STORY OF HIS GREAT LOVE

What comes to mind when you think of a great love story? Is it something you saw on TV or maybe how your parents met? How about a love story that begins with you being separated from the one person who loves you the most? How far are you willing to go for someone you love? (Allow students to respond.)

**LOVE** In John chapter 3 verse 16, we read just how far God is willing to go to be a part of our story. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Have you experienced that love? If so, take a few minutes and write about how you came to personally know God and how you know He loves you.

(If time allows, have students share what they wrote with the club.)



# PREPARE WEEK HANDOUT

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# ENGAGE WEEK

## CHOOSE LOVE



Engaging your school with the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Engage Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we shared God’s love through our story. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about the love of God through the Good News of Jesus.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Engage Week Discussion GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. to make sure you understand it.
- Read Engage Week Discussion. Then close in prayer.
- Next have the Host read the **Response Time** below.
- Pass out **Student Response Cards** to each student.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

**RESPONSE TIME:** (Pass out Student Response Cards)

“Everyone take a minute and think about what was just shared today. If you decided to begin a relationship with Jesus, then on your response card check the first box. If you have questions or would like us to help you find a youth group to go to, check that box, and we would love to get you connected. Take a few minutes to fill out your card, and we will come around to collect them.”

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE “E” WEEK

Proclaim the Gospel

- Post on social media: I love because God first loved me.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Thank you for coming. Join us next week for Help Week!”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more. Do the follow-up sheet and process.



SPEAKER






# ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE LOVE

### GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y.

SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

The word **Gospel** means **Good News**. It was used to announce good news about a new king. The good news told about the king's message, actions, and victories. The Gospel of Jesus is found in the Bible. It is the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Gospel story also tells us who we are, why we are broken, and how Jesus is the King who gave His life to rescue us. We are invited to be a part of God's story by trusting and following Jesus.

 <p><b>SCRIPTURE</b> tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.</p>	<p>The greatest love stories are about someone making a sacrifice for the person they love. Did you know that someone loved you so much that they gave their life for you? Jesus did. He is the perfect example of love. John chapter 15 verse 13 says, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." After saying this, He gave His life for all people. This was the greatest act of love in human history because of who Jesus is.</p> <p>The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.</p>
 <p><b>TRUE</b> identity begins with knowing that God created us.</p>	<p>But wait, why do we need Jesus to rescue us from our sins? Let me explain.</p> <p>The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made, good. He created humans to know Him and to represent Him on the earth (Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He has created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity.</p> <p>Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.</p>
 <p><b>OUR</b> lives are broken by sin.</p>	<p>The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God's purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. We often don't realize how much God loves us. Instead, we feel unloved and disconnected from God. We need God's love to rescue us.</p>
 <p><b>REAL</b> love is Jesus giving His life for ours.</p>	<p>Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins. He died and was buried, but on the third day, God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true king who rescued us by His love.</p>
 <p><b>You</b> are invited into God's story.</p>	<p>Jesus often said that He had power to forgive sins (Mark 2:10). His death and resurrection proved that He can forgive anyone who asks Him. He will forgive you! You are invited into God's story. It begins with a choice to believe in Jesus.</p> <p>If you would like to begin a relationship with God, I would like to invite you to pray with me. <b>PRAY:</b> "God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen."</p>

LOVE

(Pass out **Student Response Cards** while the Host shares **Response Time** from **Part 3**.)

# STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

My response to the Gospel story today.  
(Please only check one.)

- I began a relationship with Jesus today.
- I have questions about following Jesus.
- I am already a follower of Jesus.
- I am not interested.

I would like to get connected to a youth group.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

What church do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Who invited you to FP today? \_\_\_\_\_

The information you put on this card will be given to a student leader to follow up with you. Your information will not be stored or given to anyone else.



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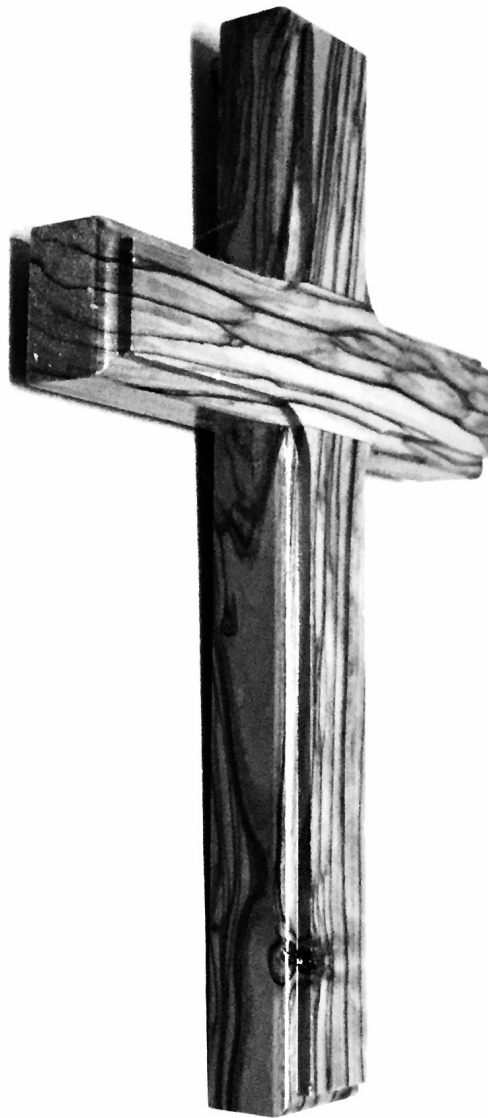


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# CHOOSE SACRIFICE

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# PLANNING GUIDE

## Plan To Win


### HELP WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_


### OVERCOME WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_


 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_


 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_

### PREPARE WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_


 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_


 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_


 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_


 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_

### ENGAGE WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_

 WELCOME: \_\_\_\_\_

 HOST: \_\_\_\_\_

 SPEAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

 FOLLOW UP: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTES

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# HELP WEEK

## CHOOSE SACRIFICE



Helping each other believe and share the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! This month we will talk about what it looks like to choose sacrifice. Let’s start things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about how to live a life of sacrifice and a tool to help you share understand it.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Help Week Discussion and Help Tool to make sure you understand it.
- Read Help Week Discussion.
- Then pass out the eFold help tool.
- **HELP TOOL:** eFold



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “H” Week

Speak the Truth

- Post on social media a short video explaining the eFold.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Overcome Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you as we continue our theme Choose Sacrifice.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

SACRIFICE

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

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WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

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**SPEAKER**

# HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE SACRIFICE

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” **Hebrews 13:15-16**

### EXPLAIN

Sacrifice. There’s no way to sugar-coat it. It hurts. It’s supposed to. Sacrifice isn’t pleasant. It is the act of giving up something you love or value for a greater purpose.

Paul says in Philippians chapter 2 verses 6 through 8 that Jesus, “emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” It’s important to understand what Jesus emptied Himself of. He left the comforts of heaven to come to earth, to take on human form, to die on a cross. He gave up all this, so that He could meet our need for salvation.

We will never be called to make that kind of sacrifice, but let’s look at some sacrifices we can make in response to Jesus’ sacrifice. In Hebrews chapter 13 verses 15 and 16, God tells us what sacrifices please Him, “Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” When we bring a “sacrifice of praise,” we choose to believe that, even though life is not going as we think it should, God is still good and can be trusted. When we choose to praise God, despite the storms, He is honored, and our faith grows deeper. Real praise continues, regardless of circumstances.

In verse 16, it tells the other sacrifices that please God: doing good and sharing with others. Instead of focusing on ourselves and our own needs, look for opportunities to pour into other people. Stop living for yourself. The world is full of people who are hurt, lost, and discouraged. You don’t have to save the world, Jesus already did that. But helping others is something He wants us to do. Don’t wait. Take the opportunity to help someone. You won’t regret it, and God won’t forget it - “For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

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### APPLY

This week’s Help Tool will help you share Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross and how you can choose a relationship with Him. Pass out an eFold to each student and explain what each section means, by following the instructions in the packet.

### RESPOND

Let’s get into groups and practice sharing the eFold, before we leave today.

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Choose today to live a life of sacrifice.

# HELP WEEK TOOL

## CHOOSE SACRIFICE

### eFOLDS Unfolding the Gospel!

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#### How to lead someone to Jesus Christ using the eFolds (English)

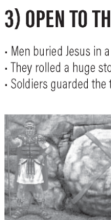
##### 1) SHOW 'MAN IN SIN' SEPARATED FROM 'GOD'



- This light (point to the right side) represents God.
- God is perfect and without sin.
- God loves us!
- God doesn't want us to perish, but to have everlasting life.
- But our sins must be removed in order to have eternal life with God.
- This figure (point to the left side) represents every person — like you and me.
- The darkness represents our sin.
- Sin is anything that God tells us not to do.
- The Bible says "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23)
- Our sins separate us from God.



- ##### 2) OPEN TO 'CHRIST ON THE CROSS'
- The Bible also says that "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son Jesus, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
  - The Bible says, "God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)
  - God loved us so much that He sent His only Son Jesus Christ to earth as a man.
  - Jesus died on a cross to pay for our sins with His blood. He took our sins in His body on the cross so that we could come to God. (1 Peter 2:24, 3:18).



- ##### 3) OPEN TO THE 'TOMB'
- Men buried Jesus in a tomb.
  - They rolled a huge stone in front of it.
  - Soldiers guarded the tomb.

##### 4) OPEN TO 'RISEN CHRIST'



- God sent an angel to roll away the big stone and scare away the soldiers.
- God raised Jesus from the dead!
- Soon afterward, God took Jesus back to Heaven.
- Jesus has paid the price for our sin, and Jesus has conquered death.



- ##### 5) OPEN TO 'CROSS BRIDGE'
- Jesus is the only way we can come to God.
  - Jesus said in the Bible, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father [God] except through Me" (John 14:6)
  - Through Jesus, we can be forgiven of all our sins and be with God forever.
  - But just knowing about these things is not enough! We must choose to put our faith in Jesus — to trust Him to save us from sin.
  - If you do not take the step of trusting in Jesus, then your sins are not removed! (Hebrews 4:2)



- ##### 6) OPEN TO 'HEAVEN & HELL'
- The Bible says that whoever believes in Jesus has eternal life and is not judged. But whoever does not believe in Jesus has been judged already and the wrath of God remains upon him! (John 3:16, 18, 36).
  - The penalty for sin is death, but eternal life through Jesus is a free gift from God.
  - What choice will you make?
  - Trust in Jesus Christ to be forgiven and have eternal life? (point to 'Heaven')
  - Or reject Jesus Christ and suffer eternal punishment in fire? (point to 'hell')

**ASK THE QUESTION: Would you like to trust Jesus right now and be saved? (if YES, continue)**

(if yes) The Bible says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." (Romans 10:9) I can lead us in a prayer to God. Remember, it's not saying the words that saves you; God is looking at your heart for true faith in Jesus. Ready? (if yes) Let's pray:

"God, thank You for loving me. / I confess that I have sinned against You. / I believe that Your Son Jesus / died on a cross / to pay for my sins, and that You raised Jesus from the dead. / I now put my faith only in Jesus / to forgive me / and save me from my sins. / I confess that Jesus is Lord! / Thank you for your gift of eternal life. / I pray in Jesus' name. / Amen"



##### ASSURANCE OF SALVATION: SHOW 'HEAVEN & HELL'

- If you took that step of trusting in Jesus Christ today, here's what the Bible says about you: "As many as received Jesus, to all who believed in His name, to them He gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)
- (Point at the hands) Jesus also says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand." (John 10:27-28)

#### STEPS FOR FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST!



##### LOVE GOD AND ALL PEOPLE.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:36-40)



##### STUDY THE BIBLE (GOD'S WORD) DAILY.

Start with the gospel of John; read 1 chapter each day. "Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation..." (1 Peter 2:2)

"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word" (Jesus said in John 14:23)



##### PRAY TO GOD CONSTANTLY.

In prayer you can thank and worship God, ask for His help, confess your sins, and pray for others. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Phil. 4:6-7)



##### MEET REGULARLY WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS.

God commands that Christians meet regularly for worship, prayer, Bible study, and helping each other. "...not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..." (Heb. 10:25)



##### TELL OTHERS THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS.

God wants us to tell other people how to have Eternal Life with God by trusting in Jesus to save them from sin. You can use this paper when you talk to others about Jesus! "And He (Jesus) said to them, 'Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to all creation.'" (Mark 16:15)

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SACRIFICE

# OVERCOME WEEK

## CHOOSE SACRIFICE



Overcoming things that keep you from believing and sharing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Overcome Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### GAME OF CHOICES - WOULD YOU RATHER?

- Would you rather use an iPhone or a Samsung?
- Would you rather dress fashionably or comfortably?
- Would you rather hop around all day or walk backwards?
- Would you rather have a pimple on your nose or between your eyes?
- Would you rather give up sleep or give up your phone?

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about choosing to live a life of sacrifice. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about what we need to overcome and give up to live a sacrificial life.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Overcome Week Discussion page to make sure you understand it.
- Read Overcome Week Discussion.
- Then break into groups and discuss.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “O” Week

Offer a Question

- Post this question on your social media: Who has made sacrifices for you?

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Prepare Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.





**SPEAKER**

# OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE SACRIFICE

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Then he said to them all: Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.” **Luke 9:23-24**

### EXPLAIN

Sacrifice: an act of giving up something you value for the sake of something else that is important or worthy.

Living a life for ourselves adds stress, pressure, and chaos to our life. We miss out on the peace that only comes from sacrificial living. When we sacrifice, we give up something that means a lot to us. For instance, if we give away clothes that we never wear or games that we never play, is that sacrifice? Nope. If what we give up doesn't mean anything to us, it doesn't mean anything to God. In Luke chapter 9 verses 23 and 24, Jesus gave instructions when He said, “whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

What does it mean to deny myself and take up my cross daily? It means that we sacrifice our thoughts, our needs, and even our time for service to God. What would motivate us to do this? We do this because we love God and are called to serve Him. We don't serve others just to get credit or recognition or so that our good deeds outweigh our bad deeds. To deny ourselves means to give up anything that keeps us from doing what God intends for us. We don't usually like to give up anything.

How about taking up our cross? What's that? You see, Jesus doesn't simply call us to believe that He existed or even to believe that He can save us. He calls on us to commit our whole lives to Him—to trust Him alone for our salvation and then to follow Him as His disciples. Luke chapter 14 verse 27 says, “Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.”

Have you allowed Jesus to be in complete control of your life? Have you put to death your own plans and committed yourself to His plans for your life? Don't be satisfied with anything less, for there is no greater joy in life than following Christ every day.

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### APPLY

So what does this mean for us? It means no matter what we think or do, we are to sacrifice our wants and desires and to follow Christ; we are to sacrifice our comfort and share the Gospel with others. This becomes a lifestyle and a way of giving up what we want, so that we can share the Gospel.

### RESPOND

Let's get into groups and discuss:

- What are things, times, events, you can sacrifice for the sake of others?
- How have others sacrificed for you? For example: parents, grandparents, family, and friends.
- Think of three things that you can do this week that would be considered a sacrifice for someone else.

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

In order to be a disciple or follower of Jesus, we must be willing to give up things in our life for His plan.

# PREPARE WEEK

## CHOOSE SACRIFICE



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Prepare Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about living a life of sacrifice. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to show us how we can share our story and Jesus’ story.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

- Look over the Prepare Week Exercise page and make sure you understand it.
- If you have students signed up to share their **Faith Story**, let them go first.
- Read the Prepare Week discussion.
- Then pass out **Both Sides of the Story** handout.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “P” Week

Answer the question

- Post on social media a picture of the person who has made sacrifices for you and give them a shout out.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Don’t forget to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Engage Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you to hear the Good News of Jesus.”

## BEHIND THE SCENES



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FOLLOW UP

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SPEAKER

# PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

## CHOOSE SACRIFICE

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### FAITH STORY

Today \_\_\_\_\_ is sharing their faith story.

Please listen, as it can be hard to share in front of people. Remember, there is power in your story.

(After students share, continue to the exercise below.)

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### BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY

Have you ever heard two people tell the same story? Most of the time there are two sides to every story. Our faith story is a lot like that, too. One side of the story is about us and what our life was like before and after beginning a relationship with Jesus. That part is very important. But sometimes we forget the other side of the story, which is how much Jesus sacrificed to rescue us from our sin and brokenness.

Hebrews chapter 12 verse 2 says, “looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Our story should always point other people to Jesus and what He has done. Today we want to list both sides of the story beside each other. This will help us remember to include both sides of the story, when we share our faith story.

Use the sheet we are handing out to show both sides of the story.

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2. On the **“JESUS”** side, write down things that Jesus did to rescue you from sin and restore your broken relationship with God. (Examples: Lived a perfect life. Loved me. Died on the cross. Rose from the dead.)
3. Circle the list on the **“JESUS”** side. This is a reminder to always include what Jesus has done to restore our relationship with God in your story.
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# PREPARE WEEK HANDOUT

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# ENGAGE WEEK

## CHOOSE SACRIFICE



Engaging your school with the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Engage Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we shared both sides of the story, which included ME and JESUS. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about the Gospel Story.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Engage Week Discussion GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. to make sure you understand it.
- Read Engage Week Discussion. Then close in prayer.
- Next have the Host read the **Response Time** below.
- Pass out **Student Response Cards** to each student.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

**RESPONSE TIME:** (Pass out Student Response Cards)

“Everyone take a minute and think about what was just shared today. If you decided to begin a relationship with Jesus, then on your response card check the first box. If you have questions or would like us to help you find a youth group to go to, check that box, and we would love to get you connected. Take a few minutes to fill out your card, and we will come around to collect them.”

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE “E” WEEK

Proclaim the Gospel

- Post on social media a picture of Jesus holding man’s hand from your eFold and share the Good News of Jesus.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Thank you for coming. Join us next week for Help Week!”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

SACRIFICE

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more. Do the follow-up sheet and process.



# ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE SACRIFICE

### GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

The word **Gospel** means **Good News**. It was used to announce good news about a new king. The good news told about the king’s message, actions, and victories. The Gospel of Jesus is found in the Bible. It is the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Gospel story also tells us who we are, why we are broken, and how Jesus is the King who gave His life to rescue us. We are invited to be a part of God’s story by trusting and following Jesus.



**SCRIPTURE**  
tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.

Has anyone ever given up something important for you? Maybe it was their time or a very expensive gift. There is a person who made the greatest sacrifice of all for you. Jesus gave His life to rescue the world from sin (Matthew 20:28). This is a big deal because of who Jesus is.

The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.



**TRUE**  
identity begins with knowing that God created us.

But wait, why do we need Jesus to rescue us from our sins? Let me explain.

The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made, good. He created humans to know Him and to represent Him on the earth (Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He has created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity.

Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.



**OUR**  
lives are broken by sin.

The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God’s purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. We needed someone to love us so much that they would do anything to rescue us.



**REAL** love is Jesus giving His life for ours.

Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins. He died and was buried, but on the third day, God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true King who rescued us by His love.

Jesus giving His life for us was the greatest sacrifice in human history.



**You** are invited into God’s story.

John chapter 3 verse 16 says, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” There is a reason for Jesus’ sacrifice. He gave His life, so you can have eternal life. You are invited into God’s story. It begins with a choice to believe in Jesus.

If you would like to begin a relationship with God, I would like to invite you to pray with me.

**PRAY:** “God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen.”

(Pass out **Student Response Cards** while the Host shares **Response Time** from **Part 3**.)

SACRIFICE



# STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

My response to the Gospel story today.  
(Please only check one.)

- I began a relationship with Jesus today.
- I have questions about following Jesus.
- I am already a follower of Jesus.
- I am not interested.

I would like to get connected to a youth group.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

What church do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Who invited you to FP today? \_\_\_\_\_

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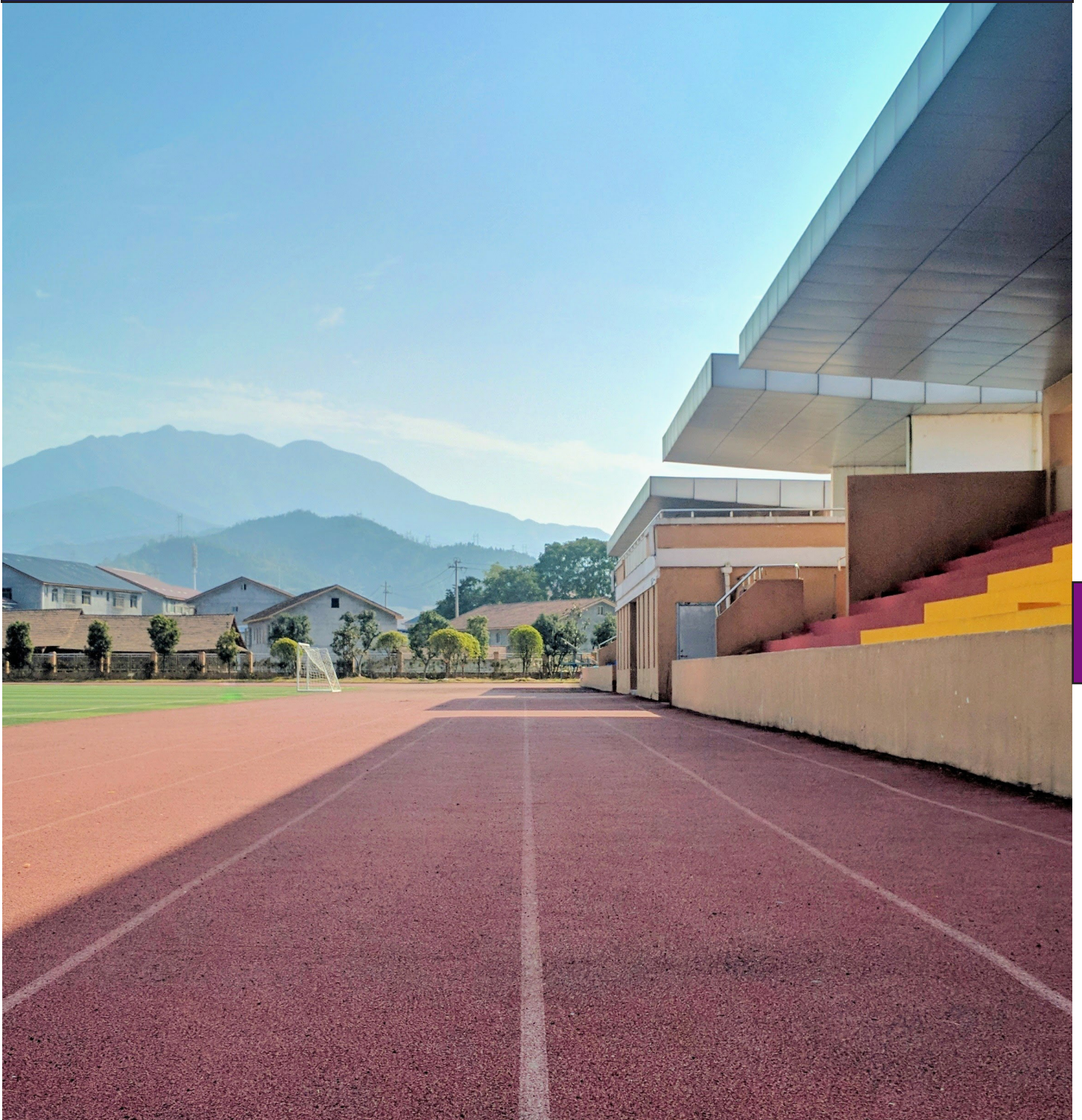


FIRST PRIORITY  
HOPE WEEKLY GUIDE

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# CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY

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# PLANNING GUIDE

## Plan To Win


### HELP WEEK

 PROMO: \_\_\_\_\_

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# HELP WEEK

## CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY



Helping each other believe and share the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! This month we will talk about looking for opportunities to tell others about Jesus. Let’s start things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about missed opportunities and how we can look for ways to reach people.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Help Week Discussion and Help Tool to make sure you understand it.
- Read the Help Week Discussion.
- Then pair up with someone and go through the **MySharePal** app or use the **Ask, Listen, Lead Card**.
- **HELP TOOL:** MySharePal app and Ask, Listen, Lead Card



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “H” Week

Speak the Truth

- Post on social media the first question from the MySharePal app or Ask, Listen, Lead Card.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Overcome Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you as we continue our theme Choose Opportunity.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



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**SPEAKER**

# HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Live wisely among those who are not believers and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.”

**Colossians 4:5-6**

### EXPLAIN

Have you ever been noticed for something you did good? How about getting called out for something you did that wasn't so good. (Allow students time to respond.)

People are watching. They sit back and observe. If your life consistently reflects Jesus and what you believe, it will give you the opportunity to speak truth when the time is right. But the opposite is also true. If your talk doesn't match your walk, people will not want to hear what you have to say, and opportunities to share Jesus can be missed.

Paul reminds us in Colossians chapter 4 verses 5 and 6 to: “Live wisely among those who are not believers and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.” This is why, as believers, it matters how we act around those who do not believe in Jesus. Is the life you live for Jesus attractive to others? (Allow students to respond.)

How often have we missed opportunities to share Jesus with others? For some of us, sharing Jesus with others can be hard, while others find it easy. We can all challenge ourselves to look for opportunities every day to share about Jesus - maybe it is our faith story, a recent blessing, or an answer to prayer. God will give us all opportunities to share about His goodness. Let us seize every opportunity to share Jesus and our hope of eternity.

### APPLY

Today's Help Tool is MySharePal app or the Ask, Listen, Lead Card. It will help us share the Gospel. If you are unable to download the MySharePal app, we have the Ask, Listen, Lead Cards that will guide you and the person you are sharing with through a series of questions.

### RESPOND

Let's get into groups and practice the Help Tool, before we leave today.

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Choose today to pray for opportunities to share Jesus with others.

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# HELP WEEK TOOL

## CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY

### Ask, Listen, Lead



This survey card comes from the MySharePal app. You can use it to interview your friends. Ask the questions in a nice way. Listen to understand their answers. Don't be afraid to lead them by sharing about your relationship with God. Let them know that you are glad to talk more, if they have more questions. You would also be happy to pray with them, if they would like.

- Do you have any spiritual beliefs?
- Who do you think Jesus is?
- What do you think our purpose in life is?
- What do you think happens to you when you die?
- If there was a way to have a relationship with God and go to heaven would you want to know?
- Did you know that Jesus died and rose again, so that we could have a relationship with God?
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## CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY

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# OVERCOME WEEK

## CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY



Overcoming things that keep you from believing and sharing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Overcome Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### GAME OF CHOICES - WOULD YOU RATHER?

- Would you rather get paid to go to school or not have to go to school at all?
- Would you rather jump into any video game or jump into in any book?
- Would you rather an unlimited supply of chocolate or unlimited supply of ice cream?
- Would you rather see who you will marry or know how you will die?
- Would you rather serve other people or always be served?

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about finding opportunities to share Jesus with others. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about looking for opportunities to do good.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Overcome Week Discussion page to make sure you understand it.
- Read Overcome Week Discussion.
- Then break into groups and discuss.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “O” Week

Offer a Question

- Post this question on your social media: What is the biggest opportunity God has given you?

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Everyone remember to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Prepare Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

### BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more.



SPEAKER

# OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.” **Proverbs 3:27**

### EXPLAIN

Have you ever said, “I wish I would have thought of that?” That means you recognized an opportunity after you saw someone else do it first. We need to become more sensitive to the opportunities and the open doors that God presents in our lives. Every day God gives you opportunities to do good for people around you. Do you notice the people who need a word of encouragement, pat on the back, an errand done for them, or some other means of help?

The Bible says in Proverbs chapter 3 verse 27, “Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.” You won’t always have an opportunity to help. So when you do, take the Nike approach: Just do it! You probably have people in your life that you’ve thought about helping. You have the best intentions, but so far, you’ve done nothing. Why didn’t you act immediately?

We make excuses. One of the biggest ones is: “I’ll do it when I have some free time.” Guess what? You probably never will. If you’re going to do any good in your life, the time is now. Proverbs chapter 27 verse 1 reminds us that, “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.” Do good now, because you do not know what tomorrow will bring.

In John chapter 9 verse 4, Jesus says, “We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.” God has assigned tasks for all of us to do in our lives. Don’t wait for perfect conditions; look for the opportunities God gives you to help and encourage others.

### APPLY

When we miss opportunities to do good for others, we are also missing the opportunity to share Jesus. So what do we need to overcome in our own lives to see opportunities throughout our day? Maybe it’s that we think we are too busy, maybe too shy, or even too afraid of what people will think. God is bigger than all that. Trust Him today and choose opportunities.

### RESPOND

Let’s get into groups and discuss:

- What are some excuses you may have heard for not doing good quickly?
- Can you describe a time when you “meant to” do good but waited and lost the opportunity?
- How is God asking you to do good for someone? What step can you take today to make that happen?

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

God, may I be aware of opportunities that You send me and make the most of them, while there is time.

# PREPARE WEEK

## CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Prepare Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we talked about looking for opportunities to help others. Today we are all going to share some of the opportunities we have had to share Jesus with others this school year.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

- Look over the Prepare Week Exercise page and make sure you understand it.
- If you have students signed up to share their **Faith Story**, let them go first.
- Read Prepare Week Discussion.
- Then pass out **The Biggest Opportunity** handout, and allow students time to fill it out.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “P” Week

Answer the question

- Post on social media an opportunity God has given you to help others.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Don’t forget to share the Good News of Jesus with someone this week. Next week is Engage Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you to hear the Good News of Jesus.”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

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SPEAKER

# PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

## CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY

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### FAITH STORY

Today \_\_\_\_\_ is sharing their faith story.

Please listen, as it can be hard to share in front of people. Remember, there is power in your story.

(After students share, continue to the exercise below.)

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### THE BIGGEST OPPORTUNITY

First Timothy chapter 4 verse 12 says, "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

Hopefully, you've had the opportunity to share your faith story at First Priority at some point this year. Today we are going to use this meeting as a big opportunity to share what God has done throughout the year.

In the sheet we are handing out, work through the questions. Then give whoever would like, the opportunity to share with everyone.

1. What are some ways you have seen God work in the club this year?
2. Who are some students in the club who have made a big impact on you this year?
3. What is your favorite memory from the club this year that you would like to share and celebrate?
4. What is one thing you learned about Jesus in the club this year that you could share?

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# ENGAGE WEEK

## CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY



Engaging your school with the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

“Welcome to First Priority. We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for Engage Week. Let’s kick things off with prayer.”

#### OPENING PRAYER

**GAME:** If you have time, play a game to help everyone feel welcome.

**INTRODUCE SPEAKER:** “Last week we shared about the opportunities God gave us this year to share about Him. Today my friend \_\_\_\_\_ is going to talk about the Good News of Jesus and our choice to choose Him.”



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

- Look over the Engage Week Discussion GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. to make sure you understand it.
- Read Engage Week Discussion. Then close in prayer.
- Next have the Host read the **Response Time** below.
- Pass out **Student Response Cards** to each student.



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

**RESPONSE TIME:** (Pass out Student Response Cards)

“Everyone take a minute and think about what was just shared today. If you decided to begin a relationship with Jesus, then on your response card check the first box. If you have questions or would like us to help you find a youth group to go to, check that box, and we would love to get you connected. Take a few minutes to fill out your card, and we will come around to collect them.”

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE “E” WEEK

Proclaim the Gospel

- Post on social media your favorite way to share the Gospel. Get creative!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Thank you for joining us at First Priority this year!”

#### CLOSING PRAYER

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FOLLOW UP

Be available for anyone who would like to pray or talk more. Do the follow-up sheet and process.










# ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY

### GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

The word **Gospel** means **Good News**. It was used to announce good news about a new king. The good news told about the king’s message, actions, and victories. The Gospel of Jesus is found in the Bible. It is the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Gospel story also tells us who we are, why we are broken, and how Jesus is the King who gave His life to rescue us. We are invited to be a part of God’s story by trusting and following Jesus.

 <p><b>SCRIPTURE</b> tells us who Jesus is and what He has done.</p>	<p>Who is a person you admire? Have they ever given you the opportunity to follow them and join them in changing the world? Jesus gave people the opportunity to follow Him and join His mission to change the world. Mark chapter 1 verse 17 says, “And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.’” Jesus invited everyone to follow Him and gave them a purpose. Why is it a big deal for Jesus to invite people to follow Him? It is because of who He is.</p> <p>The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.</p>
 <p><b>TRUE</b> identity begins with knowing that God created us.</p>	<p>But wait, why do we need Jesus to rescue us from our sins? Let me explain.</p> <p>The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made, good. He created humans to know Him and to represent Him on the earth (Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He has created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity.</p> <p>Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.</p>
 <p><b>OUR</b> lives are broken by sin.</p>	<p>The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God’s purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. Because of this, we often feel hopeless and like there is no opportunity for things to be right again. We need someone to give us hope and make us right with God again.</p>
 <p><b>REAL</b> love is Jesus giving His life for ours.</p>	<p>Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins. He died and was buried, but on the third day, God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true King who rescued us by His love.</p>
 <p><b>You</b> are invited into God’s story.</p>	<p>You are invited to follow Jesus and find the purpose that God has for your life. There is hope for you to be right with God again. You are invited into God’s story. This new life can begin by trusting and following Jesus.</p> <p>If you would like to begin a relationship with God, I would like to invite you to pray with me. <b>PRAY:</b> “God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen.”</p> <p>(Pass out <b>Student Response Cards</b> while the Host shares <b>Response Time</b> from <b>Part 3</b>.)</p>

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# STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

My response to the Gospel story today.  
(Please only check one.)

- I began a relationship with Jesus today.
- I have questions about following Jesus.
- I am already a follower of Jesus.
- I am not interested.

I would like to get connected to a youth group.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

What church do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Who invited you to FP today? \_\_\_\_\_

The information you put on this card will be given to a student leader to follow up with you. Your information will not be stored or given to anyone else.



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FIRST PRIORITY  
HOPE WEEKLY GUIDE

# APPENDIX



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# FIRST PRIORITY

## Club Request

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To whom it may concern,

We would like to start a First Priority Club at our school. First Priority is a student-led club where we can develop skills, like leadership, integrity, character, teamwork, time management, event planning, organization, social skills, and public speaking through Christian principles.

Our goal is to be leaders who make a positive impact in our school and invite others to do the same. Everyone will be welcome to attend, and there is no fee. We also want to partner with other clubs and projects that make a positive difference in our school.

Our plan each month is a four-week cycle called HOPE (Help, Overcome, Prepare, Engage). Each week has a different focus on how to be a leader, such as practical tools, training, group questions and activities, how to develop our story, ways to serve the school, and how to connect with others.

Thousands of schools across America have First Priority Clubs. Therefore, we will have the opportunity to get resources, develop leadership training, and connect with Student Leaders from other schools and cities across America who are making a positive difference in their schools.

We have asked a teacher to allow us to use their classroom. We have also provided our names, along with the day, time, and room where we can meet.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Student Names:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Room:

Day:

Time:

Teacher Sponsor:

# FIRST PRIORITY

## Constitution and By-Laws

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### Article I - Name of the Club

The First Priority Club of \_\_\_\_\_ School.

### Article II - Purpose of the Club

1. To encourage friends to understand the importance of living in relationship with God, serve as a resource to help students enhance their spiritual lives, and provide an opportunity to integrate beliefs into daily living.
2. To provide members the occasion to grow in their faith and for them to develop into dynamic leaders on the campus and in the community.
3. To increase the self-esteem and moral foundation of peers, while discouraging premarital sex, substance abuse, bullying, violence, suicide, and more, so that each member will develop a greater respect for the authority placed over them and pursue a lifestyle consistent to that outlined in the Bible.

### Article III - Qualifications of the Members

Club membership is open to any student in this school who agrees with and is able to comply with the stated guidelines in this Constitution/By-Laws, provided there is no attempt by them to disrupt the meeting. Membership is equated to consistent attendance and participation in the club.

### Article IV - Student Leadership

Our club may or may not have individuals holding positions of office, depending on our school's requirements. Our team of officers/student leaders carries out the following duties, including, but not limited to: being greeters; promoting First Priority Club; being a club leader for a specific week; speaking publicly; teaching, as able; securing guest speakers; leading or co-leading small groups and skits; making announcements; and serving refreshments. Any candidate for leadership must be a devoted follower of Christ, avoiding disqualifying behavior that Scripture forbids (Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10), and setting a positive biblical example: "in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12, c.f. Galatians 5:22-25

### Article V - Meetings

1. Our meetings are student led, in accordance with the Equal Access Act (20 U.S.C. 4071-74), passed by Congress in 1984.
2. Our meetings occur weekly and are coordinated with our faculty sponsor.
3. Our meetings provide students the opportunity to discover and develop leadership skills they will use the rest of their lives.
4. Our HOPE strategy of meetings provides students with the opportunity to grow, apply their personal faith, and enhance their relationships with friends and family.
5. Our meetings encourage students to invite their peers to be a part of an exciting club that assembles in a respectful and friendly atmosphere.

### Article VI - Affiliation

1. Our club is affiliated with First Priority, a not-for-profit ministry that resources clubs to succeed in their stated purpose.
2. First Priority connects a community volunteer to attend club meetings as an invited guest to help student leaders fulfill their assigned tasks.

### Article VII - Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution/By-Laws may be proposed by any member. Amendments shall become effective, if approved by two-thirds of the members and faculty sponsor. This Constitution/By-Laws is agreed to by School, on the date of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Submitted by the following students:

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



# FIRST PRIORITY

## 90 Day Reading Plan: The Gospels

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### Ideas of how to read the Bible:

- Get a Bible or download the YouVersion Bible App.
- Get a journal to take notes in.
- Check out the Bible Project Videos on YouTube or [thebibleproject.com](http://thebibleproject.com).

### Matthew

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### Mark

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### Luke

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### John

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