

How-To Guide

This binder contains the materials and guides to equip Student Leaders, Club Mentors, and Volunteers to confidently lead a First Priority Club through its Four-Week Monthly Cycle. Each week has a unique purpose but the same goal: **to take the HOPE of Christ to every student.**

Your commitment as a Club Mentor is 32 hours a year for one school with one Club.

GET FAMILIAR WITH THE GUIDE

- Read through the entire guide before leading any Clubs.
- Pay close attention to the Club's layout, objectives, and materials needed.
- Review each Club in advance.
- Gather all necessary materials (handouts, supplies, QR Codes, etc.) from your Club Kits.

UNDERSTAND THE CLUB FLOW

Stick to this order each week.

- **Random Question [All Adults]:** Builds connection and makes sure that every student feels seen and heard.
- **Get Connected [Club Mentor]:** Church Shout-Outs, Text Updates, Social Media, and Invite Others.
 - This is KEY for connection to the local church and will now happen weekly through the Club Mentor.
 - You may use whiteboards, large boards/sticky notes for the walls, etc., to list out local churches represented in the room. *You will want to keep an updated picture of this list in the app chat strands for students to reference.*
 - You may alter a connection point as needed based on timing. *For example, the opportunity to talk about events happening at local churches around Easter week.*
- **Welcome & Open Prayer [Student Host]:** Sets the tone and introduces the speaker.
- **The Conversation [Student Speaker]:** Shares a Gospel-Centered message using the Leader Guide.
- **Challenge & Prayer [Student Host]:** Shares the challenge for the week and prays.
- **Game Time Optional [Host & Mentor]:** If time allows, use the ideas from the Misc. Materials tab.

How to Run an Effective Club

This will help you run a First Priority Club that is Gospel-Focused, Student-Led, and Consistent in Excellence! We show up to make an eternal difference in less than 30 minutes. Let's do it well.

PREPARE WELL

BE PRAYED UP

- Pray for the students you will encounter at your Club.
- Pray as a group before the students show up.

BE PREPARED

- Read the Monday morning email, if applicable, so you know the game plan.
- Review the Leader Guide before Club starts.
- Students know when you are winging it; lead with purpose.

TIME MANAGEMENT

- Respect the clock. The bell rings whether you are done or not.
- Don't run out of time; the Gospel is the main reason we're here.
- Game Time is at the end so that content isn't rushed.

BE PRESENT

BE THERE

- Early is on time. On time is late.
- Students remember who shows up consistently.

BE AVAILABLE

- You have less than 30 minutes to build trust; every second counts.
- Let students feel heard and valued.

BE RELATIONAL

- Fist bumps and high fives go a long way.
- Make sure every student feels seen.
- No one sits alone, ever.

TEAMWORK

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

- Respond in your group text so the team knows who will be there.
- Celebrate wins! Share Club stories with your team.
- Follow up weekly with your Faculty Sponsor; they're vital.

CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT

- Play music when students arrive (Spotify playlist available.)
- Help set up and tear down. First impressions matter.
- Leave people and places better than you found them.

Sample Club Flow

Every school is different, and so is every opportunity to share the Gospel. That's why we've created a variety of sample Club Flows for before school, during lunch, and after school, so no matter when you meet, you can use every minute to make an eternal impact.

30 Minute Club (Before School, After School, or Lunch)

Pre-Club Prep

15 Minutes Before Club

- Food Team: *Pick up or set out food (if applicable).*

10 Minutes Before Club

- Setup Team: *Set up tables, chairs, and music.*

5 Minutes Before Club

- Greeter Team: *Be at the door welcoming students.*

Club Flow

Start of Club

- Random Question *[All]* & Serve Food *(if applicable).*

5 Minutes Into Club

- Get Connected *[Club Mentor]*.
- Welcome & Prayer *[Student Host]*.
- The Conversation *[Student Speaker]*.
 - Help Tool, Discussion Questions, Faith Story, Response Time *(This will take 5 minutes.)*

5 Minutes Before End of Club

- Challenge & Prayer *[Student Host]*.

Immediately After Club

- *Cleanup Team:* Return space to original setup and take out trash.

50 Minute Lunch Club

Pre-Club Prep

20 Minutes Before Club

- Food Team: *Pick up pizza.*

15 Minutes Before Club

- Setup Team: *Set up tables, chairs, and music.*

5 Minutes Before Club

- Greeter Team: *Be at the door welcoming students*

Club Flow

Start of Club

- Random Question *[All]* & Serve Food

20 Minutes Into Club

- Get Connected *[Club Mentor]*
- Welcome & Prayer *[Student Host]*
- The Conversation *[Student Speaker]*.
 - Help Tool, Discussion Questions, Faith Story, Response Time *(This will take 5 minutes.)*

5 Minutes Before End of Club

- Challenge & Prayer *[Student Host]*.

Immediately After Club

- *Cleanup Team:* Return space to original setup and take out trash.

Plan Your Year

When planning for this year's guide, there are a few things we want to remind you about. First Priority Clubs exist to take the HOPE of Christ to every student, and if you are familiar with the HOPE Cycle, you know that during ENCOUNTER Week, students invite their friends to encounter Jesus in the Club!

Encounter Weeks are so important because students get to respond to the Gospel, so try to have as many Encounter Weeks as possible! With that understanding, our strongest encouragement is to simply go through the weeks as scheduled (with the exception of holidays, which we will talk about later) and not skip any lessons. In our HOPE Cycle, remember that each week builds on itself; therefore, if there is a need to "skip" a week, you will need to read through the skipped week and make sure to add from it to the next week to allow the lessons to flow effectively.

Concerning holidays, for schools that start in September, you will notice that the month of November talks about family. This is intentional, as students will be challenged to engage their families in a conversation about Jesus. For Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter, there will be Special Editions of our HOPE Guide provided for that week. (*Christmas is just the last week of Club in the month of December.*) These lessons will operate most like a Help Week, as they will have a Special Gospel Tool included that coincides with the holiday.

Monthly Planning Meeting

When planning out your Club each month, please remember that the HOPE Guides are intentionally designed to build off one another to encourage students to have conversations with others about Jesus. Therefore, make sure to plan out

Speakers and Leaders who will work together each week to share the month's whole message. Regardless of role, encourage one another to be intentional in making sure every student is seen, heard, and encouraged to share Christ with someone. **You can use the Planning Sheet at the front of each month in the Guide or use the App.** You can also check out the Monthly Planning Guide online, as well as games if your Club has time. (firstpriority.org/resources/).

Planning the Year

We encourage you to work with your Faculty Sponsor to work through what weeks may or may not have Club. Although this is a school-by-school basis, be sure to ask about Fall and Spring Breaks, Winter Break, testing, and any holidays (*mainly for Friday or Monday Clubs*). You can also see if there is a specific time in your year that the Club might be able to thank their administration for being wonderful hosts. Often, it is best to work one semester at a time for these questions, as a lot can change over time.

As you plan, remember to spend plenty of time in prayer as a Leadership Team. Pray for students, teachers, prayer requests, and administration as you prepare for the Club. And make sure to pray that God moves in students' lives to make Decisions for Christ!



Get the
Monthly
Planning
Guide

LAST CLUB DETAILS

The First Priority curriculum offers 28 weeks of content, but many Clubs wrap up before completing it all.

This guide is here to help you end well, no matter where your Club is in the H.O.P.E. Cycle.

1. WHAT WEEK DO I END WITH?

- **Middle & High School Clubs:**
 - If you just finished Help, Opportunity, or Prepare → end with an Encounter Week.
 - If you just finished an Encounter Week → end with a Help Week.

2. ALL CLUBS (Middle & High): Get Connected

- Do Church Shout-Outs: Let students share their church one last time and invite others to join.
- Remind them that being a part of a local church is the best way to grow in faith and community.
- Make sure they're signed up for text updates and following First Priority on social media to stay connected over summer.

3. HIGH SCHOOL CLUB: Passing the Torch

- Let seniors hand off the mission to future Leaders. Each senior can share:
 - A testimony, memory, or encouragement.
 - A meaningful Bible verse.
 - A prayer for future leaders and the Club.

4. MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB: Looking Ahead

- Prep 8th graders for High School Club:
 - Invite a high school Mentor or Leader to share what to expect.
 - Help them sign up for their new school's text updates.



No matter how far you made it in the H.O.P.E. Cycle, what matters is the impact you've made and the seeds you've planted. The Last Club is a chance to reflect, celebrate, and look ahead to what God will do next. Your faithfulness matters. Let's finish strong and trust God for even more next year!

RESOURCES AND IMPORTANT DATES

Disclaimer: This is meant to be a sample calendar list of dates and ideas that your Club can incorporate for special events, or special ENCOUNTER Weeks. But be mindful that not all dates or opportunities will work for your Club. **Do what is best for your Club and ask for help from your Club Mentor and Faculty Sponsor when needed!**

Throughout the year:

- Plan **parties** and **special events** during ENCOUNTER Weeks to draw new Club members in.
- Talk with your Faculty Sponsor about **school breaks, assembly schedules**, and other dates that might interrupt your 4-Week Cycle to best prepare for a successful year!

September

- **September 23rd, 2026: See You At The Pole**
 - For more information visit SYATP.com



November

- **November 16th-23rd, 2026: Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off Week**
 - Host a packing party during an ENCOUNTER Week before
(Before Nov. 16th-23rd)
 - Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week (Nov. 16th-23rd)



Plan to have Holiday Lessons throughout the school year using our Special Holiday Issues to create intentional moments for invitation and Gospel engagement.

December:

- Christmas Special Issue

February:

- Valentine's Day Special Issue

March

- Easter Special Issue

End of School Year: Don't forget to complete your 5 STARS Club Evaluation!

GET INVOLVED!

The First Priority App

Welcome to the First Priority App - the ultimate tool for staying connected and informed. With Club Updates, strategy resources, and even leadership training, it's your go-to for staying involved and up to date. Download now and stay in the loop!

Visit www.firstpriority.org/app or scan the QR code now to get started.



**SCAN TO DOWNLOAD
THE FP CLUB APP
TODAY!**

Student Leader Scholarship

Does your Club have any seniors who are looking for college or post-high school scholarships? First Priority offers scholarships to graduating seniors who model Christ and have shown outstanding leadership through their time with First Priority! The application deadline is in the Spring (stay tuned for dates!) so be sure to announce this awesome opportunity to all the Club Seniors! Scan the QR code to apply!



**SCAN TO APPLY
FOR A
SCHOLARSHIP!**

The First Priority Podcast

Did you know First Priority releases a podcast about different leadership tips, Club news, and more? If you want to get involved and hear more about First Priority in other areas, be sure to check out the podcast! Scan the QR code to listen to the latest episode!



**SCAN TO LISTEN TO
THE LATEST FP
PODCAST!**

The First Priority Alumni Association

Are you graduating this year? We're here to support you! By becoming a member of our Alumni Association, you'll enjoy benefits such as:

- **Connection with Classmates:** Connect with former FP alumni from across the country who share your passion for making a difference!
- **Church Community:** Whether you're moving or seeking local connections, we can help you find a church community to support you.
- **Career Opportunities:** Looking for a job? We'd love to help you find career opportunities from businesses within our network that value the leadership and dedication fostered by FP Clubs!
- **Club Opportunities:** Give back by volunteering with FP Clubs in your area where you can mentor and support the next generation of leaders



**SCAN TO JOIN THE
ALUMNI PROGRAM!**



FIRST PRIORITY

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 Mentor 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.

STRONG:

- Did we have leaders covering all five roles?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes ☐
- Did each Leader fulfill their responsibility as outlined in the Club Guide?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes ☐
- Did each Leader contribute and participate in most Meetings?
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TRAINED:

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- Did we receive regular guidance from the Mentor in areas of Meeting, preparation objectives, Leader Roles, and best practices?
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ACTIVE:

- Did we have a designated Faculty Sponsor on file with the school?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes ☐
- Was the Faculty Sponsor (or sub) present for all Meetings?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes ☐
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REPEATED:

- Did we follow the general purpose and theme of each week's purpose?
Yes ☐ No ☐ Sometimes ☐
- Did we clearly present the Gospel story of Jesus each Cycle and invite all to believe and follow Him?
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- Did we create a welcoming environment for non-regular FP attenders when we invited them?
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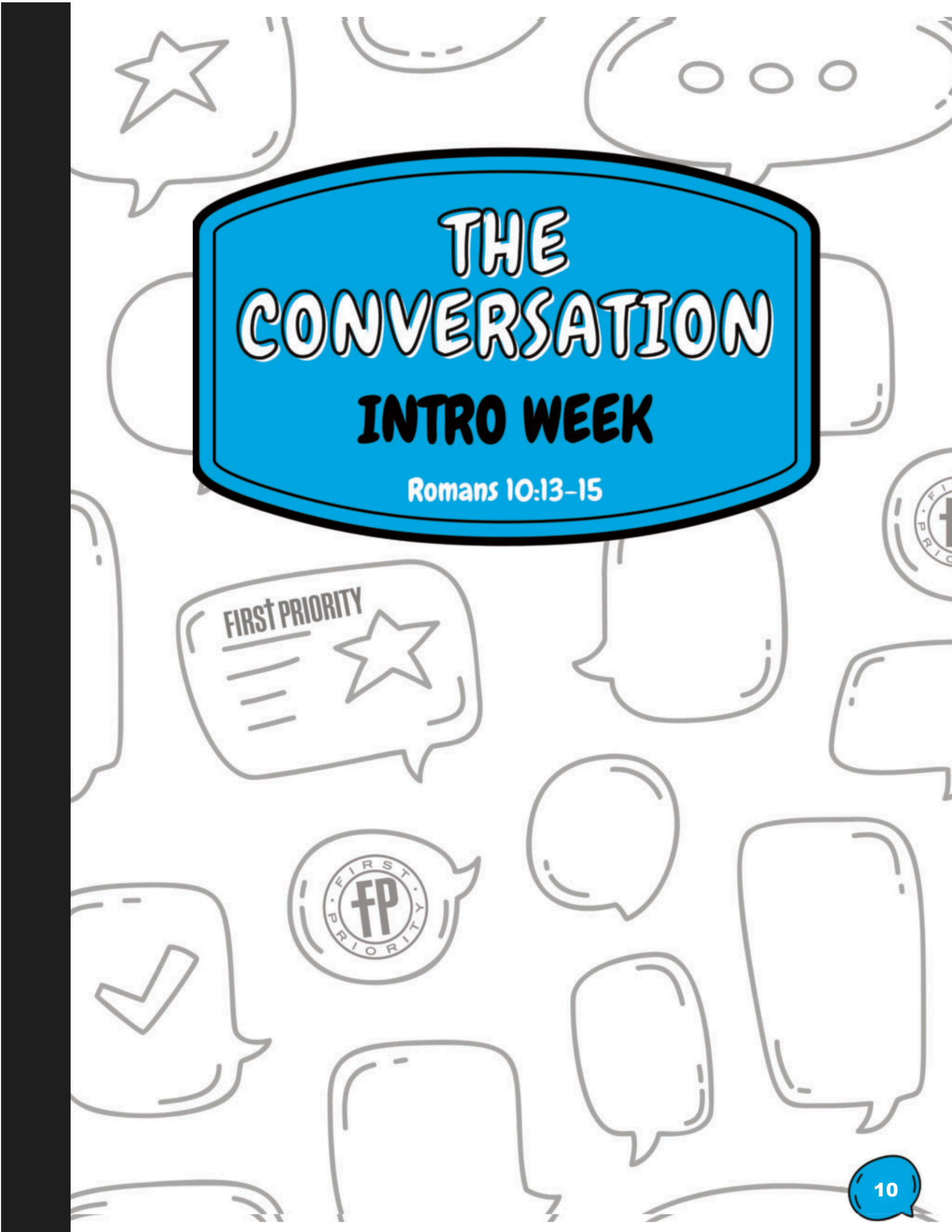
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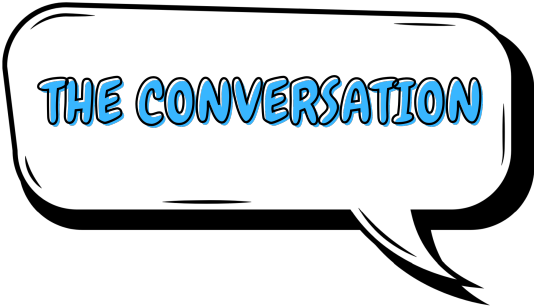


IMPROVEMENT GOALS:



THE CONVERSATION INTRO WEEK

Romans 10:13-15



THE CONVERSATION

INTRO WEEK

Purpose:

Why we should have intentional conversations about the Gospel.

Preparation:

- Sign up for the FP App and/or text updates by scanning the QR code(s).
- Enlist student leaders for the next four weeks.
- Give student speaker a leader guide for Help Week. (Equip them for success.)

Supplies:

- QR Code(s) for students to scan and sign up for the FP App and/or text updates
- Leader Guides for Help Week

RANDOM QUESTION

What is your favorite holiday?

WELCOME

Welcome to First Priority. We are excited to be back on campus and look forward to seeing how God is going to use you to reach your school with the HOPE of Christ. I want to introduce you to the adults that are here to encourage you this school year. (Have the adults introduce themselves and thank the Faculty Host for making this room available for First Priority to meet.)

ICE BREAKER – TRUE or FALSE

Let's see how many of these random statements you know. I will share a fact, and you must decide if it is TRUE or FALSE. Stand up for TRUE, stay seated for FALSE.

TRUE or FALSE:

1. A group of flamingos is called a *flamboyance*. **TRUE**
2. The Bible is the most stolen book in the world. **TRUE** because it's taken from hotels and bookstores.
3. You can sneeze with your eyes open. **FALSE** — It's basically impossible. Don't try it.
4. There are 66 books in the Bible. **TRUE**
5. The average person spends 6 years of their life on social media. **TRUE** (so sad)
6. Lightning never strikes the same place twice. **FALSE** — It often strikes the same place multiple times (like the Empire State Building).
7. There is no word that rhymes with orange. **TRUE**
8. Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins. **TRUE** — Sloths can hold their breath for up to 40 minutes!

GET CONNECTED

Before we get started, grab your phone and scan the QR code to sign up for the First Priority App and/or text updates. This is the best way to stay in the loop about what's happening in your club each week. Also, don't forget to follow us on social media at [insert handle] so you don't miss anything!

INTRO WEEK

WHAT IS FIRST PRIORITY?

Let's talk about what First Priority is all about. First Priority is a student-led club with one mission: **to take the hope of Christ to every student.** That means each week when we meet, we're going to talk about Jesus. Who He is, what He's done, and how we can share that hope with others.

Even though we're a faith-based club, everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a Christian to come. Whether you have questions, doubts, or you're just curious, this is a place where you belong.

So how are we going to reach every student with the hope of Christ?

This year, we're focusing on something really important: having intentional Gospel conversations. That's what our theme is all about in the **"The Conversation."** We believe that real change starts when we're willing to talk. And not just talk about anything but talk about the hope we've found in Jesus.

Here's something to think about: More students in our schools are open to hearing the Gospel than Christians are to sharing it. That shouldn't be the case, and this is where we can make a difference.

Most people don't share their faith because they're not sure how. That's why we're here: to help you learn how to start meaningful conversations that point people to Jesus. Whether it's a friend, a teammate, or someone in your own family, we want to give you the tools to share your story and His.

Romans 10:13-15 reminds us why this matters. *"For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'"*

That "someone" could be you. It's time for us to be bold. It's time for us to speak up. It's time for us to go. Let's be the ones with beautiful feet — not just because we're wearing cool shoes but because we're carrying the best news the world has ever heard. The Gospel!

It starts today. It starts with us. Let's take the hope of Christ to every student together. How will they know unless someone tells them? This is how we are going to do it.

HOPE CYCLE

Sharing Jesus with others won't just happen — we have to be intentional. That's why every month we'll walk through a 4-week cycle we call H.O.P.E. Each week builds on the last to help you live on mission at school.

- **H – HELP:** This week is to equip students to start a Gospel conversation.
- **O – OPPORTUNITY:** This week we'll encourage students to see opportunities to share their faith.
- **P – PREPARE:** This week is to empower students to write and practice their faith story.
- **E – ENCOUNTER:** Everything builds to this: to present a clear Gospel Message and invite a response.

LEADER ROLES

These four weeks of club don't happen without **you.** Every role matters. Whether you're up front or behind the scenes, you help create a space where students can hear about Jesus and feel welcomed. Here's how you can lead and serve:

- **Greeter**
Be the first friendly face people see! Stand at the door, say hello, and help create a warm, welcoming environment from the moment students walk in.
- **Food Team**
Help set up and serve food like pizza or donuts and pass out water. (Note: This won't apply to every school — check with your club mentor.)

- **Host**

You'll kick things off by welcoming everyone, opening in prayer, and helping lead a game, if there's time (your club mentor will help with this). At the end, you'll come back up to give the challenge and close in prayer.

- **Speaker**

This is your moment to lead the message. Read through the Leader Guide ahead of time, then share the message during club. Be available afterward in case anyone has questions or wants someone to pray with them.

- **Clean-Up Crew**

Once club ends, help pick up trash and wipe down tables. We always want to leave the room and the people who let us use it better than we found them.

- **Follow-Up Team (Encounter Week only)**

During Encounter Week, you'll help collect response cards, give Next Steps cards to anyone who made a decision for Jesus, hand out Bibles, and help connect students to a local church.

Who is ready to sign up to lead and serve? After we close in prayer, see [insert name] to sign up.

Before we dismiss, let's circle up and pray, asking God to give us boldness to have Gospel conversations this school year so that others will begin a relationship with Him. How will they know unless someone tells them? Who would like to pray first? (If needed, club mentor can wrap up the prayer.)

SIGN UP

Those who are ready to lead, sign up before you leave. (Give the student that signed up for Help Week a copy of the Leader Guide.) Next week we will kick off "The Conversation with God." You don't want to miss it.



THE CONVERSATION WITH GOD

Romans 10:13-15

Supplies Needed

GOO

Help Week: LIFE/DEATH Cards



Opportunity Week: Discussion Questions & Prayer Post-It Notes

Prepare Week: Popcorn Testimonies (No Supplies Needed)

Encounter Week: Response Cards/Next Steps Cards

STUDENT RESPONSE CARD
CARTELA DE RESPUESTA DEL ESTUDIANTE

Name: _____
 Nombre: _____

Grade: _____
 Grado: _____

Who invited you?
 ¿Quién te invitó? _____

What church do you attend?
 ¿A qué iglesia vas? _____

MY RESPONSE TODAY: MI RESPUESTA DE HOY:

☐ Today I am choosing to trust and follow Jesus for the first time. Hoy estoy eligiendo seguir a Jesús por primera vez.

☐ I am not interested. No me interesa.

☐ I have already accepted Jesus into my life. Ya he aceptado a Jesús en mi vida.

When? _____ (Cuándo)

☐ Yes, I want to get plugged into a church. Sí, quiero conectarme a una iglesia.

☐ Yes, I need a Bible. Sí, necesito una Biblia.

The information you write down will be given to a student leader.

» NEXT STEPS «

I SAID "YES" TO JESUS - NOW WHAT?
 We're so excited for you! Deciding to trust and follow Jesus is the BEST decision you'll ever make. This card will help you take your next steps.

☒ **GET CONNECTED**
 Get involved with a local church. We can help you! Keep coming to First Priority.

☒ **READ THE BIBLE**
 This will help you to know God. Begin with the book of John. If you need a Bible - we got you!

☒ **TALK TO GOD**
 Start praying. God loves hearing from you. You don't need fancy words.

☒ **SHARE YOUR STORY**
 God will use your story to help others know Him. Share what happened today with a friend or family member.

☒ I said YES to trusting and following Jesus: _____

DATE _____

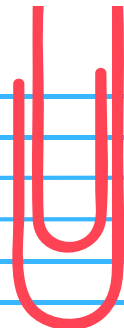
Student Leader Sign-Up

HELP WEEK	
SPEAKER:	HOST:

OPPORTUNITY WEEK	
SPEAKER:	HOST:

PREPARE WEEK	
SPEAKER:	HOST:

ENCOUNTER WEEK	
SPEAKER:	HOST:



STUDENT LEADER GUIDES

STUDENT LEADER GUIDE


GOD

THE CONVERSATION: HELP WEEK

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here. This school year, we're going to be talking about conversations that matter, conversations that can make a difference in someone's life. And today, [insert name] is going to kick things off by talking about the most important conversation we can ever have — a conversation with God. Before we dive in, let's take a moment to pray and ask God to be with us today. Let's pray!

Sample Prayer: God, thank You for bringing each person here today. Help us to listen with open hearts and understand what You're teaching us. Be with [insert name] as they share today and help us to respond to what we hear. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Have you ever tried talking to someone you didn't really know? It's awkward, right? Like, do I just start with "hey," or do I say something funny? What if they don't answer? Or worse — what if they just walk away?

A lot of people feel that way about talking to God. Maybe you've heard that prayer is important, but you're not really sure how to do it or if He's even listening. But here's the truth: God wants to talk with us. Yes, us.

But before we talk about how we have a conversation with God, we have to ask an even bigger question. Who is God? God isn't just some distant being in the sky, keeping score of everything we do wrong. He's not a genie waiting for us to say the magic words so He'll give us what we want. God is personal, powerful, and present.

Here is what the Bible says about God:

- **God is our Creator.** In Genesis chapter 1 verse 1, it says, *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."* He made everything, including you and me. He made us on purpose.
- **God is loving.** In First John chapter 4 verse 16, it says, *"So we have come to know and to believe*

the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." He doesn't just have love — He is love.

- **God is holy and perfect.** In First Samuel chapter 2 verse 2, it tells us: *"There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you."* He never messes up.
- **God is close.** He's not far off or silent. He's near. It tells us this in Psalms chapter 145 verse 18, *"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."*

That's who God is. And you want to know the amazing thing? This God wants a real relationship with you and me.

Have you ever had a conversation that changed you? One that encouraged you, challenged you, or helped you see life differently? That is what a conversation with God looks like.

God created us for a relationship with Him. That's the starting point of everything. He wants to talk with us and walk with us through life. But something gets in the way: **sin**. Sin is anything that goes against God's perfect design. Lying, cheating, pride, and disobedience are all examples.

Romans chapter 3 verse 23 says, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* That sounds like bad news, but the story doesn't stop there. God loves us too much to leave us stuck in sin.

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CONVERSATION STARTER—LIFE/DEATH CARD

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THE CONVERSATION: OPPORTUNITY WEEK

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Let's take a second and think about the people around us. Not just the people sitting here today, but the people in our math class, our lunch table, our sports team, or that group you see in the hallway every day.

Ask yourself this question: "God, who needs to know You here?"

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Let's ask God to give us courage to start conversations. Remember we can use our Life/Death card to help start that conversation. Just like someone once told you about Jesus, now you get to be that person for someone else. I am excited to see how God is going to use us in the lives of the people we put on our list.

DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let's take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

1. What keeps you from having Gospel conversations?
(Examples: fear, not knowing what to say, feeling like you're not a good example, etc.)
2. When during the week do you have the chance to start a Gospel conversation?
(Examples: at lunch, in class, on the bus, during practice, at work, etc.)
3. Why do you think God wants to use students — people like us — to share the Gospel?
(Follow up: How does that make you feel — scared, excited, unsure?)
4. What's one small step you could take this week to move a conversation toward Jesus?
(Examples: ask someone how you can pray for them, share your Life/Death card, invite them to First Priority or church.)
5. What are some ways we can live differently that might point people to Jesus even before we say anything?
(Examples: kindness, honesty, not gossiping, including others.)

Take a moment now and quietly pray for the names you wrote down. Ask God to help you love them, talk to them, and be a light in their life.

(Give students a moment to pray, then bring the student host back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge this week is simple and bold: pray for the people on our list and start one conversation about Jesus with someone. You never know how a conversation can change someone's eternity. How will they know unless someone tells them? Let's pray.

Sample Prayer: God, thank You for putting us in our school on purpose. Open our eyes to see the people around us who need You. Give us courage to speak up and start a conversation. Use us to make a difference in the lives of the people we wrote down. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

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THE CONVERSATION: PREPARE WEEK

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're really glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about what a faith story is and why it matters that we share ours with other people. You don't have to be perfect or have it all figured out to tell your story. God can use whatever you've been through to help someone else. Before we dive in, let's pray and ask God to speak to us today.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. Help us understand how our story can make a difference in someone else's life. Give [insert name] the words to share and give us open hearts to listen. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we wrote down the names of people that we were going to pray about having a Gospel conversation with. Did you talk to any of them? How did it go? (Allow students to respond and share your experience.) It is never too late to talk to someone about God. Keep praying for boldness!

Today we're talking about why sharing our faith story matters. Why does it matter that others know we have a relationship with God through what Jesus did for us on the cross? Because where our friends, family, classmates, teachers, coaches, even our enemies spend eternity matters. When we take time to learn how to share what God has done and is doing in our lives, it could change the lives of those around us.

Let's look at an example from John chapter 4 verse 39, *"Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him (Jesus) because of the woman's testimony."* This woman had a questionable past. She often spent time alone. She was looking for hope. Sound like anyone at your school? Maybe even you? The moment she met Jesus, her life changed forever, and she couldn't wait to tell everyone she knew.

Have you ever felt nervous or unsure about sharing your faith story? You don't need to be a pastor or public speaker. You just need to be honest about who Jesus is and what He's done in your life. People around you are searching, and God wants them to know Him through you.

Throughout the Bible, we see God moving in people's lives, and He invites us to be a part of other people's faith journey. Second Corinthians chapter 5 verse 20 says, *"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us."* Yes, us! Our story matters because we matter to God. He wants to use our life to help someone else find Him.

FAITH STORY – POPCORN TESTIMONIES

[Speaker] Let's practice telling our stories through something called "Popcorn Testimonies." We'll ask a series of questions. When you feel ready, "pop up" and share a short answer. These questions will help us think through how to tell our story. (Ask one question at a time and allow students and adults to respond.)

The first part of our story is before we met Jesus. This is the part that everyone can relate to because we all have a "before we met Jesus" time in our life.

- What was your life like before you began a relationship with Jesus?

The second part of our story is more personal because it involves when we met Jesus.

- How old were you when you realized you were a sinner and needed a Savior?
- Where were you when this happened?
- Who told you about Jesus and played a role in your story?

The third part of our story is our life with Jesus. It gives people hope and makes this story a reality.

- What has your life been like since Jesus became a part of your story?
- What changes have you seen?
- Who is walking with you in this chapter of your life?

Remember, our story gives others the chance to trust and follow Jesus. Every story is unique, and every story is powerful.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to share our faith story with someone. Let them know what Jesus has done in our life and what He can do in theirs. You never know how one conversation could change a life. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for writing our story and for loving us no matter what. Give us the courage to share with others what You've done in our life. Help us to be bold enough to tell the truth about who You are. I pray for the people around us to know You the way we do. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

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THE CONVERSATION: ENCOUNTER WEEK

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everybody! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here! Today [insert name] is going to talk about how having a real conversation with God can make a difference. Whether you've been following Jesus for a while or you're just figuring things out, this is for you. But first, let's take a second to pray and get our hearts ready. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing each of us here today. Help us to really hear You and understand what it means to have a relationship with You. Speak through [insert name] and show us how we can begin and grow in our relationship with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] We have talked about having Gospel conversations the past few weeks, and the word Gospel simply means Good News. It is good news that broken people like us can have a relationship with a perfect and holy God. The truth is that God has a design for every area of our lives — our school life, our home life, and our future. God desires to have a relationship with us, but just like Romans chapter 10 verse 14 tells us: *"How will they know unless someone tells them?"*

Today I am that "someone." I want you to know how much God loves us. He loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to pay for our sins. Romans chapter 3 verse 23 says, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* That includes you and me.

Our sin comes at a cost. Just like we read on the Life/Death card, Romans chapter 6 verse 23 tells us, *"For the wages (cost) of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* While we were still sinners, living a life separated from God, Jesus died for us. He took on all our sin and shame so that we could be forgiven.

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later, so that we, you and I, could have the promise of Heaven. That is the Good News. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, die a terrible death on a cross to pay the punishment for our sins, and rise from the dead so that we would not be separated from Him.

That's the Gospel, and I wanted you to hear it from me, because I care about where you spend eternity. I know what Jesus saved me from, and He can save you too.

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."*

This verse is all about how we can be saved. It's not about being perfect or doing everything right. It's about believing in your heart that Jesus is alive and saying out loud that He's Lord. When we believe and confess that, we're choosing to follow Him, and that's where real life begins.

This is the conversation we have been talking about for weeks. Are you ready to have a conversation with the God who created you? You can do that today!

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. If today you've realized that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, by trusting Him and following Him, you can have a real conversation with God right now. I'll help lead you in a prayer but know it's not the exact words that save you. God sees the heart behind the choice.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

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— I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have

a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen.

If you prayed that, welcome to God's family! That's the best decision you could ever make.

RESPONSE TIME

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You'll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here's what the **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.
- If you're not sure yet, that's okay. Check the "not interested" box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box, and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don't have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes, and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you're done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: If you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them before they leave, and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

(Have student host come back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] If you said yes to Jesus today, we celebrate your decision! If you already have a relationship with Jesus, your challenge for this week is to be

"that someone" for someone else. Share the Gospel with someone using your Life/Death card. Let them know the Good News you carry! Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for those that began a relationship with You today. Help us to continue to be bold about sharing the Gospel with others. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

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Purpose:

Equip students to start a Gospel conversation.

Preparation:

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- Be ready to help students share the Life/Death card.
- Help student leaders counsel if needed.

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- Dry erase or poster board for Church Shout—Outs
- Leader Guides for Opportunity Week
- Next Steps Cards

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] If money were not an issue, what would you buy?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, it's time for CHURCH SHOUT—OUTS! We love seeing you plugged into a local church, so, here's your chance to give yours some love. What church do you go to, and when do you meet? (Give students and adult volunteers time to share. If you have a dry erase board or poster board, write down the churches and have students take pictures.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here. This school year, we're going to be talking about conversations that matter, conversations that can make a difference in someone's life. And today, [insert name] is going to kick things off by talking about the most important conversation we can ever have — a conversation with God. Before we dive in, let's take a moment to pray and ask God to be with us today. Let's pray!

Sample Prayer: God, thank You for bringing each person here today. Help us to listen with open hearts and understand what You're teaching us. Be with [insert name] as they share today and help us to respond to what we hear. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Have you ever tried talking to someone you didn't really know? It's awkward, right? Like, do I just start with "hey," or do I say something funny? What if they don't answer? Or worse — what if they just walk away?

A lot of people feel that way about talking to God. Maybe you've heard that prayer is important, but you're not really sure how to do it or if He's even listening. But here's the truth: God wants to talk with us. Yes, us.

But before we talk about how we have a conversation with God, we have to ask an even bigger question. Who is God? God isn't just some distant being in the sky, keeping score of everything we do wrong. He's not a genie waiting for us to say the magic words so He'll give us what we want. God is personal, powerful, and present.

Here is what the Bible says about God:

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- **God is loving.** In First John chapter 4 verse 16, it says, *"So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."* He doesn't just have love — He is love.
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RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is something that you are afraid of?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, take a second to follow us on social media at [insert handle]. This is the best way to stay in the loop about what's happening with our club and you might even see yourself featured in a post or story! (Go ahead and show the QR code.) Now let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

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(Hand out post-it notes to everyone.) Write down the first name of a couple of people at school who don't know Jesus or who you know need encouragement. These are the people you're committing to pray for and talk to over the next few weeks. After you write their names, stick the note somewhere you'll see it daily — on your mirror, in your locker, or inside your notebook.

Let's ask God to give us courage to start conversations. Remember we can use our Life/Death card to help start that conversation. Just like someone once told you about Jesus,

now you get to be that person for someone else. I am excited to see how God is going to use us in the lives of the people we put on our list.

DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let's take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

1. What keeps you from having Gospel conversations?
(Examples: fear, not knowing what to say, feeling like you're not a good example, etc.)
2. When during the week do you have the chance to start a Gospel conversation?
(Examples: at lunch, in class, on the bus, during practice, at work, etc.)
3. Why do you think God wants to use students — people like us — to share the Gospel?
(Follow up: How does that make you feel — scared, excited, unsure?)
4. What's one small step you could take this week to move a conversation toward Jesus?
(Examples: ask someone how you can pray for them, share your Life/Death card, invite them to First Priority or church.)
5. What are some ways we can live differently that might point people to Jesus even before we say anything?
(Examples: kindness, honesty, not gossiping, including others.)

Take a moment now and quietly pray for the names you wrote down. Ask God to help you love them, talk to them, and be a light in their life.

(Give students a moment to pray, then bring the student host back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge this week is simple and bold: pray for the people on our list and start one conversation about Jesus with someone. You never know how a conversation can change

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someone's eternity. How will they know unless someone tells them? Let's pray.

Sample Prayer: God, thank You for putting us in our school on purpose. Open our eyes to see the people around us who need You. Give us courage to speak up and start a conversation. Use us to make a difference in the lives of the people we wrote down. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with GOD

PREPARE WEEK

Purpose:

Empower students to share their faith story.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Encounter Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students with popcorn testimonies.

Supplies:

- Leader Guides for Encounter Week

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is something that you are good at?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, let's use our Get Connected time to think about who we can invite to First Priority next week. There are people all over our school who could really use a place like this. Somewhere to feel seen and heard. So, who's someone you can bring with you next week? (Allow students to respond.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're really glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about what a faith story is and why it matters that we share ours with other people. You don't have to be perfect or have it all figured out to tell your story. God can use whatever you've been through to help someone else. Before we dive in, let's pray and ask God to speak to us today.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. Help us understand how our story can make a difference in someone else's life. Give [insert name] the words to share and give us open hearts to listen. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we wrote down the names of people that we were going to pray about having a Gospel conversation with. Did you talk to any of them? How did it go? (Allow students to respond and share your experience.) It is never too late to talk to someone about God. Keep praying for boldness!

Today we're talking about why sharing our faith story matters. Why does it matter that others know we have a relationship with God through what Jesus did for us on the cross? Because where our friends, family, classmates, teachers, coaches, even our enemies spend eternity matters. When we take time to learn how to share what God has done and is doing in our lives, it could change the lives of those around us.

Let's look at an example from John chapter 4 verse 39, "*Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him (Jesus) because of the woman's testimony.*" This woman had a questionable past. She often spent time alone. She was looking for hope. Sound like anyone at your school? Maybe even you? The moment she met Jesus, her life changed forever, and she couldn't wait to tell everyone she knew.

Have you ever felt nervous or unsure about sharing your faith story? You don't need to be a pastor or public speaker. You just need to be honest about who Jesus is and what He's done in your life. People around you are searching, and God wants them to know Him through you.

Throughout the Bible, we see God moving in people's lives, and He invites us to be a part of other people's faith journey. Second Corinthians chapter 5 verse 20 says, *"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us."* Yes, us! Our story matters because we matter to God. He wants to use our life to help someone else find Him.

FAITH STORY – POPCORN TESTIMONIES

[Speaker] Let's practice telling our stories through something called "Popcorn Testimonies." We'll ask a series of questions. When you feel ready, "pop up" and share a short answer. These questions will help us think through how to tell our story. (Ask one question at a time and allow students and adults to respond.)

The first part of our story is before we met Jesus. This is the part that everyone can relate to because we all have a "before we met Jesus" time in our life.

- What was your life like before you began a relationship with Jesus?

The second part of our story is more personal because it involves when we met Jesus.

- How old were you when you realized you were a sinner and needed a Savior?
- Where were you when this happened?
- Who told you about Jesus and played a role in your story?

The third part of our story is our life with Jesus. It gives people hope and makes this story a reality.

- What has your life been like since Jesus became a part of your story?
- What changes have you seen?

- Who is walking with you in this chapter of your life?

Remember, our story gives others the chance to trust and follow Jesus. Every story is unique and every story is powerful.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to share our faith story with someone. Let them know what Jesus has done in our life and what He can do in theirs. You never know how one conversation could change a life. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for writing our story and for loving us no matter what. Give us the courage to share with others what You've done in our life. Help us to be bold enough to tell the truth about who You are. I pray for the people around us to know You the way we do. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with GOD

ENCOUNTER WEEK

Purpose:

Students encounter Jesus through the Gospel Message.

Preparation:

- Sign up for the FP App and/or text updates.
- Enlist students for the next four weeks.
- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Help Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students counsel and plug them into a church.

Supplies:

- QR Code for FP App and/or text updates
- Leader Guides for Help Week — Friends
- Response Cards, Pens & Follow-up Form
- Next Steps Cards & Bibles

LEADER SIGN UP

This is the time to sign people up to lead and serve for next month.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your dream job?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, grab your phone and scan the QR code to sign up for First Priority App and/or text updates. This is how we'll keep you in the know about everything happening in your club. Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everybody! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here! Today [insert name] is going to talk about how having a real conversation with God can make a difference. Whether you've been following Jesus for a while or you're just figuring things out, this is for you. But first, let's take a second to pray and get our hearts ready. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing each of us here today. Help us to really hear You and understand what it means to have a relationship with You. Speak through [insert name] and show us how we can begin and grow in our relationship with You. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] We have talked about having Gospel conversations the past few weeks, and the word Gospel simply means Good News. It is good news that broken people like us can have a relationship with a perfect and holy God. The truth is that God has a design for every area of our lives — our school life, our home life, and our future. God desires to have a relationship with us, but just like Romans chapter 10 verse 14 tells us: *"How will they know unless someone tells them?"*

Today I am that "someone." I want you to know how much God loves us. He loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to pay for our sins. Romans chapter 3 verse 23 says, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* That includes you and me.

Our sin comes at a cost. Just like we read on the Life/Death card, Romans chapter 6 verse 23 tells us, *“For the wages (cost) of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* While we were still sinners, living a life separated from God, Jesus died for us. He took on all our sin and shame so that we could be forgiven.

But He didn’t stay dead. He rose again three days later, so that we, you and I, could have the promise of Heaven. That is the Good News. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life, die a terrible death on a cross to pay the punishment for our sins, and rise from the dead so that we would not be separated from Him.

That’s the Gospel, and I wanted you to hear it from me, because I care about where you spend eternity. I know what Jesus saved me from, and He can save you too.

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.”*

This verse is all about how we can be saved. It’s not about being perfect or doing everything right. It’s about believing in your heart that Jesus is alive and saying out loud that He’s Lord. When we believe and confess that, we’re choosing to follow Him, and that’s where real life begins.

This is the conversation we have been talking about for weeks. Are you ready to have a conversation with the God who created you? You can do that today!

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. If today you’ve realized that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, by trusting Him and following Him, you can have a real conversation with God right now. I’ll help lead you in a prayer but know it’s not the exact words that save you. God sees the heart behind the choice.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

God, thank You for loving me — and making a way for me — to have a relationship with You. — I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen.

If you prayed that, welcome to God’s family! That’s the best decision you could ever make.

RESPONSE TIME (This will take 5 minutes.)

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You’ll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here’s what the **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.
- If you're not sure yet, that’s okay. Check the “not interested” box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box, and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don’t have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes, and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you’re done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: If you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them before they leave and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

(Have student host come back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

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ENCOUNTER WEEK

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] If you said yes to Jesus today, we celebrate your decision! If you already have a relationship with Jesus, your challenge for this week is to be "that someone" for someone else. Share the Gospel with someone using your Life/Death card. Let them know the Good News you carry! Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for those that began a relationship with You today. Help us to continue to be bold about sharing the Gospel with others. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME - Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)



THE CONVERSATION WITH FRIENDS

Romans 10:13-15

Supplies Needed

FRIENDS

Help Week: Salvation Bracelet & Card



SALVATION BRACELET

Yellow reminds me of Heaven and where I will spend forever one day. God loves you so much and wants you to be in Heaven too. But God can't allow sin into Heaven. The **black** reminds me of the sin we have done that separates us from God. So, something had to happen. The **red** reminds me of the blood that Jesus shed on the cross for you and me. He took the punishment we deserved by dying on the cross for our sins and rose to life three days later. Because of this we can have a relationship with God. The **white** reminds me that when we choose to trust and follow Jesus, He forgives our sins and gives us a clean slate. We now have a relationship with God and the promise of Heaven. That's the Good News! The **blue** reminds me of the water of baptism, which is an important step in my faith journey. And the **green** reminds me that we need to grow in our relationship with Jesus by reading the Bible, going to church, and sharing our faith with others.

Now that you know what each color represents and have heard what God did on your behalf would you like to begin a relationship with Jesus?

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Opportunity Week: Discussion Questions (No Supplies Needed)

Prepare Week: AHA Moments Card



The moment you realized that the Gospel Message needs to be shared and God is going to use you to do it.

Encounter Week: Response Cards/Next Steps Cards

STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

tarjeta de respuesta del estudiante

Name: _____
Nombre _____
Grade: _____
Grado _____

Who invited you?
¿Quién te invitó?

What church do you attend?
¿A qué iglesia vas?



MY RESPONSE TODAY: MI RESPUESTA DE HOY:

- ☐ Today I am choosing to trust and follow Jesus for the first time. Hoy elijo confiar y seguir a Jesucristo por primera vez.
- ☐ I am not interested. No me interesa.
- ☐ I have already accepted Jesus into my life. Ya he aceptado a Jesucristo en mi vida.
- When? _____ ¿Cuándo?
- ☐ Yes, I want to get plugged into a church. Sí, quiero conectarme a una iglesia.
- ☐ Yes, I need a Bible. Sí, necesito una Biblia.

The information you write down will be given to a student leader.

» NEXT STEPS «

I SAID "YES" TO JESUS - NOW WHAT?

We're so excited for you! Deciding to trust and follow Jesus is the BEST decision you'll ever make. This card will help you take your next steps.

- ☒ **GET CONNECTED**
Get involved with a local church.
We can help you!
Keep coming to First Priority.
- ☒ **READ THE BIBLE**
This will help you to know God.
Begin with the book of John.
If you need a Bible - we got you!
- ☒ **TALK TO GOD**
Start praying. God loves hearing from you.
You don't need fancy words.
- ☒ **SHARE YOUR STORY**
God will use your story to help others know Him. Share what happened today with a friend or family member.

☒ I said YES to trusting and following Jesus:

DATE



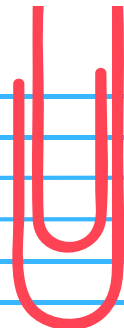
Student Leader Sign-Up

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THE CONVERSATION: HELP WEEK

FRIENDS

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone, welcome to First Priority! We're so glad you're here today. [Insert name] is going to talk about how we can share Jesus with our friends. But before we dive in, let's take a second to pray and ask God to be part of this time together. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. We know You've got a purpose for this time, and we don't want to miss it. Help us open our hearts and really listen. Give us the courage to share Your love with the people around us. Be with [insert name] as they speak today. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] "How do I even start talking about Jesus with my friends?" Ever asked yourself that and then totally overthought it? Same here. I know we want to bring up God with someone, but then we freeze and don't know what to say. We don't want to sound weird, or pushy, or like we have it all figured out because we don't.

If you've ever felt that, you're not alone. So many of us want to share Jesus, but we psych ourselves out. We feel like we're not smart enough, not bold enough, or we have to say the perfect thing.

But here's the truth in Luke chapter 12 verse 12, *"for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."* We don't need to be a Bible genius. We don't have to know all the answers. We just need to be willing. Willing to say yes when God nudges us with, "Pray for them" or "Go sit with that person" or "Share what I've done in your life."

If we say yes to those moments, God does the rest. He's the one who opens hearts. He's the one who saves people. We're just part of the story and what we share is never wasted. Even if our friends don't respond right away or at all, we've

planted something in them, and God can grow it at just the right time.

Sometimes, He'll even let us be the one who leads them to Him or we're just one step in their journey. Both matter and both are powerful. Here's something else we need to know. We are exactly who our friend needs. Not someone more spiritual. Not someone older. US!

Romans chapter 8 verse 24 says, *"For in this hope we were saved."* And now we get to pass that hope on to someone else. So, today we're making a small move that could open a big door — salvation bracelets.

Think friendship bracelet meets God's story. It's a simple, creative way to start a conversation that might change someone's life. We were made for this. Let's do this together.

CONVERSATION STARTER – SALVATION BRACELET

[Speaker] I know for some of us it is not easy to start talking about Jesus with our friends, but how will they know unless someone tells them? It is time for us to be that "someone." (Have student leaders pass out the Salvation Bracelets and cards.) You can start the conversation by saying, "Can I share some good news with you?" Then point to your bracelet and go through what each color means. Let's read from the card so that we can get comfortable with sharing our faith.

Yellow reminds me of Heaven and where I will spend forever one day. God loves you so much and wants you to be in Heaven too. But God can't allow sin into Heaven. The **black** reminds me of the sin we have done that separates us from God. So, something had to happen. The **red** reminds me of the blood that Jesus shed on the cross for you and me. He took the punishment we deserved by dying on the cross for our sins and rose to life three days later. Because of this,

we can have a relationship with God. The **white** reminds me that when we choose to trust and follow Jesus, He forgives our sins and gives us a clean slate. We now have a relationship with God and the promise of Heaven. That's the Good News! The **blue** reminds me of the water of baptism, which is an important step in my faith journey. And the **green** reminds me that we need to grow in our relationship with Jesus by reading the Bible, going to church, and sharing our faith with others.

After sharing what the colors mean, you can ask, "Now that you know what each color represents and have heard what God did on your behalf, would you like to begin a relationship with Jesus?"

What a simple way to share our faith with a bracelet. Which color means the most to you and why? (Share yours and allow students to respond. This helps make it personal when you share.) Let's practice sharing with each other. Team up with one or two people. If you practice it here, you will share it out there. Ready, set, go!

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to boldly share our Salvation Bracelet with a friend that needs to hear the Good News. Look for an opportunity to ask, "Can I share something really important with you?" and walk them through what each color represents. We might be the one God uses to change their life forever. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for trusting us with the Gospel message. Help us not to be afraid, but to step out in faith when You give us the chance to share. Remind us that we don't need to have all the answers; we just need to point people to You. Use us this week to make an eternal difference in the lives of our friends. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

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THE CONVERSATION: OPPORTUNITY WEEK

FRIENDS

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're glad you're here today. [Insert name] is going to share why it matters that we tell our friends about Jesus. It might seem scary or awkward, but it's something we're all called to do, and it can make a big difference. Before we dive in, let's take a second to pray and get our hearts ready. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thanks for bringing us here today. Help us hear what You want to say. Give us boldness to talk about You with our friends and remind us that You're always with us. Speak through [insert name] and help us to listen well. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we talked about using the Salvation Bracelet to start conversations about Jesus. Did anyone get a chance to use it or maybe just have a God moment where you felt like He wanted you to speak up? (Take a moment to let a few people share and share your own response too.) I know this is something that we often struggle with. We want to tell our friends about Jesus, but sometimes it just feels ...awkward. Or we think, "What if I say it wrong?" or "What if they think I'm weird?" Anyone else feel that way?

But the more I think about it, the more I realize my friends need Jesus. They don't just need a good day or a pep talk, they need hope. Real hope. And we have it!

Sometimes, we get caught up in our everyday stuff, like who's dating who, what's going on in our Snap stories, drama at school, sports, grades, and we totally forget that the people around us might be hurting or lost.

But here's the truth: If we have a relationship with Jesus, then we carry the greatest news ever! The kind of news that changes someone's forever. That's a big deal. So, why wouldn't we want to share that with people we care about?

Let's read Romans chapter 10 verse 14, "*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?*" That verse hits hard. If we don't tell our friends about Jesus, who will? We might be the only Jesus follower they know. It's not by accident that we're in the same class, same team, or same friend group as them.

And in Mark chapter 16 verse 15, Jesus says, "*And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'*" He didn't say, "Hey, only talk about Me when it's convenient." He said, "Go." That means we're sent. All of us. Even if you feel unqualified or nervous, He still wants to use us.

I know it's not always easy. But we don't have to do it alone. We have tools like the Life/Death card or the Salvation Bracelet. And honestly, sometimes it just starts with a question like, "Can I tell you something that's changed my life?" How will they know unless someone tells them?

DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let's take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

- How has it been going the last few weeks with starting conversations about the Gospel with your friends?
- What's your biggest fear when it comes to sharing Jesus with your friends?
- Have you ever had a moment where you knew God wanted you to speak up, but you stayed quiet? How did that feel?
- Who in your life do you think might be ready to hear about Jesus right now?

You know enough to tell someone how to begin a

relationship with Him, and if you don't think you do, then invite them to First Priority next week where they can hear people share their faith story. Let's finish up our club time in a silent prayer, asking God to show us someone in our life who needs Him. Pray for boldness and ask Him to give you opportunities this week.

(Pause for silent prayer and then have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to talk to our friends about Jesus and invite them to join us at church or First Priority. Let's pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for giving us something worth sharing. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to save us. This week, help us not to be silent. Give us boldness to speak up and love our friends enough to share the truth. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

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THE CONVERSATION: PREPARE WEEK

FRIENDS

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about something called an "AHA moment." It's one of those times when everything just clicks, especially in our faith. But before we dive in, let's take a second to pray and ask God to open our hearts. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thanks for bringing us together today. Help us understand what an AHA moment really means and how we can use our stories to point people to You. Speak through [insert name] and give us the courage to share our faith with the people around us. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we talked about how hard it is to talk about Jesus with our friends but how important it is to be the "someone" who tells others about Jesus. We were reminded in Romans chapter 10 that people can't believe in Jesus if they never hear about Him, and they can't hear unless someone tells them. That "someone" might be you. We talked about being bold and being willing to have those conversations even when it's hard. Who did you have a Gospel conversation with last week and how did it go? (Allow students to respond and share your own experience.)

This week we're taking it a step further. I want to talk about something called an AHA Moment. You know, those times when everything just clicks. When you suddenly get it. Maybe you've had one of those in math class or while playing a sport. But have you ever had an AHA Moment with God?

What is an AHA Moment with God? It is that moment when you realize this isn't just your faith. Someone else needs this too! It's that moment when you realize that God's been working in your story the whole time. Your struggles might help somebody else. You don't

have to be perfect to point people to Jesus. That's the moment it hits differently. That's when faith goes from private to purpose.

I am sure we have all heard or read the Bible verse John chapter 3 verse 16, but maybe today it will hit us a little differently. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* The word "whoever" sticks out today because it means me. It means you. It means anyone, no matter what they've done or where they come from. God loved them so much that He sent Jesus to rescue them, and I can't keep that to myself. That's an AHA Moment with God, when we realize that salvation, a relationship with Jesus, is not just for us but for "whoever" believes.

When we share what God has done in our lives, it becomes real to our friends. They see it's not just something we believe, it's something that's changed us. God didn't make a mistake when He put us in our friend group. He didn't accidentally give us the story we have. Every AHA moment, every struggle, every joy is all a part of the story He's writing through us and someone out there needs to hear it.

FAITH STORY – AHA MOMENT

[Speaker] We are going to write out our AHA Moments together. Your AHA Moment might not be the day that you accepted Jesus into your heart, but it might be the day when you knew in your heart that God wanted to use you to reach your friends with the Gospel message.

Maybe that AHA Moment for some of you is today during this club. You realized that salvation isn't just for you, it is for "whoever" believes. When was your AHA Moment? (Have student leaders pass out the AHA Moment cards.) We are going to use this card to write out our AHA Moment with God.

- When was that moment when you realized others need to hear about God, and He is going to use you to do it?
- How has that moment impacted you to share the Gospel, the Good News, with others?

Let's take a couple of minutes to write our AHA Moment down. When we are finished, we can practice sharing it with one another. How will they know unless someone tells them? (Give students a few minutes to write theirs down and then have them share.)

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to practice sharing our AHA Moment and ask God to show us someone who needs to hear it. Maybe it's with our best friend or someone we've never talked about Jesus with before. Let's be bold enough to start the conversation. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to save us and not just us, but "whoever" believes. Give us courage to share our story, knowing You'll be with us in every conversation. Use our words, our lives, and our stories to point our friends to You. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

STUDENT LEADER GUIDE



THE CONVERSATION: ENCOUNTER WEEK

FRIENDS

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here! Today [insert name] is going to share the plan God made so we could have a relationship with Him. And not just knowing about Him but really know Him. It's a big deal, and it's for all of us. Let's take a minute to pray and get our hearts ready. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for making a way for us to know You. Help us listen with open hearts today and understand what it means to have a relationship with You. Speak through [insert name] and help us take a step closer to You. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] Over the past few weeks, we've talked a lot about how to start Gospel conversations with our friends, using tools like the Life/Death card, the Salvation Bracelet, or even sharing our AHA Moment. And maybe you've wondered, "What exactly is the Gospel? Like, what are we actually sharing?"

Well, today I want to read you something that puts the Gospel in a real and relatable way. It's a conversation style of Ephesians chapter 2. As I read it, I want you to listen to where you fit into this story. Because this isn't just a Bible thing, this is a you and me thing. (Take a deep breath and read slowly and confidently.)

It wasn't so long ago that we were stuck in that old life of sin. We let the world, who doesn't know how to live, tell us how to live. We breathed in all the wrong stuff and exhaled it in our choices. We all did it, every single one of us just doing whatever we felt like doing.

Honestly, it's wild that God didn't just give up on us. But instead of losing His patience, He showed us massive mercy. He loved us anyway. He looked at our sin-dead hearts and made us alive in Jesus. He did **ALL** of it with no help from us. Then He

lifted us up and gave us a place with Jesus.

Now we're right where God wants us: living in His grace, surrounded by His kindness. Salvation? That was His idea. He did the saving; we just trusted Him enough to say yes. And let's be real, we can't take the credit. It's all God.

God created us in Jesus to join Him in the good stuff He's doing. He's got work ready for us. Good, life-changing stuff and we get to be a part of it.

But don't forget there was a time when we didn't get any of this. We didn't understand who Jesus was. We didn't see how God was working. But now, because of Jesus, because of the cross, because of His resurrection, we get to be part of the family. We're in.

So what does all this mean for you and me? That even though we've all messed up and sinned, God didn't give up on us. Instead, He made a way for us to be close to Him again. That way is Jesus. Jesus took the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross. He didn't stay dead; He rose again to prove that sin and death don't win. Because of what Jesus did, we get to have a relationship with God that starts now and lasts forever.

But here's the deal — it's a gift. And just like any gift, we have to choose to accept it. We don't earn it, and we don't have to be perfect to receive it. We just have to say "yes" to Jesus. That means admitting we need Him, believing He died and rose again, and deciding to follow Him with our life.

This choice changes everything. It's not just about going to Heaven one day, though that's awesome! It's also about living differently right now. We don't have to walk through life alone. We have a Savior who knows us, loves us, and is with us every step of the way.

So, here's the big question: Will you keep looking to the world for hope, or will you accept the

hope Jesus offers? God is inviting us into something real. Something lasting. It's not about religion, it's about a relationship. And we can say yes today. Are you ready to have a conversation with God?

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. If today you've realized that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, by trusting Him and following Him, you can have a real conversation with God right now. I'll help lead you in a prayer but know it's not the exact words that save you. God sees the heart behind the choice.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

God, thank You for loving me — and making a way for me — to have a relationship with You. — I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen.

If you prayed that, welcome to God's family! That's the best decision you could ever make.

RESPONSE TIME

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You'll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here's what **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.
- If you're not sure yet, that's okay, check the "not interested" box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box, and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don't have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you're done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: If you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them before they leave and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

(Have student host come back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] If you just gave your life to Jesus, we celebrate that with you! And don't stop here, get plugged into a church. We can help with that. If you already follow Jesus, your challenge is to share the Gospel with someone. Use your AHA Moment, your faith story, or the Salvation Bracelet. Someone in your life needs the hope you carry. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for the Gospel, the Good News, that You didn't give up on us. Thank You for sending Jesus so we could be forgiven of our sins and brought into Your family. Help us be bold this week. Give us eyes to see who needs to hear about You. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)



MENTOR GUIDE

THE CONVERSATION with FRIENDS

HELP WEEK

Purpose:

Equip students to start a Gospel conversation.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Opportunity Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students share the Salvation Bracelet.

Supplies:

- Dry erase or poster board for Church Shout—Outs
- Leader Guides for Opportunity Week
- Salvation Bracelet & Card

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your favorite day of the week?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, it's time for CHURCH SHOUT—OUTS! We love seeing you plugged into a local church, so, here's your chance to give yours some love. What church do you go to, and when do you meet? (Give students and adult volunteers time to share. If you have a dry erase board or poster board, write down the churches and have students take pictures.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone, welcome to First Priority! We're so glad you're here today. [Insert name] is going to talk about how we can share Jesus with our friends. But before we dive in, let's take a second to pray and ask God to be part of this time together. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. We know You've got a purpose for this time, and we don't want to miss it. Help us open our hearts and really listen. Give us the courage to share Your love with the people around us. Be with [insert name] as they speak today. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] "How do I even start talking about Jesus with my friends?" Ever asked yourself that and then totally overthought it? Same here. I know we want to bring up God with someone, but then we freeze and don't know what to say. We don't want to sound weird, or pushy, or like we have it all figured out because we don't.

If you've ever felt that, you're not alone. So many of us want to share Jesus, but we psych ourselves out. We feel like we're not smart enough, not bold enough, or we have to say the perfect thing.

But here's the truth in Luke chapter 12 verse 12, *"for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."* We don't need to be a Bible genius. We don't have to know all the answers. We just need to be willing. Willing to say yes when God nudges us with, "Pray for them" or "Go sit with that person" or "Share what I've done in your life."

If we say yes to those moments, God does the rest. He's the one who opens hearts. He's the one who saves people. We're just part of the story and what we share is never wasted. Even if our friends don't respond right away or at all, we've planted something in them, and God can grow it at just the right time.

Sometimes, He'll even let us be the one who leads them to Him or we're just one step in their journey. Both matter and both are powerful. Here's something else we need to know. We are exactly who our friend needs. Not someone more spiritual. Not someone older. US!

Romans chapter 8 verse 24 says, *"For in this hope we were saved."* And now we get to pass that hope on to someone else. So, today we're making a small move that could open a big door — Salvation Bracelets.

Think friendship bracelet meets God's story. It's a simple, creative way to start a conversation that might change someone's life. We were made for this. Let's do this together.

CONVERSATION STARTER – SALVATION BRACELET

[Speaker] I know for some of us it is not easy to start talking about Jesus with our friends, but how will they know unless someone tells them? It is time for us to be that "someone." (Have student leaders pass out the Salvation Bracelets and cards.) You can start the conversation by saying, "Can I share some good news with you?" Then point to your bracelet and go through what each color means. Let's read from the card so that we can get comfortable with sharing our faith.

Yellow reminds me of Heaven and where I will spend forever one day. God loves you so much and wants you to be in Heaven too. But God can't allow sin into Heaven. The **black** reminds me of the sin we have done that separates us from God. So, something had to happen. The **red** reminds me of the blood that Jesus shed on the cross for you and me. He took the punishment we deserved by dying on the cross for our sins and rose to life three days later. Because of this,

we can have a relationship with God. The **white** reminds me that when we choose to trust and follow Jesus, He forgives our sins and gives us a clean slate. We now have a relationship with God and the promise of Heaven. That's the Good News! The **blue** reminds me of the water of baptism, which is an important step in my faith journey. And the **green** reminds me that we need to grow in our relationship with Jesus by reading the Bible, going to church, and sharing our faith with others.

After sharing what the colors mean, you can ask, "Now that you know what each color represents and have heard what God did on your behalf, would you like to begin a relationship with Jesus?"

What a simple way to share our faith with a bracelet. Which color means the most to you and why? (Share yours and allow students to respond. This helps make it personal when you share.) Let's practice sharing with each other. Team up with one or two people. If you practice it here, you will share it out there. Ready, set, go!

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to boldly share our Salvation Bracelet with a friend that needs to hear the Good News. Look for an opportunity to ask, "Can I share something really important with you?" and walk them through what each color represents. We might be the one God uses to change their life forever. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for trusting us with the Gospel message. Help us not to be afraid, but to step out in faith when You give us the chance to share. Remind us that we don't need to have all the answers; we just need to point people to You. Use us this week to make an eternal difference in the lives of our friends. In Jesus' name, amen

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION
with FRIENDS

OPPORTUNITY WEEK

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, take a second to follow us on social media at [insert handle]. This is the best way to stay in the loop about what's happening with our club, and you might even see yourself featured in a post or story! (Go ahead and show the QR code.) Now let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're glad you're here today. [Insert name] is going to share why it matters that we tell our friends about Jesus. It might seem scary or awkward, but it's something we're all called to do, and it can make a big difference. Before we dive in, let's take a second to pray and get our hearts ready. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thanks for bringing us here today. Help us hear what You want to say. Give us boldness to talk about You with our friends and remind us that You're always with us. Speak through [insert name] and help us to listen well. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we talked about using the Salvation Bracelet to start conversations about Jesus. Did anyone get a chance to use it or maybe just have a God moment where you felt like He wanted you to speak up? (Take a moment to let a few people share and share your own response too.) I know this is something that we often struggle with. We want to tell our friends about Jesus, but sometimes it just feels ...awkward. Or we think, "What if I say it wrong?" or "What if they think I'm weird?" Anyone else feel that way?

But the more I think about it, the more I realize my friends need Jesus. They don't just need a good day or a pep talk, they need hope. Real hope. And we have it!

Sometimes, we get caught up in our everyday stuff, like who's dating who, what's going on in our Snap stories, drama at school, sports, grades, and we totally forget that the people around us might be hurting or lost.

Purpose:

Encourage students to see opportunities to share their faith.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Prepare Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Follow FP on social media.

Supplies:

- Social Media sign with Instagram QR Code to scan
- Leader Guides for Prepare Week

But here's the truth: If we have a relationship with Jesus, then we carry the greatest news ever! The kind of news that changes someone's forever. That's a big deal. So, why wouldn't we want to share that with people we care about?

Let's read Romans chapter 10 verse 14, *"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"* That verse hits hard. If we don't tell our friends about Jesus, who will? We might be the only Jesus follower they know. It's not by accident that we're in the same class, same team, or same friend group as them.

And in Mark chapter 16 verse 15, Jesus says, *"And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'"* He didn't say, "Hey, only talk about Me when it's convenient." He said, *"Go."* That means we're sent. All of us. Even if you feel unqualified or nervous, He still wants to use us.

I know it's not always easy. But we don't have to do it alone. We have tools like the Life/Death card or the Salvation Bracelet. And honestly, sometimes it just starts with a question like, "Can I tell you something that's changed my life?" How will they know unless someone tells them?

DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let's take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

- How has it been going the last few weeks with starting conversations about the Gospel with your friends?
- What's your biggest fear when it comes to sharing Jesus with your friends?
- Have you ever had a moment where you knew God wanted you to speak up, but you stayed quiet? How did that feel?

- Who in your life do you think might be ready to hear about Jesus right now?

You know enough to tell someone how to begin a relationship with Him, and if you don't think you do, then invite them to First Priority next week where they can hear people share their faith story. Let's finish up our club time in a silent prayer, asking God to show us someone in our life who needs Him. Pray for boldness and ask Him to give you opportunities this week.

(Pause for silent prayer and then have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to talk to our friends about Jesus and invite them to join us at church or First Priority. Let's pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for giving us something worth sharing. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to save us. This week, help us not to be silent. Give us boldness to speak up and love our friends enough to share the truth. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with FRIENDS

PREPARE WEEK

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Purpose:

Empower students to share their faith story.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Encounter Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students with their AHA Moment.

Supplies:

- AHA Moment Cards and Pens
- Leader Guides for Encounter Week

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] Who invited you to First Priority?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, let's use our Get Connected time to think about who we can invite to First Priority next week. There are people all over our school who could really use a place like this. Somewhere to feel seen and heard. So, who's someone you can bring with you next week? (Allow students to respond.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about something called an "AHA moment." It's one of those times when everything just clicks, especially in our faith. But before we dive in, let's take a second to pray and ask God to open our hearts. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thanks for bringing us together today. Help us understand what an AHA moment really means and how we can use our stories to point people to You. Speak through [insert name] and give us the courage to share our faith with the people around us. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we talked about how hard it is to talk about Jesus with our friends but how important it is to be the "someone" who tells others about Jesus. We were reminded in Romans chapter 10 that people can't believe in Jesus if they never hear about Him, and they can't hear unless someone tells them. That "someone" might be you. We talked about being bold and being willing to have those conversations even when it's hard. Who did you have a Gospel conversation with last week and how did it go? (Allow students to respond and share your own experience.)

This week we're taking it a step further. I want to talk about something called an AHA Moment. You know, those times when everything just clicks. When you suddenly get it. Maybe you've had one of those in math class or while playing a sport. But have you ever had an AHA Moment with God?

What is an AHA Moment with God? It is that moment when you realize this isn't just your faith. Someone else needs this too! It's that moment when you realize that God's been working in your story the whole time. Your struggles might help somebody else. You don't have to be perfect to point people

to Jesus. That's the moment it hits differently. That's when faith goes from private to purpose.

I am sure we have all heard or read the Bible verse John chapter 3 verse 16, but maybe today it will hit us a little differently. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* The word "whoever" sticks out today because it means me. It means you. It means anyone, no matter what they've done or where they come from. God loved them so much that He sent Jesus to rescue them, and I can't keep that to myself. That's an AHA Moment with God, when we realize that salvation, a relationship with Jesus, is not just for us but for "whoever" believes.

When we share what God has done in our lives, it becomes real to our friends. They see it's not just something we believe, it's something that's changed us. God didn't make a mistake when He put us in our friend group. He didn't accidentally give us the story we have. Every AHA moment, every struggle, every joy is all a part of the story He's writing through us and someone out there needs to hear it.

FAITH STORY – AHA MOMENT

[Speaker] We are going to write out our AHA Moments together. Your AHA Moment might not be the day that you accepted Jesus into your heart, but it might be the day when you knew in your heart that God wanted to use you to reach your friends with the Gospel message.

Maybe that AHA Moment for some of you is today during this club. You realized that salvation isn't just for you, it is for "whoever" believes. When was your AHA Moment? (Have student leaders pass out the AHA Moment cards.) We are going to use this card to write out our AHA Moment with God.

- When was that moment when you realized others need to hear about God, and He is going to use you to do it?

- How has that moment impacted you to share the Gospel, the Good News, with others?

Let's take a couple of minutes to write our AHA Moment down. When we are finished, we can practice sharing it with one another. How will they know unless someone tells them? (Give students a few minutes to write theirs down and then have them share.)

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to practice sharing our AHA Moment and ask God to show us someone who needs to hear it. Maybe it's with our best friend or someone we've never talked about Jesus with before. Let's be bold enough to start the conversation. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to save us and not just us, but "whoever" believes. Give us courage to share our story, knowing You'll be with us in every conversation. Use our words, our lives, and our stories to point our friends to You. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with FRIENDS

ENCOUNTER WEEK

Purpose:

Students encounter Jesus through the Gospel Message.

Preparation:

- Sign up for the FP App and/or text updates.
- Enlist students for the next four weeks.
- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Help Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students counsel and plug them into a church.

Supplies:

- QR Code for FP App and/or text updates
- Leader Guides for Help Week — Family
- Response Cards, Pens & Follow-up Form
- Next Steps Cards & Bibles

LEADER SIGN UP

This is the time to sign people up to lead and serve for next month.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is one food you will not share?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, grab your phone and scan the QR code to sign up for First Priority App and/or text updates. This is how we'll keep you in the know about everything happening in your club. Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here! Today [insert name] is going to share the plan God made so we could have a relationship with Him. And not just knowing about Him but really know Him. It's a big deal, and it's for all of us. Let's take a minute to pray and get our hearts ready. Let's pray!

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Now we're right where God wants us: living in His grace, surrounded by His kindness. Salvation? That was His idea. He did the saving; we just trusted Him enough to say yes. And let's be real, we can't take the credit. It's all God.

God created us in Jesus to join Him in the good stuff He's doing. He's got work ready for us. Good, life-changing stuff and we get to be a part of it.

But don't forget there was a time when we didn't get any of this. We didn't understand who Jesus was. We didn't see how God was working. But now, because of Jesus, because of the cross, because of His resurrection, we get to be part of the family. We're in.

So, what does all this mean for you and me? That even though we've all messed up and sinned, God didn't give up on us. Instead, He made a way for us to be close to Him again. That way is Jesus. Jesus took the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross. He didn't stay dead; He rose again to prove that sin and death don't win. Because of what Jesus did, we get to have a relationship with God that starts now and lasts forever.

But here's the deal — it's a gift. And just like any gift, we have to choose to accept it. We don't earn it, and we don't have to be perfect to receive it. We just have to say "yes" to Jesus. That means admitting we need Him, believing He died and rose again, and deciding to follow Him with our life.

This choice changes everything. It's not just about going to Heaven one day, though that's awesome! It's also about living differently right now. We don't have to walk through life alone. We have a Savior who knows us, loves us, and is with us every step of the way.

So, here's the big question: Will you keep looking to the world for hope, or will you accept the hope Jesus offers? God is inviting us into something real. Something lasting. It's not about religion, it's about a relationship. And we can say yes today. Are you ready to have a conversation with God?

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. If today you've realized that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, by trusting Him and following Him, you can have a real conversation with God right now. I'll help lead you in a prayer but know it's not the exact words that save you. God sees the heart behind the choice.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

God, thank You for loving me — and making a way for me — to have a relationship with You. — I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen.

If you prayed that, welcome to God's family! That's the best decision you could ever make.

RESPONSE TIME (This will take 5 minutes.)

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You'll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here's what **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.

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- If you're not sure yet, that's okay, check the "not interested" box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box, and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don't have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you're done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: If you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them before they leave and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

(Have student host come back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

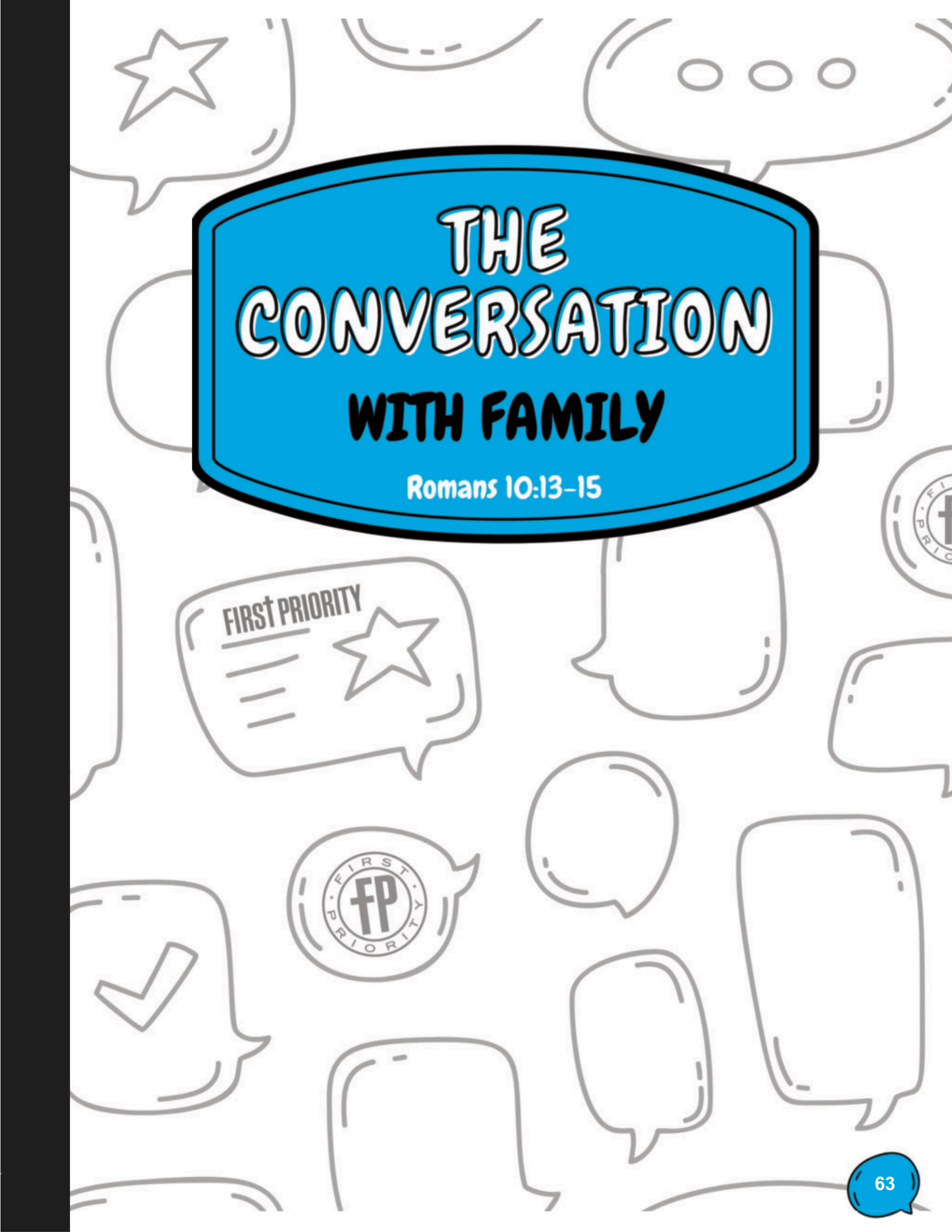
CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] If you just gave your life to Jesus, we celebrate that with you! And don't stop here, get plugged into a church. We can help with that. If you already follow Jesus, your challenge is to share the Gospel with someone. Use your AHA Moment, your faith story, or the Salvation Bracelet. Someone in your life needs the hope you carry. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for the Gospel, the Good News, that You didn't give up on us. Thank You for sending Jesus so we could be forgiven of our sins and brought into Your family. Help us be bold this week. Give us eyes to see who needs to hear about You. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)



THE CONVERSATION WITH FAMILY

Romans 10:13-15

Supplies Needed

family

Help Week: Hand Gospel

HAND GOSPEL

-  Thumb - I've got Good News - God loves you! (John 3:16)
-  Pointer - There is one problem...sin (Romans 3:23)
-  Middle - Christ died on the Cross for us! (Romans 5:8)
-  Ring - Believe & Commit (Romans 10:9)
-  Pinky - Just a little act of FAITH (Ephesians 2:8)
-  Palm - Secure & Safe (John 10:28)



Opportunity Week: Discussion Questions (No Supplies Needed)

Thanksgiving Break: NO CLUB

Prepare Week: Hero of My Story

Encounter Week: Response Cards/Next Steps Cards

HERO OF MY STORY

It can be hard to share Jesus with family because they know so much about us. Let's use this outline to help us write out our faith story with Jesus as the hero. Read the beginning of each paragraph and take a moment to write out your story. If you don't have a story, use the back of the worksheet to write some questions you might have about having a relationship with Jesus.

1. I am a follower of Jesus, and I would like to tell you why. I have learned that we all need to be saved, because we are broken by sin - and not just in a physical way but a spiritual way. Here is what I learned about my sin and why it is a problem:

2. I realized I was lost and broken because:

3. God created us all and loves us so much. He knows that we are broken and cannot fix ourselves, so He sent His Son Jesus. This is what Jesus did for me so that I would not be separated from God:

4. When I understood all of this for the first time, I realized I needed Jesus and wanted to follow Him. This is how I began my relationship with Him:

5. My life today looks different than before I started following Jesus. Here are some of the biggest things He has done in my life since:

my faith story matters

STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

tarjeta de respuesta del estudiante

Name: _____
Nombre: _____
Grade: _____
Grado: _____
Who invited you? _____
¿Quién te invitó? _____
What church do you attend?
¿A qué iglesia vas? _____

MY RESPONSE TODAY: MI RESPUESTA DE HOY

- ☐ Today I am choosing to trust and follow Jesus for the first time. Hoy elijo confiar y seguir a Jesucristo por primera vez.
- ☐ I am not interested. No me interesa.
- ☐ I have already accepted Jesus into my life. Ya he aceptado a Jesucristo en mi vida.
- When? _____ (cuando)
- ☐ Yes, I want to get plugged into a church. Sí, quiero conectarme a una iglesia.
- ☐ No, I need a Bible.

» NEXT STEPS «

I SAID "YES" TO JESUS - NOW WHAT?
We're so excited for you! Deciding to trust and follow Jesus is the BEST decision you'll ever make. This card will help you take your next steps.

- ☒ **GET CONNECTED**
Get involved with a local church.
We can help you!
Keep coming to First Priority.
- ☒ **READ THE BIBLE**
This will help you to know God.
Begin with the book of John.
If you need a Bible - we got you!
- ☒ **TALK TO GOD**
Start praying. God loves hearing from you.
You don't need fancy words.
- ☒ **SHARE YOUR STORY**
God will use your story to help others know Him. Share what happened today with a friend or family member.
- ☒ I said YES to trusting



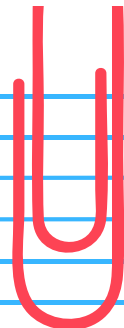
Student Leader Sign-Up

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THE CONVERSATION: HELP WEEK

FAMILY

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

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THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Hey friends, let's talk. Raise your hand if there's someone in your family who doesn't have a relationship with Jesus. (Pause and look around — chances are, you won't be the only one with your hand up.) You're not alone in that. Believe it or not, even JESUS had family who didn't believe in Him. Crazy, right? But that truth should actually give us hope. Because if Jesus experienced this, and still saw His family come to faith, then there's hope for ours too.

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Remember, it may take months or even years, but our faithfulness can be a seed God uses to grow something big. People in our family may one day choose to begin a relationship with Jesus, because we decided to start talking about our faith with them. How will they know unless someone tells them?

CONVERSATION STARTER – HAND GOSPEL

[Speaker] Today we're going to learn a super simple way to share the Gospel using just our hand. Sometimes our family simply needs a helping hand, and this is a great way to start the conversation. (Have student leaders pass out the Hand Gospel card.) Let's say you notice a family member going through a hard time. You could say, "Hey, I noticed things have been tough lately. Can I share something that gives me hope?" Then use your hand to walk them through the Gospel:

1. Put your **thumb** up and say: "I've got Good News — God loves you!" John 3:16 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." God wants a relationship with us. That's the Good News.
2. Put your **pointer finger** up and say: "There is ONE PROBLEM... Sin!" Romans 3:23 says, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Our sin has separated us from God. Sin is the problem, so something had to happen.
3. Point to your **middle finger** and say: "Christ died on the cross." Romans 5:8 says, "but God showed His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." Jesus paid the penalty for our sins by dying on the cross in our place. All of this while we were still sinners.
4. Point to your **ring finger** and say: "We use the ring finger because a ring is a symbol of commitment." Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." We must confess, believe, and commit our life to Jesus.
5. Tap on your **pinky finger** with your thumb and say: "Just a little bit of faith is all it takes to put your trust in Jesus." Ephesians 2:8 says, "For by Grace you are saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God."
6. Point to the **palm** of your hand and say: "We are secure and safe in the hand of God!" John 10:28 says, "I give eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." This is a great reminder that we are secure in God's hand, if we choose to put our faith in Jesus. Are you ready to trust and follow Jesus as Lord of your life today?

If the person you are sharing with said yes to this question, you can lead them in a prayer that goes something like this: "God, thank You for loving me and making a way for me to have a relationship with You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross in my place and that He rose from the dead so that I could have a relationship with You. I choose to trust and follow Jesus as Lord of my life today. Amen."

Practice Time! Pair up and take a minute to practice sharing the Hand Gospel with a partner. This helps us to be ready when the real moment comes.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to pray for someone in our family who doesn't know Jesus. Ask God to give you a chance to share the Hand Gospel with them this week. It might feel scary, but you're not alone. God is with you, and He loves your family even more than you do. Let's Pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for our families. Even when it's hard, we believe You are working. Give us courage to love them well. Use us to bring hope to the people we care about most. In Jesus' name, amen.

We got this. Let's go be the light at home first.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

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THE CONVERSATION: OPPORTUNITY WEEK

FAMILY

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everybody, welcome to First Priority. We're really glad you're here today. We know life can be crazy busy, so thanks for showing up and making time for something that really matters. Today [insert name] is going to talk about why it's important to tell our family about Jesus, even when it feels awkward or scary. But before we dive into that, let's take a minute to talk to God together. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. We know it's not always easy to talk about You, especially with the people closest to us. Help us today to really hear what You want us to say and give us boldness to share Your love with our families. We know You're with us. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we learned how to use our hand to share the Gospel with our family. Who did you share it with and how did it go? (Take a moment to let a few people share and share your own response too.) And if you didn't get the chance yet, that's okay. It's not too late to start the conversation.

This week we're going to be real about how challenging that can feel, especially when it comes to sharing our faith with family.

Sometimes it feels way easier to share with a total stranger than with our own family. Why? Because with family, they know us. Our past. Our mistakes. Our weird moments. We can't fake anything.

And because of that, sharing our faith with them can come with a lot of fear. "What if they reject me?" "What if they throw my past in my face?" "What if they just don't want anything to do with me anymore?" These aren't small fears. When we tell a stranger about Jesus, we might never see them again. But with family, their reaction can really affect us.

So what do we do with all that fear? Let's see what the Bible has to say:

- What if they reject what I tell them?

Jesus said in Luke chapter 10 verse 16, *"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."* Their response isn't really about you — it's about Jesus. That takes a lot of the pressure off. You're just delivering the message.

- What if they bring up my past?

Good! That's actually a chance to be honest. First Peter chapter 3 verse 15 says, *"always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."* Let them see how God has changed us. We can't pretend we're perfect. Our brokenness can help them see the power of Jesus.

- What if they distance themselves from me?

That's hard. But we fight that fear with prayer. Ask God to soften their hearts and open their ears. And remember: God didn't give up on us. He won't give up on them either.

I want to take a second and pray for our families. I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. "God, I am thankful that You know our families. You also know our fears. You hear our prayers. Help us trust You with the people we care about most. Give us courage to speak with love, even when it's hard. And remind us that You're always working, even when we can't see it. In Jesus' name, amen."

DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let's take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance

to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

- Why do you think it feels harder to share Jesus with family than with strangers?
- Have you ever felt judged by your past when trying to talk about faith?
- What's one small way you can show Jesus to your family without saying anything?
- How can we pray for each other and our families this week?

We don't have to have all the answers, and we don't need to be perfect. We just need to care enough to try. God can use us to help someone in our family take one step closer to Him. How will they know unless we tell them!

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to start a real conversation with someone in your family about what Jesus means to you and use the Hand Gospel as a guide to help share the message clearly. And don't forget to keep praying for them. God is working, even when we don't see it.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for our families. Give us the boldness to talk to our family about you. Use us to bring hope to the people we care about most. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

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THE CONVERSATION: PREPARE WEEK

FAMILY

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to show us another way to write our faith story and how we can share it with our family. Let's pray.

Sample prayer: Jesus, thank You for loving us and giving us a story worth telling. Help us see how You've worked in our lives and give us boldness to share that story with our family. In Your name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] We have been talking about how sharing our faith with family can be super challenging. It's tough because they know all our flaws and past mistakes and that makes it feel awkward. But we also learned that we're not alone in that. Even Jesus had family members who didn't believe in Him at first! Who wants to share how it is going with sharing your faith with family? (Allow students to respond and share your own experience.)

Today we're building on that and talking about how to share our story in a way that really points people to Jesus, especially our family. Who's someone in your life you totally look up to? Like, someone in your family that you would consider a hero. Maybe they've been through a lot and still show up with love and strength. Maybe they've got your back no matter what. That's awesome. Heroes inspire us.

Now let's flip that. When we talk about our faith, who's the hero of that story?

Sometimes, when we share how we came to know Jesus, we end up putting a lot of the focus on what we did: "I started going to church," "I changed my habits," "I made better choices." And that stuff's part of the journey. But if we zoom out, we realize it's not really our actions that saved us. It's what Jesus did.

The truth is, Jesus is the real hero of every story of faith. Without Him, we're just stuck in our brokenness. But with Him, we get new life, hope, purpose — everything.

Let's read Romans chapter 5 verse 8, *"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* That's huge. He didn't wait for us to clean ourselves up. He came for us when we were still lost.

Then in Ephesians chapter 2 verses 8 and 9, Paul writes: *"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."* In other words: it's not about how good we are, it's about how good God is.

So, when we're thinking about telling our story, especially with our family, we need to keep this in mind, let Jesus be the center. Talk about how He showed up in our life. What He saved us from. What He's done in our heart. That's what makes our story powerful. That's what invites people in.

And don't stress about making it perfect. Your story, with Jesus as the hero, might be exactly what someone in your family needs to hear.

FAITH STORY – HERO OF MY STORY

[Speaker] Today we're going to take some time to write out our own faith story. The kind of story that could help lead someone in our family to Jesus. And here's the goal: we want to make sure Jesus is the hero of the story, not us. That means we're focusing more on what He's done in our lives, not just what we've done.

Sharing Jesus with family can feel awkward or even scary sometimes, especially since they already know everything about us. Like, the good and the not-so-great. But that's exactly why it's powerful. When they see the real change Jesus made in us, it can make them want to know more.

We've got an outline to help us tell our story in a way that keeps the focus on Jesus. Just read each prompt and take your time writing your answers. If you're not sure what to write, maybe you're still figuring out your relationship with Jesus. Just flip your paper over and write down any questions you have. That's a great place to start too. (Have student leaders pass out the Hero of My Story cards.)

1. I am a follower of Jesus, and I would like to tell you why. I have learned that we all need to be saved, because we are broken by sin – and not just in a physical way but a spiritual way. Here is what I learned about my sin and why it is a problem: (Give students a minute to write and have a few share.)
2. I realized I was lost and broken because: (Give students a minute to write and have a few share.)
3. God created us all and loves us so much. He knows that we are broken and cannot fix ourselves, so He sent His Son Jesus. This is what Jesus did for me so that I would not be separated from God: (Give students a minute to write and have a few share.)
4. When I understood all of this for the first time, I realized I needed Jesus and wanted to follow Him. This is how I began my relationship with Him: (Give students a minute to write and have a few share.)
5. My life today looks different than before I started following Jesus. Here are some of the biggest things He has done in my life since: (Give students a minute to write and have a few share.)

Every story is different, but every story points to the same Savior. When Jesus is the hero, our story becomes a powerful way to share hope with our family.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to practice saying our faith story using the Hero of My Story outline and pray for boldness to share it with our family. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: Jesus, thank You for being the hero of our lives. Help us not be ashamed of what You've done for us. Give us the right words, the right time, and the courage to share our story with our family. Use it to open hearts and bring others to You. In Your name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

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THE CONVERSATION: ENCOUNTER WEEK

FAMILY

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Welcome to First Priority! We're so glad you decided to join us today. Whether you've been here before or this is your first time, you belong here. Today [insert name] is going to share the plan God made so that each of us could have a real relationship with Him. It's not about being perfect or checking off boxes. It's about knowing Jesus and understanding how much He loves us. Before we get started, let's take a moment to pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us together today. Help us to listen and be open to what You want to show us. Speak through [insert name] and remind us how much You care about every person in this room. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] Over the last couple of weeks, we have talked about how a lot of us have people in our families who don't know Jesus. And we said that we want to be bold and share our faith with them, but let's be honest, we can't share a story we don't actually have.

So, today I want to talk to anyone who's maybe not sure where they stand with God. Maybe you've never started a relationship with Jesus, or maybe you've heard about Him but just haven't made it personal yet. I want to share the Gospel, the Good News, with you. Because this isn't just some story, this could be your story too.

(Hold up your thumb.)

First, the Good News — God loves you. He really loves you! The Creator of everything wants a real relationship with You. That's what we learned in the Hand Gospel. God made us to know Him and live close to Him. That was the original plan. But then...

(Hold up your pointer finger.)

There's one big problem: sin. Sin is anytime we go

our own way instead of God's. And we've all done it. Romans chapter 3 verse 23 says, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* That means every single one of us has messed up. Sin leaves us broken, empty, and separated from God.

Has anyone ever made a choice that left you feeling guilty, empty, or straight-up alone? I know I have. We try to fix ourselves, be better, do better but it doesn't work. The truth is, we can't fix it on our own.

Remember the middle finger in the Hand Gospel? This one reminds us of the solution. Even though we were still messing up, God didn't give up on us. Romans chapter 5 verse 8 says, *"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth, lived a perfect life, died on the cross to pay for our sins, and then rose from the dead to give us new life. He did for us what we couldn't do for ourselves.

Here's what that means: We don't have to stay broken. We don't have to keep trying to earn our way to God. We just need to turn away from our sin and turn to Jesus. That's what the Bible calls "repent." It means changing directions.

No matter how far we've drifted, no matter what mistakes we've made, God is right here, ready to welcome us. We don't have to clean ourselves up first. We don't have to figure it all out. We just have to say "YES."

Now for the ring finger. This is where it gets personal. Romans chapter 10 verses 9 and 10 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."* That's it. It's not about being perfect — it's about trusting the One who is.

And finally, the pinky finger. Even if your faith feels small, like barely, that's enough. It only

takes a little faith to say YES to Jesus. If you want to start a relationship with Jesus today, you can. This can be the beginning of your story. A new one, with Jesus as the hero.

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. Just take a quiet moment between you and God. No distractions, no pressure. If today you realize that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, to trust Him and follow Him, you can talk to God right now. I'm going to lead you in a prayer to help with the words but just know it's not a perfect prayer that saves you. It's the heart behind it that God sees and responds to.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

God, thank You for loving me — and making a way for me — to have a relationship with You. — I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen. If you prayed that and meant it, that's the most important decision you'll ever make. We want to celebrate with you and help you take your next steps in following Jesus.

RESPONSE TIME

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You'll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here's what **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.
- If you're not sure yet, that's okay, check the "not interested" box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box, and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don't have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you're done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: If you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them before they leave and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

(Have student host come back up to give the **CHALLENGE** and **PRAY**.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] If you said yes to Jesus today or if you're still thinking about it, tell someone. Don't keep it to yourself. Share it with a friend, a leader, or someone you trust. And if you already have a relationship with Jesus, your challenge is to ask God to show you who in your family needs to hear about it. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for loving us even when we didn't deserve it. Thank You for giving us a way back through Jesus. For anyone who said yes to You today, remind them that they're not alone. For those of us already following You, give us the boldness to live it out loud, especially at home. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

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GUIDE**

THE CONVERSATION with FAMILY

HELP WEEK

Purpose:

Equip students to start a Gospel conversation.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Opportunity Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students share the Hand Gospel.

Supplies:

- Hand Gospel Card
- Dry erase or poster board for Church Shout—Outs
- Leader Guides for Opportunity Week

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, it's time for CHURCH SHOUT—OUTS! We love seeing you plugged into a local church, so, here's your chance to give yours some love. What church do you go to, and when do you meet? (Give students and adult volunteers time to share. If you have a dry erase board or poster board, write down the churches and have students take pictures.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

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THE CONVERSATION

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Remember, it may take months or even years, but our faithfulness can be a seed God uses to grow something big. People in our family may one day choose to begin a relationship with Jesus, because we decided to start talking about our faith with them. How will they know unless someone tells them?

CONVERSATION STARTER – HAND GOSPEL

[Speaker] Today we're going to learn a super simple way to share the Gospel using just our hand. Sometimes our family simply needs a helping hand, and this is a great way to start the conversation. (Have student leaders pass out the Hand Gospel card.) Let's say you notice a family member going through a hard time. You could say, "Hey, I noticed things have been tough lately. Can I share something that gives me hope?" Then

use your hand to walk them through the Gospel:

1. Put your **thumb** up and say: "I've got Good News — God loves you!" John 3:16 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." God wants a relationship with us. That's the Good News.
2. Put your **pointer finger** up and say: "There is ONE PROBLEM... Sin!" Romans 3:23 says, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Our sin has separated us from God. Sin is the problem, so something had to happen.
3. Point to your **middle finger** and say: "Christ died on the cross." Romans 5:8 says, "but God showed His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us." Jesus paid the penalty for our sins by dying on the cross in our place. All of this while we were still sinners.
4. Point to your **ring finger** and say: "We use the ring finger because a ring is a symbol of commitment." Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." We must confess, believe, and commit our life to Jesus.
5. Tap on your **pinky finger** with your thumb and say: "Just a little bit of faith is all it takes to put your trust in Jesus." Ephesians 2:8 says, "For by Grace you are saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God."
6. Point to the **palm** of your hand and say: "We are secure and safe in the hand of God!" John 10:28 says, "I give eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." This is a great reminder that we are secure in God's hand, if we choose to put our faith in Jesus. Are you ready to trust and follow Jesus as Lord of your life today?

If the person you are sharing with said yes to this question, you can lead them in a prayer that goes something like this: “God, thank You for loving me and making a way for me to have a relationship with You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross in my place and that He rose from the dead so that I could have a relationship with You. I choose to trust and follow Jesus as Lord of my life today. Amen.”

Practice Time! Pair up and take a minute to practice sharing the Hand Gospel with a partner. This helps us to be ready when the real moment comes.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week it to pray for someone in our family who doesn't know Jesus. Ask God to give you a chance to share the Hand Gospel with them this week. It might feel scary, but you're not alone. God is with you, and He loves your family even more than you do. Let's Pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for our families. Even when it's hard, we believe You are working. Give us courage to love them well. Use us to bring hope to the people we care about most. In Jesus' name, amen.

We got this. Let's go be the light at home first.

GAME TIME - Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)



THE CONVERSATION with FAMILY

OPPORTUNITY WEEK

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your best subject in school?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, take a second to follow us on social media at [insert handle]. This is the best way to stay in the loop about what's happening with our club and you might even see yourself featured in a post or story! (Go ahead and show the QR code.) Now let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everybody, welcome to First Priority. We're really glad you're here today. We know life can be crazy busy, so thanks for showing up and making time for something that really matters. Today [insert name] is going to talk about why it's important to tell our family about Jesus, even when it feels awkward or scary. But before we dive into that, let's take a minute to talk to God together. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. We know it's not always easy to talk about You, especially with the people closest to us. Help us today to really hear what You want us to say and give us boldness to share Your love with our families. We know You're with us. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we learned how to use our hand to share the Gospel with our family. Who did you share it with and how did it go? (Take a moment to let a few people share and share your own response too.) And if you didn't get the chance yet, that's okay. It's not too late to start the conversation.

This week we're going to be real about how challenging that can feel, especially when it comes to sharing our faith with family. Sometimes it feels way easier to share with a total stranger than with our own family. Why? Because with family, they know us. Our past. Our mistakes. Our weird moments. We can't fake anything.

And because of that, sharing our faith with them can come with a lot of fear. "What if they reject me?" "What if they throw my past in my face?" "What if they just don't want anything to do with me anymore?" These aren't small fears. When we tell a stranger about Jesus, we might never see them again. But with family, their reaction can really affect us.

So what do we do with all that fear? Let's see what the Bible has to say:

- What if they reject what I tell them?

Jesus said in Luke chapter 10 verse 16, *"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."* Their response isn't really about you — it's about Jesus. That takes a lot of the pressure off. You're just delivering the message.

- What if they bring up my past?

Good! That's actually a chance to be honest. First Peter chapter 3 verse 15 says, *"always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."* Let them see how God has changed us. We can't pretend we're perfect. Our brokenness can help them see the power of Jesus.

- What if they distance themselves from me?

That's hard. But we fight that fear with prayer. Ask God to soften their hearts and open their ears. And remember: God didn't give up on us. He won't give up on them either.

I want to take a second and pray for our families. I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. "God, I am thankful that You know our families. You also know our fears. You hear our prayers. Help us trust You with the people we care about most. Give us courage to speak with love, even when it's hard. And remind us that You're always working, even when we can't see it. In Jesus' name, amen."

DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let's take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

- Why do you think it feels harder to share Jesus with family than with strangers?

- Have you ever felt judged by your past when trying to talk about faith?
- What's one small way you can show Jesus to your family without saying anything?
- How can we pray for each other and our families this week?

We don't have to have all the answers, and we don't need to be perfect. We just need to care enough to try. God can use us to help someone in our family take one step closer to Him. How will they know unless we tell them!

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to start a real conversation with someone in your family about what Jesus means to you and use the Hand Gospel as a guide to help share the message clearly. And don't forget to keep praying for them. God is working, even when we don't see it.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for our families. Give us the boldness to talk to our family about you. Use us to bring hope to the people we care about most. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with FAMILY

PREPARE WEEK

PREPARE WEEK

Purpose:

Empower students to share their faith story.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Encounter Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students with their Hero of My Story worksheet.

Supplies:

- Hero of My Story Cards and Pens
- Leader Guides for Encounter Week

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] Who is someone in your family that you are thankful for?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, let's use our Get Connected time to think about who we can invite to First Priority next week. There are people all over our school who could really use a place like this. Somewhere to feel seen and heard. So, who's someone you can bring with you next week? (Allow students to respond.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to show us another way to write our faith story and how we can share it with our family. Let's pray.

Sample prayer: Jesus, thank You for loving us and giving us a story worth telling. Help us see how You've worked in our lives and give us boldness to share that story with our family. In Your name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] We have been talking about how sharing our faith with family can be super challenging. It's tough because they know all our flaws and past mistakes and that makes it feel awkward. But we also learned that we're not alone in that. Even Jesus had family members who didn't believe in Him at first! Who wants to share how it is going with sharing your faith with family? (Allow students to respond and share your own experience.)

Today we're building on that and talking about how to share our story in a way that really points people to Jesus, especially our family. Who's someone in your life you totally look up to? Like, someone in your family that you would consider a hero. Maybe they've been through a lot and still show up with love and strength. Maybe they've got your back no matter what. That's awesome. Heroes inspire us.

Now let's flip that. When we talk about our faith, who's the hero of that story?

Sometimes, when we share how we came to know Jesus, we end up putting a lot of the focus on what we did: "I started going to church," "I changed my habits," "I made better choices." And that stuff's part

of the journey. But if we zoom out, we realize it's not really our actions that saved us. It's what Jesus did.

The truth is, Jesus is the real hero of every story of faith. Without Him, we're just stuck in our brokenness. But with Him, we get new life, hope, purpose — everything.

Let's read Romans chapter 5 verse 8, *"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* That's huge. He didn't wait for us to clean ourselves up. He came for us when we were still lost.

Then in Ephesians chapter 2 verses 8 and 9, Paul writes: *"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."* In other words: it's not about how good we are, it's about how good God is.

So, when we're thinking about telling our story, especially with our family, we need to keep this in mind, let Jesus be the center. Talk about how He showed up in our life. What He saved us from. What He's done in our heart. That's what makes our story powerful. That's what invites people in.

And don't stress about making it perfect. Your story, with Jesus as the hero, might be exactly what someone in your family needs to hear.

FAITH STORY – HERO OF MY STORY

[Speaker] Today we're going to take some time to write out our own faith story. The kind of story that could help lead someone in our family to Jesus. And here's the goal: we want to make sure Jesus is the hero of the story, not us. That means we're focusing more on what He's done in our lives, not just what we've done.

Sharing Jesus with family can feel awkward or even scary sometimes, especially since they already know everything about us. Like, the good and the not-so-great. But that's exactly why it's powerful. When they see the real change Jesus made in us, it can make them want to know more.

We've got an outline to help us tell our story in a way that keeps the focus on Jesus. Just read each prompt and take your time writing your answers. If you're not sure what to write, maybe you're still figuring out your relationship with Jesus. Just flip your paper over and write down any questions you have. That's a great place to start too. (Have student leaders pass out the Hero of My Story cards.)

1. I am a follower of Jesus, and I would like to tell you why. I have learned that we all need to be saved, because we are broken by sin – and not just in a physical way but a spiritual way. Here is what I learned about my sin and why it is a problem: (Give students a minute to write and have a few share.)
2. I realized I was lost and broken because: (Give students a minute to write and have a few share.)
3. God created us all and loves us so much. He knows that we are broken and cannot fix ourselves, so He sent His Son Jesus. This is what Jesus did for me so that I would not be separated from God: (Give students a minute to write and have a few share.)
4. When I understood all of this for the first time, I realized I needed Jesus and wanted to follow Him. This is how I began my relationship with Him: (Give students a minute to write and have a few share.)
5. My life today looks different than before I started following Jesus. Here are some of the biggest things He has done in my life since: (Give students a minute to write and have a few share.)

Every story is different, but every story points to the same Savior. When Jesus is the hero, our story becomes a powerful way to share hope with our family.

(Have the student host come back up and give

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PREPARE WEEK

the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to practice saying our faith story using the Hero of My Story outline and pray for boldness to share it with our family. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: Jesus, thank You for being the hero of our lives. Help us not be ashamed of what You've done for us. Give us the right words, the right time, and the courage to share our story with our family. Use it to open hearts and bring others to You. In Your name, amen.

GAME TIME - Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with FAMILY

ENCOUNTER WEEK

ENCOUNTER WEEK

Purpose:

Students encounter Jesus through the Gospel Message.

Preparation:

- Sign up for the FP App and/or text updates.
- Enlist students for the next four weeks.
- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Help Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students counsel and plug them into a church.

Supplies:

- QR Code for FP App and/or text updates
- Leader Guides for Help Week — Enemies
- Response Cards, Pens & Follow-up Form
- Next Steps Cards & Bibles

LEADER SIGN UP

This is the time to sign people up to lead and serve for next month.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] Where would your dream vacation be?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, grab your phone and scan the QR code to sign up for the First Priority App and/or text updates. This is how we'll keep you in the know about everything happening in your club. Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Welcome to First Priority! We're so glad you decided to join us today. Whether you've been here before or this is your first time, you belong here. Today [insert name] is going to share the plan God made so that each of us could have a real relationship with Him. It's not about being perfect or checking off boxes. It's about knowing Jesus and understanding how much He loves us. Before we get started, let's take a moment to pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us together today. Help us to listen and be open to what You want to show us. Speak through [insert name] and remind us how much You care about every person in this room. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] Over the last couple of weeks, we have talked about how a lot of us have people in our families who don't know Jesus. And we said that we want to be bold and share our faith with them, but let's be honest, we can't share a story we don't actually have.

So, today I want to talk to anyone who's maybe not sure where they stand with God. Maybe you've never started a relationship with Jesus, or maybe you've heard about Him but just haven't made it personal yet. I want to share the Gospel, the Good News, with you. Because this isn't just some story, this could be your story too.

(Hold up your thumb.)

First, the Good News — God loves you. He really loves you! The Creator of everything wants a real relationship with You. That's what we learned in the Hand Gospel. God made us to know Him and live close to Him. That was the original plan. But then...

(Hold up your pointer finger.)

There's one big problem: sin. Sin is anytime we go our own way instead of God's. And we've all done it. Romans chapter 3 verse 23 says, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* That means every single one of us has messed up. Sin leaves us broken, empty, and separated from God.

Has anyone ever made a choice that left you feeling guilty, empty, or straight-up alone? I know I have. We try to fix ourselves, be better, do better but it doesn't work. The truth is, we can't fix it on our own.

Remember the middle finger in the Hand Gospel? This one reminds us of the solution. Even though we were still messing up, God didn't give up on us. Romans chapter 5 verse 8 says, *"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth, lived a perfect life, died on the cross to pay for our sins, and then rose from the dead to give us new life. He did for us what we couldn't do for ourselves.

Here's what that means: We don't have to stay broken. We don't have to keep trying to earn our way to God. We just need to turn away from our sin and turn to Jesus. That's what the Bible calls "repent." It means changing directions.

No matter how far we've drifted, no matter what mistakes we've made, God is right here, ready to welcome us. We don't have to clean ourselves up first. We don't have to figure it all out. We just have to say "YES."

Now for the ring finger. This is where it gets personal. Romans chapter 10 verses 9 and 10 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." That's it. It's not about being perfect — it's about trusting the One who is.

And finally, the pinky finger. Even if your faith feels small, like barely, that's enough. It only takes a little faith to say YES to Jesus. If you want to start a relationship with Jesus today, you can. This can be the beginning of your story. A new one, with Jesus as the hero.

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. Just take a quiet moment between you and God. No distractions, no pressure. If today you realize that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, to trust Him and follow Him, you can talk to God right now. I'm going to lead you in a prayer to help with the words but just know it's not a perfect prayer that saves you. It's the heart behind it that God sees and responds to.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

God, thank You for loving me — and making a way for me — to have a relationship with You. — I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen. If you prayed that and meant it, that's the most important decision you'll ever make. We want to celebrate with you and help you take your next steps in following Jesus.

RESPONSE TIME (This will take 5 minutes.)

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You'll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here's what **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.

- If you're not sure yet, that's okay, check the "not interested" box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box, and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don't have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you're done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: If you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them before they leave and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

(Have student host come back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

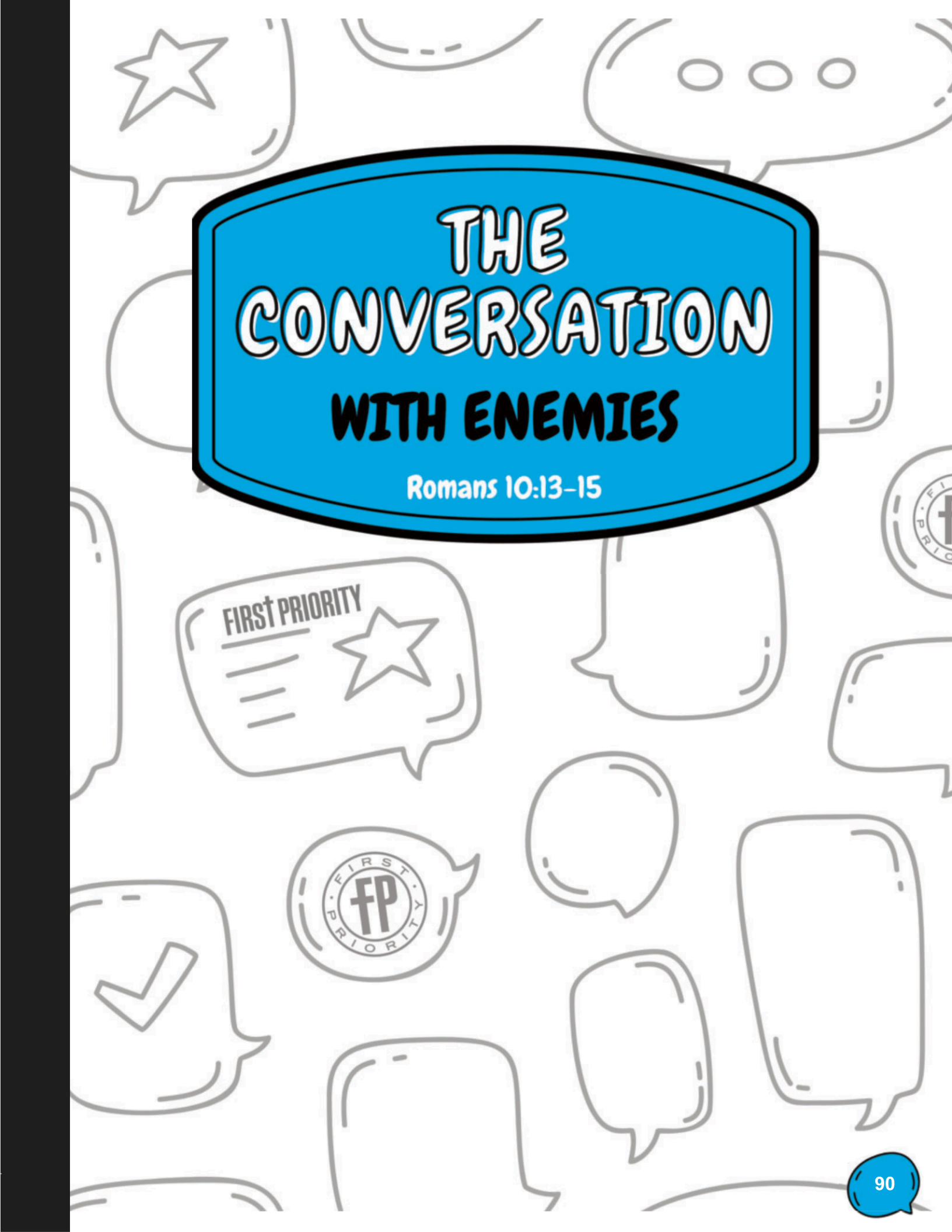
CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] If you said yes to Jesus today or if you're still thinking about it, tell someone. Don't keep it to yourself. Share it with a friend, a leader, or someone you trust. And if you already have a relationship with Jesus, your challenge is to ask God to show you who in your family needs to hear about it. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for loving us even when we didn't deserve it. Thank You for giving us a way back through Jesus. For anyone who said yes to You today, remind them that they're not alone. For those of us already following You, give us the boldness to live it out loud, especially at home. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)



THE CONVERSATION WITH ENEMIES

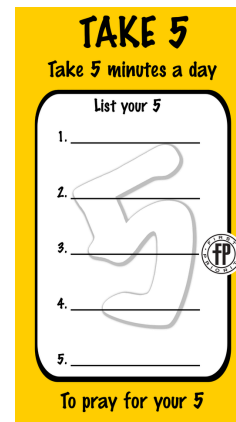
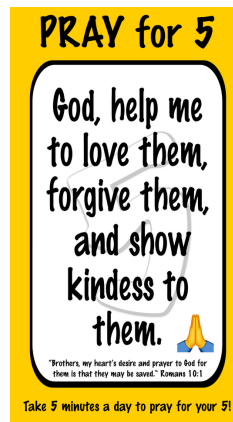
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Supplies Needed

ENEMIES

Help Week: TAKE 5 Cards

Opportunity Week:
Discussion Questions
(No Supplies Needed)



Prepare Week: My Faith Story Worksheet

FAITH STORY WORKSHEET

If we have a relationship with Jesus, we should be able to explain our encounter with Him. We can weave the Gospel message into our faith story just by telling others what happened to us.

BEFORE YOU MET JESUS: Choose a few keywords that describe your life before you began a relationship with Jesus. Circle two or three words that best describe how you felt. You are not limited to this list, so feel free to choose your own words.

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

Write down what your life was like before you asked Jesus to save you. Use the words you circled. This helps others relate to your story.

WHEN YOU MET JESUS: Write down when you realized you had sinned against God and needed Jesus. Were you at church camp, youth group, First Priority? Share what you prayed. This part shows others how personal your encounter with Jesus is.

SINCE YOU MET JESUS: Write down how Jesus has changed your life since you got saved and how that has impacted those around you. This part gives others the hope they are looking for and can only be found in Jesus.

FIRST PRIORITY

Encounter Week:
Response Cards/Next Steps Cards

STUDENT RESPONSE CARD
TARJETA DE RESPUESTA DEL ESTUDIANTE

Name: _____
Nombre: _____

Grade: _____
Grado: _____

Who invited you?
¿Quién te invitó?

What church do you attend?
¿A qué iglesia vas?

MY RESPONSE TODAY: MI RESPUESTA DE HOY:

☐ Today I am choosing to trust and follow Jesus for the first time. Hoy estoy eligiendo seguir a Jesús por primera vez.

☐ I am not interested. No me interesa.

☐ I have already accepted Jesus into my life. Ya he aceptado a Jesús en mi vida.

When? _____ (Cuándo)

☐ Yes, I want to get plugged into a church. Sí, quiero conectarme a una iglesia.

☐ Yes, I need a Bible. Sí, necesito una Biblia.

The information you write down will be given to a student leader.

» NEXT STEPS «

I SAID "YES" TO JESUS - NOW WHAT?
We're so excited for you! Deciding to trust and follow Jesus is the BEST decision you'll ever make. This card will help you take your next steps.

☒ **GET CONNECTED**
Get involved with a local church. We can help you! Keep coming to First Priority.

☒ **READ THE BIBLE**
This will help you to know God. Begin with the book of John. If you need a Bible - we got you!

☒ **TALK TO GOD**
Start praying. God loves hearing from you. You don't need fancy words.

☒ **SHARE YOUR STORY**
God will use your story to help others know Him. Share what happened today with a friend or family member.

☒ I said YES to trusting and following Jesus: _____

DATE _____

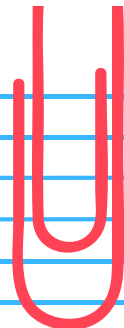
Student Leader Sign-Up

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STUDENT LEADER GUIDES

STUDENT LEADER GUIDE



THE CONVERSATION: HELP WEEK

ENEMIES

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everybody! Welcome to First Priority. We're glad you're here. Today [insert speaker name] is going to talk about what it looks like to share Jesus with people we might not see eye to eye with. We all have those people, right? Maybe it's someone who's hurt us, left us out, or just rubs us the wrong way. But guess what? God's love is for them too and He wants to use us to show it. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. You know the people in our lives who are hard to love. Help us to see them the way You do and to share Your love even when it's tough. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Today this one's going to hit a little different. Over the next four weeks, we're talking about something that honestly feels kind of backwards: loving our enemies and even — wait for it — talking to them about Jesus.

You heard that right. Not ignoring them. Not trash-talking them back. Loving them.

So, let's start here: Who even are our enemies? For most of us, it's not like we've got supervillains chasing us around school. But an "enemy" could be that person who's always gossiping about you. Someone who's bullied you, lied about you, left you out, or just plain made life hard. You probably wouldn't call them an enemy out loud, but deep down, you know they're not for you.

And now we're saying we should love them? That's a big ask. But let's check out what Jesus said in Matthew chapter 5 verse 44, *"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."* He didn't say ignore them or just tolerate them. He said love and pray for them. And honestly, that's not something we can do on our own. It takes God helping us out through the Holy Spirit.

See, Jesus totally gets what it's like to be hated. People gossiped about Him, accused Him of stuff He didn't do, and literally nailed Him to a cross. And still He loved them. Even while He was dying, He said, in Luke chapter 23 verse 34, *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."*

That's crazy. That's love. And that's our example.

When we pray for people who've hurt us, we're not just checking a box, we're asking God to help them, to change their hearts, and to save them. Like Paul said in Romans chapter 10 verse 1, *"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved."*

That's what this week is all about. Letting God change our hearts so we can start praying for people we normally avoid, ignore, or even dislike. And not just once but with consistent, intentional prayer.

CONVERSATION STARTER – TAKE 5 CARD

[Speaker] Today we're using something simple to help us pray for those we consider our enemy. But before we do, let's talk about a few things first.

- Who comes to mind when you hear the word "enemy"? Not asking you to name names — but what kinds of people or situations?
- Have you ever tried praying for someone who wronged you? What was that like? Did it change anything — in you or them?

(Have student leaders pass out the TAKE 5 Cards.) Think about 1–5 people you'd honestly say are tough for you to love. They might be classmates, teammates, ex-friends, maybe even enemies. Write their first names down. No need to share them out loud. These are the people we are going to pray for every day this month — just 5 minutes a day.

On the back of the card is a sample prayer to help guide you. Start praying like Jesus did: “Father, help me to love them, forgive them, and show kindness to them.” You can use it word-for-word or put it into your own words. What do you hope will happen as you start praying for the names you write on your card? (This helps shift focus from “I have to” → “God might actually work through this.”)

Let’s take a few minutes right now to silently pray for the people on our card. Even if we’re not ready to talk to them or forgive them yet, this is a starting point. Praying for someone is the first step toward truly loving them like Jesus does.

(Allow students time to pray and then have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

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Sample prayer: God, today we admit this is hard. You know who we struggle with. The people who’ve hurt us or made life difficult. But You loved us when we didn’t deserve it, so help us do the same. Change our hearts. Help us pray for those we don’t understand, those we’re angry at, or even afraid of. Use us to show Your love, even in the hardest places. In Jesus’ name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

STUDENT LEADER GUIDE



THE CONVERSATION: OPPORTUNITY WEEK

ENEMIES

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about something that's honestly not easy. How we should love and even greet our enemies. Yes, you heard that right. Because that's exactly what Jesus did, and if anyone gets how hard that can be, it's Him. Before we jump in, let's take a second to pray and ask God to help us open up and really hear what He wants to say to us today. Let's pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. We know this topic isn't easy. Loving our enemies doesn't come naturally. But You did it first, and we want to follow Your lead. Help us be open, not just to hear Your truth, but to actually live it out. Give us the courage to love the people we'd rather avoid, and the strength to reflect You in how we treat others. Speak to us today and change our hearts. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Hey everyone! Last week we kicked off this whole series talking about something that's not always easy — loving our enemies. We looked at how Jesus calls us to pray for the people who hurt us, ignore us, or don't like us. That's hard, but we're not doing it alone. We have the Holy Spirit helping us, and we're using our TAKE 5 cards to intentionally pray for those people each day. Would anyone like to share how praying for those on their card is going? (Take a moment to let a few people share and share your own response too.)

So now what? Is praying enough?

This week we're taking it a step further and it might feel more awkward than when we pray in private. We're talking about greeting our enemies. Yes, saying hi to them. Showing kindness. Going out of our way to treat them like people who matter. Because they do.

Let's read what Jesus says in Matthew chapter 5 verses 46 and 47. *"For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?"* OUCH! Jesus is calling it out here. He's basically saying, "Big deal if you're kind to your best friends. Literally everyone does that." That kind of love doesn't stand out. It doesn't reflect His kind of love. But when we go out of our way to be kind to people who have been unkind to us, that's next level. That's what Jesus would do!

Let's think about this. Who do we usually say hi to in the halls or in the cafeteria? Just our friends? Our teammates? Our crew? Jesus is saying that even something as simple as a "what's up" or "how's it going?" to someone we normally avoid is a form of love. It's powerful, especially when they don't expect it.

So, what does it look like to greet our enemies?

- When they walk into a room, we go up to them first. Let them know we see them. Let them feel like they belong.
- Celebrate their wins. If they get picked for something, score a goal, or do something awesome, cheer for them. Even if part of us doesn't want to.
- Sit with them. Invite them over. Or if they're sitting alone, go to them. This might be the hardest one, but it's one of the most meaningful.

This kind of stuff is what Jesus meant when He told us to be light in a dark world in Philippians chapter 2 verse 15, *"that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."* When we are willing to have awkward moments by being kind to people we have been avoiding,

we're showing that Jesus lives in us. That's what makes us different.

DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let's take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

- Why do you think Jesus wants us to greet or show kindness to people who may not like us?
- Have you ever had someone you didn't like suddenly open up to you? What happened?
- What's one small step you can take this week to "greet" someone on your TAKE 5 card?

Thanks for being honest with your answers. These kinds of conversations matter, and they help us see people the way Jesus does. Let's keep thinking about how we can actually live this out at school this week, not just talk about it here but do something about it out there.

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CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to pick one person from our TAKE 5 card and greet them. That could be saying hi in the hallway, sending a kind message, giving a compliment, or just being friendly when we usually keep walking. We never know, our one small step could open the door to a much bigger conversation later. Let's pray.

Sample prayer: God, You love us even when we mess up and You ask us to show that same love to others. Help us this week to be bold enough to notice the people we'd usually ignore. Give us the courage to smile, to speak, and to show kindness, even when it's awkward and hard. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

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STUDENT LEADER GUIDE



THE CONVERSATION: PREPARE WEEK

ENEMIES

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

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Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing each of us here today. Help us to see the people we struggle with the way You see them. Speak through [insert name] today and help something change in our hearts so that we carry this with us outside of this room. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Hi everyone! Thanks for being here today. So far, we've talked about what it means to love our enemies. We started by praying for them using our **TAKE 5** cards. Last week we talked about what it looks like to greet our enemies, even just saying hi or being kind in small ways. Would anyone like to share how it is going living out your faith by loving your enemies? (Allow students to respond and share your own experience.)

Today we're going to look at what it means to do good to those who may not treat us well. Let's read what Paul wrote in Romans chapter 12 verses 20 and 21, *"...if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink... Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good."*

That sounds simple enough, right? No! Our natural response is not to help them. But God says the best way to handle hate or mistreatment isn't to fight back, it's to show kindness instead. Even earlier in verse 19, Paul says: *"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will*

repay, says the Lord.'" This means we don't have to "get even." God sees what's happening and promises to take care of it. Our job is to trust Him and choose what's good.

By offering kindness instead of fighting back, we are overcoming evil with good. It is like the Golden Rule says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." So, how do we overcome evil with good?

- Maybe it's helping someone who hasn't been kind to you.
- Maybe it's choosing to stay calm instead of clapping back.
- Maybe it's just showing up for someone who doesn't expect it from you.

When we act this way, we're doing what Jesus did. Loving even when it's hard, even when it's not returned and when we do that, people notice. It shows them what real faith looks like.

One of the kindest things we can do is share what Jesus has done in our own lives. If we have a relationship with Him, we treat people differently. If they knew our faith story and how Jesus changed us, they might understand why we respond the way we do. How will they know unless someone tells them?

FAITH STORY – MY FAITH STORY

[Speaker] Let's finish up our club time writing out our faith story so that we can share what Jesus has done in our life and why we act and respond differently now.

We have an outline that will help us. If you don't have a faith story, that's okay. You can sit and listen as others share their stories, or you can talk to a student leader about beginning your own faith story today. (Have student leaders pass out the Faith Story Worksheet and go over each section together.)

Part One: **BEFORE YOU MET JESUS** – Choose a few keywords that describe your life before you began a relationship with Jesus. Circle two or three words that best describe how you felt. You are not limited to this list, so feel free to choose your own words. Write down what your life was like before you asked Jesus to save you. This helps others relate to your story. (Have a few students share what they wrote.)

Part Two: **WHEN YOU MET JESUS** – Write down when you realized you had sinned against God and needed Jesus. Were you at church camp, youth group, or First Priority? Share what you prayed. This part shows others how personal your encounter with Jesus is. (Have a few students share what they wrote.)

Part Three: **SINCE YOU MET JESUS** – Write down how Jesus has changed your life since you got saved and how that has impacted those around you. This part gives others the hope they are looking for and can only be found in Jesus. (Have a few students share what they wrote.)

Now that we have written our faith story, we need to practice saying it so that we can share it with those that we have been praying for the last few weeks. How will they know unless someone tells them? This is one of the kindest things we can do.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to share our Faith Story with one of the people we wrote down on our TAKE 5 card. We've been praying for them. We've been asking God to help us see them the way He does. Now it's time to take the next step and tell them what Jesus has done in our life. Our story might be exactly what they need to hear to take their next step toward Jesus. Let's pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for writing a story in our life that's worth sharing. Even the messy parts. I pray for the people on our TAKE 5 cards right now. You know what's going on in their hearts. Help us to be brave enough to share our faith story with them this week and point them to You. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

STUDENT LEADER GUIDE



THE CONVERSATION: ENCOUNTER WEEK

ENEMIES

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Welcome to First Priority! We're really glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to share the plan God has had all along so that we can have a real relationship with Him. It's not just about going to church or being a good person, it's about knowing Jesus and understanding what He's done for us. Before we start, let's take a minute to pray and ask God to help us listen and understand what He wants to say to us today. Let's Pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing each of us here today. We know it's not by accident. Help us open our hearts to what You want to teach us. Speak through [insert name] and help us understand the plan You have for our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] Over the past few weeks, we've talked a lot about loving our enemies: how to pray for them, greet them, show them kindness, and even share Jesus with them. But here's something important to remember: We can't do any of that well without a relationship with Jesus. He's the one who gives us the strength to love people who hurt us or don't treat us right.

But maybe you are sitting here thinking, "How do I get that kind of relationship with Jesus?" Or maybe you've realized that, deep down, you're still at odds with God. The truth is, we all were, at one point.

Let's look at Romans chapter 5 verses 8 and 10. *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us... For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!"*

The word "reconcile" means to fix or restore a broken friendship. In order for a friendship to be

restored, we had to be enemies. You see, we were all once enemies of God and He sent His Son, Jesus, to restore our relationship with Him. He died in our place so that we could be forgiven and have a relationship with God again.

And here's the best part: Jesus didn't stay dead. He rose from the grave, defeating sin and death so that we could not only have a new life here but also the promise of forever in Heaven with Him. That's real hope. That's what makes the Gospel Good news.

Maybe today you realize that you've been trying to be a good person or trying to handle things on your own, but deep down, you're still not sure if you have a relationship with God. Maybe you're still on the outside looking in. That doesn't have to be the end of your story.

Romans chapter 10 verses 9 and 10 tell us: *"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."*

This verse is all about how we can be saved. It's not about being perfect or doing everything right. It's about believing in your heart that Jesus is alive and saying it out loud that He's Lord. When we believe and confess that, we're choosing to follow Him and that's where real life begins.

If you're ready to stop being an enemy of God and start walking in a real relationship with Him, today is your day. It begins with a simple conversation.

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. Just take a quiet moment between you and God. No distractions, no pressure. If today you realize that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, to trust Him and follow Him, you can talk to God right now. I'm

going to lead you in a prayer to help with the words but just know it's not a perfect prayer that saves you. It's the heart behind it that God sees and responds to.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

God, thank You for loving me — and making a way for me — to have a relationship with You. — I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen.

If you prayed that and meant it, that's the most important decision you'll ever make. We want to celebrate with you and help you take your next steps in following Jesus.

RESPONSE TIME

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You'll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top of the card fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here's what the **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.
- If you're not sure yet, that's okay, check the "not interested" box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don't have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you're done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: While collecting cards, if you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them right away and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them

into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so that they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

(Have student host come back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] If you said yes to Jesus today, we celebrate your decision! If you already have a relationship with Jesus, your challenge is to take this message to someone on your **TAKE 5** card this week. Share what Jesus did for you. Let the Gospel speak. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for loving us even when we were far from You. Thank You for sending Jesus to take our place so that we could be made right with You. Help those of us who already know You to never forget the grace You've shown us and to share it boldly. And for those that said yes to You, give them the courage to tell someone. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

**MENTOR
GUIDE**

THE CONVERSATION with ENEMIES

HELP WEEK

Purpose:

Equip students to start a Gospel conversation by praying first.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Opportunity Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students share the TAKE 5 Card.

Supplies:

- TAKE 5 Card
- Dry erase or poster board for Church Shout—Outs
- Leader Guides for Opportunity Week

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] Who is the best teacher you've ever had?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, it's time for CHURCH SHOUT—OUTS! We love seeing you plugged into a local church, so, here's your chance to give yours some love. What church do you go to, and when do you meet? (Give students and adult volunteers time to share. If you have a dry erase board or poster board, write down the churches and have students take pictures.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everybody! Welcome to First Priority. We're glad you're here. Today [insert speaker name] is going to talk about what it looks like to share Jesus with people we might not see eye to eye with. We all have those people, right? Maybe it's someone who's hurt us, left us out, or just rubs us the wrong way. But guess what? God's love is for them too and He wants to use us to show it. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. You know the people in our lives who are hard to love. Help us to see them the way You do and to share Your love even when it's tough. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Today this one's going to hit a little different. Over the next four weeks, we're talking about something that honestly feels kind of backwards: loving our enemies and even — wait for it — talking to them about Jesus.

You heard that right. Not ignoring them. Not trash-talking them back. Loving them.

So, let's start here: Who even are our enemies? For most of us, it's not like we've got supervillains chasing us around school. But an "enemy" could be that person who's always gossiping about you. Someone who's bullied you, lied about you, left you out, or just plain made life hard. You probably wouldn't call them an enemy out loud, but deep down, you know they're not for you.

And now we're saying we should love them? That's a big ask. But let's check out what Jesus said in Matthew chapter 5 verse 44, *"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."* He didn't say ignore them or just tolerate them. He said love and pray for them. And honestly, that's not something we can do on our own. It takes God helping us out through the Holy Spirit.

See, Jesus totally gets what it's like to be hated. People gossiped about Him, accused Him of stuff He didn't do, and literally nailed Him to a cross. And still He loved them. Even while He was dying, He said, in Luke chapter 23 verse 34, *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."*

That's crazy. That's love. And that's our example.

When we pray for people who've hurt us, we're not just checking a box, we're asking God to help them, to change their hearts, and to save them. Like Paul said in Romans chapter 10 verse 1, *"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved."*

That's what this week is all about. Letting God change our hearts so we can start praying for people we normally avoid, ignore, or even dislike. And not just once but with consistent, intentional prayer.

CONVERSATION STARTER – TAKE 5 CARD

[Speaker] Today we're using something simple to help us pray for those we consider our enemy. But before we do, let's talk about a few things first.

- Who comes to mind when you hear the word "enemy"? Not asking you to name names — but what kinds of people or situations?
- Have you ever tried praying for someone who wronged you? What was that like? Did it change anything — in you or them?

(Have student leaders pass out the TAKE 5 Cards.) Think about 1–5 people you'd honestly

say are tough for you to love. They might be classmates, teammates, ex-friends, maybe even enemies. Write their first names down. No need to share them out loud. These are the people we are going to pray for every day this month — just 5 minutes a day.

On the back of the card is a sample prayer to help guide you. Start praying like Jesus did: *"Father, help me to love them, forgive them, and show kindness to them."* You can use it word-for-word or put it into your own words. What do you hope will happen as you start praying for the names you write on your card? (This helps shift focus from "I have to" → "God might actually work through this.")

Let's take a few minutes right now to silently pray for the people on our card. Even if we're not ready to talk to them or forgive them yet, this is a starting point. Praying for someone is the first step toward truly loving them like Jesus does.

(Allow students time to pray and then have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to stop and pray for the people we wrote down on our card and ask God to give us His heart for them. If the opportunity comes up, say hi to them or even just smile. It's a small start, but it's a big step in loving like Jesus. Let's Pray!

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THE CONVERSATION with ENEMIES

OPPORTUNITY WEEK

LEADER SIGN UP

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RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What celebrity would you like to meet?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, take a second to follow us on social media at [insert handle]. This is the best way to stay in the loop about what's happening with our club and you might even see yourself featured in a post or story! (Go ahead and show the QR code.) Now let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

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DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let's take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

- Why do you think Jesus wants us to greet or show kindness to people who may not like us?
- Have you ever had someone you didn't like suddenly open up to you? What happened?
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[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with ENEMIES

PREPARE WEEK

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Purpose:

Empower students to share their faith story.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Encounter Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students with their Faith Story worksheet.

Supplies:

- My Faith Story Cards and Pens
- Leader Guides for Encounter Week

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your favorite road trip snack?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, let's use our Get Connected time to think about who we can invite to First Priority next week. There are people all over our school who could really use a place like this. Somewhere to feel seen and heard. So, who's someone you can bring with you next week? (Allow students to respond.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

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verse 19, Paul says: *“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’”* This means we don’t have to “get even.” God sees what’s happening and promises to take care of it. Our job is to trust Him and choose what’s good.

By offering kindness instead of fighting back, we are overcoming evil with good. It is like the Golden Rule says, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” So, how do we overcome evil with good?

- Maybe it’s helping someone who hasn’t been kind to you.
- Maybe it’s choosing to stay calm instead of clapping back.
- Maybe it’s just showing up for someone who doesn’t expect it from you.

When we act this way, we’re doing what Jesus did. Loving even when it’s hard, even when it’s not returned and when we do that, people notice. It shows them what real faith looks like.

One of the kindest things we can do is share what Jesus has done in our own lives. If we have a relationship with Him, we treat people differently. If they knew our faith story and how Jesus changed us, they might understand why we respond the way we do. How will they know unless someone tells them?

FAITH STORY – MY FAITH STORY

[Speaker] Let’s finish up our club time writing out our faith story so that we can share what Jesus has done in our life and why we act and respond differently now.

We have an outline that will help us. If you don’t have a faith story, that’s okay. You can sit and listen as others share their stories, or you can talk to a student leader about beginning your own faith story today. (Have student leaders pass out the Faith Story Worksheet and go over each section together.)

Part One: **BEFORE YOU MET JESUS** – Choose a few keywords that describe your life before you began a relationship with Jesus. Circle two or three words that best describe how you felt. You are not limited to this list, so feel free to choose your own words. Write down what your life was like before you asked Jesus to save you. This helps others relate to your story. (Have a few students share what they wrote.)

Part Two: **WHEN YOU MET JESUS** – Write down when you realized you had sinned against God and needed Jesus. Were you at church camp, youth group, or First Priority? Share what you prayed. This part shows others how personal your encounter with Jesus is. (Have a few students share what they wrote.)

Part Three: **SINCE YOU MET JESUS** – Write down how Jesus has changed your life since you got saved and how that has impacted those around you. This part gives others the hope they are looking for and can only be found in Jesus. (Have a few students share what they wrote.)

Now that we have written our faith story, we need to practice saying it so that we can share it with those that we have been praying for the last few weeks. How will they know unless someone tells them? This is one of the kindest things we can do.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge for this week is to share our Faith Story with one of the people we wrote down on our TAKE 5 card. We’ve been praying for them. We’ve been asking God to help us see them the way He does. Now it’s time to take the next step and tell them what Jesus has done in our life. Our story might be exactly what they need to hear to take their next step toward Jesus. Let’s pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for writing a story in our life that's worth sharing. Even the messy parts. I pray for the people on our TAKE 5 cards right now. You know what's going on in their hearts. Help us to be brave enough to share our faith story with them this week and point them to You. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

GAME TIME - Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with ENEMIES

ENCOUNTER WEEK

Purpose:

Students encounter Jesus through the Gospel Message.

Preparation:

- Sign up for the FP App and/or text updates.
- Enlist students for the next four weeks.
- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Help Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students counsel and plug them into a church.

Supplies:

- QR Code for FP App and/or text updates
- Leader Guides for Help Week — Outcasts
- Response Cards, Pens & Follow-up Form
- Next Steps Cards & Bibles

LEADER SIGN UP

This is the time to sign people up to lead and serve for next month.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your favorite color?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, grab your phone and scan the QR code to sign up for the First Priority App and/or text updates. This is how we'll keep you in the know about everything happening in your club. Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Welcome to First Priority! We're really glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to share the plan God has had all along so that we can have a real relationship with Him. It's not just about going to church or being a good person, it's about knowing Jesus and understanding what He's done for us. Before we start, let's take a minute to pray and ask God to help us listen and understand what He wants to say to us today. Let's Pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing each of us here today. We know it's not by accident. Help us open our hearts to what You want to teach us. Speak through [insert name] and help us understand the plan You have for our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] Over the past few weeks, we've talked a lot about loving our enemies: how to pray for them, greet them, show them kindness, and even share Jesus with them. But here's something important to remember: We can't do any of that well without a relationship with Jesus. He's the one who gives us the strength to love people who hurt us or don't treat us right.

But maybe you are sitting here thinking, "How do I get that kind of relationship with Jesus?" Or maybe you've realized that, deep down, you're still at odds with God. The truth is, we all were, at one point.

Let's look at Romans chapter 5 verses 8 and 10. *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us... For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!"*

The word "reconcile" means to fix or restore a broken friendship. In order for a friendship to be restored, we had to be enemies. You see, we were all once enemies of God and He sent His Son, Jesus, to restore our relationship with Him. He died in our place so that we could be forgiven and have a relationship with God again.

And here's the best part: Jesus didn't stay dead. He rose from the grave, defeating sin and death so that we could not only have a new life here but also the promise of forever in Heaven with Him. That's real hope. That's what makes the Gospel Good news.

Maybe today you realize that you've been trying to be a good person or trying to handle things on your own, but deep down, you're still not sure if you have a relationship with God. Maybe you're still on the outside looking in. That doesn't have to be the end of your story.

Romans chapter 10 verses 9 and 10 tell us: *"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."*

This verse is all about how we can be saved. It's not about being perfect or doing everything right. It's about believing in your heart that Jesus is alive and saying it out loud that He's Lord. When we believe and confess that, we're choosing to follow Him and that's where real life begins.

If you're ready to stop being an enemy of God and start walking in a real relationship with Him, today is your day. It begins with a simple conversation.

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. Just take a quiet moment between you and God. No distractions, no pressure. If today you realize that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, to trust Him and follow Him, you can talk to God right now. I'm going to lead you in a prayer to help with the words but just know it's not a perfect prayer that saves you. It's the heart behind it that God sees and responds to.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

God, thank You for loving me — and making a way for me — to have a relationship with You. — I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen.

If you prayed that and meant it, that's the most important decision you'll ever make. We want to celebrate with you and help you take your next steps in following Jesus.

RESPONSE TIME (This will take 5 minutes.)

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You'll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top of the card fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here's what the **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.
- If you're not sure yet, that's okay, check the "not interested" box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don't have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes and we will help you with that.

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ENCOUNTER WEEK

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you're done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: While collecting cards, if you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them right away and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so that they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

(Have student host come back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

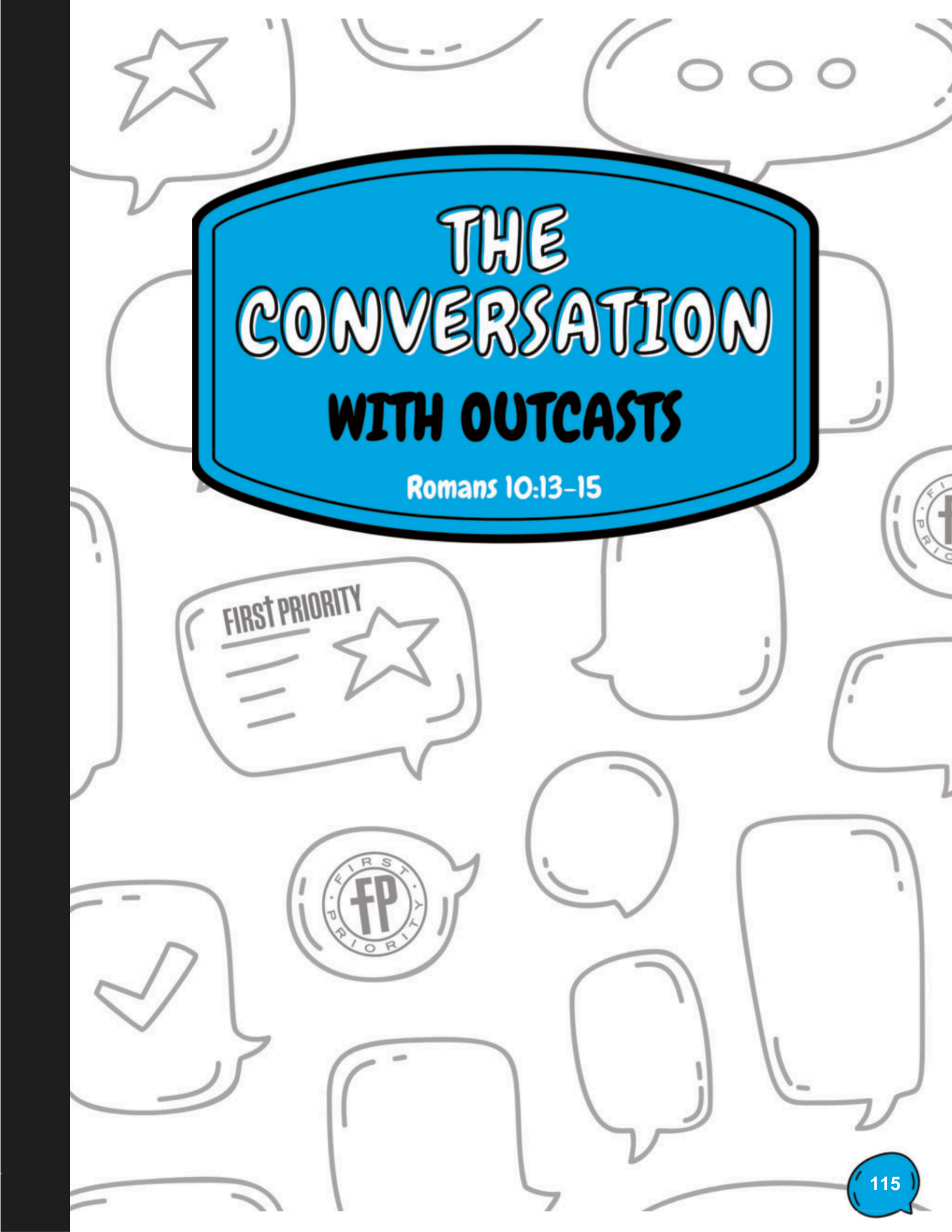
CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] If you said yes to Jesus today, we celebrate your decision! If you already have a relationship with Jesus, your challenge is to take this message to someone on your **TAKE 5** card this week. Share what Jesus did for you. Let the Gospel speak. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for loving us even when we were far from You. Thank You for sending Jesus to take our place so that we could be made right with You. Help those of us who already know You to never forget the grace You've shown us and to share it boldly. And for those that said yes to You, give them the courage to tell someone. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME - Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)



THE CONVERSATION WITH OUTCASTS

Romans 10:13-15

Supplies Needed

OUTCAST

Help Week: Invite Cards

Opportunity Week: Discussion Questions (No Supplies Needed)



Prepare Week: Cardboard Testimonies

Encounter Week: Response Cards/Next Steps Cards

SIDE ONE

What my life was like before I met Jesus.

FPCardboardTestimonies

STUDENT RESPONSE CARD
TARJETA DE RESPUESTA DEL ESTUDIANTE

Name: _____
Nombre: _____

Grade: _____
Grado: _____

Who invited you?
¿Quién te invitó?

What church do you attend?
¿A qué iglesia vas?

MY RESPONSE TODAY: MI RESPUESTA DE HOY

☐ Today I am choosing to trust and follow Jesus for the first time. Hoy estoy confiando y siguiendo a Jesucristo por primera vez.

☐ I am not interested. No me interesa.

☐ I have already accepted Jesus into my life. Ya he aceptado a Jesucristo en mi vida.
When? _____

☐ Yes, I want to get plugged into a church. Sí, quiero conestarme a una iglesia.

☐ Yes, I need a Bible. Sí, necesito una Biblia.

The information you write down will be given to a student leader.

» NEXT STEPS «

I SAID "YES" TO JESUS - NOW WHAT?
We're so excited for you! Deciding to trust and follow Jesus is the BEST decision you'll ever make. This card will help you take your next steps.

☒ **GET CONNECTED**
Get involved with a local church.
We can help you!
Keep coming to First Priority.

☒ **READ THE BIBLE**
This will help you to know God.
Begin with the book of John.
If you need a Bible - we got you!

☒ **TALK TO GOD**
Start praying. God loves hearing from you.
You don't need fancy words.

☒ **SHARE YOUR STORY**
God will use your story to help others know Him. Share what happened today with a friend or family member.

☒ I said YES to trusting and following Jesus: _____ DATE _____

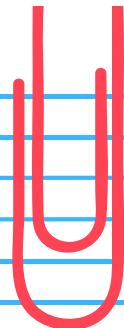
Student Leader Sign-Up

HELP WEEK	
SPEAKER:	HOST:

OPPORTUNITY WEEK	
SPEAKER:	HOST:

PREPARE WEEK	
SPEAKER:	HOST:

ENCOUNTER WEEK	
SPEAKER:	HOST:



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THE CONVERSATION: HELP WEEK

OUTCASTS

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about how we can reach out, invite, and have real conversations with people who the world pushes aside. It's about loving the ones others overlook. Let's start things off by praying.

Sample Prayer: God, thank You for this chance to be together. Open our hearts and minds as we listen to [insert name]. Help us to see those around us who feel forgotten and give us the courage to invite them. Speak through [insert name] today and use their message to encourage us. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Have you ever felt like you didn't belong? Maybe it was because of the way you looked, the things you believed, or even where you lived. Most of us know what it feels like to be on the outside looking in. Many people you see every day feel the same way, like they don't quite fit or aren't welcomed. Over the next four weeks, we're going to talk about how we can reach out and have meaningful conversations about Jesus with people who might feel like outcasts.

When Jesus walked into a room, He wasn't looking to sit with the most popular or respected group. Instead, He intentionally spent time with people who were overlooked, criticized, or rejected by others. Mark chapter 2 verses 15 through 17 gives us a clear picture of how Jesus saw people:

"And as he reclined at a table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?' And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who

are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.'"

Jesus chose to sit with people who felt lonely, hurt, or rejected — those who realized they needed help. He spent time with people others avoided because they are exactly who He came to help and save. He wasn't concerned about His reputation or what others might think. He was driven by compassion and love for people who desperately needed acceptance and forgiveness.

If we're honest, it might feel uncomfortable to spend time with people the world labels as outcasts. Maybe we're worried about what others will think or just unsure of how to act. But Jesus shows us a different way. He saw each person with compassion, grace, and mercy. He didn't push people away because of their mistakes or reputation. He invited them closer.

Think about the people at our school who might feel overlooked. Maybe it's the student who sits alone during lunch, the classmate who struggles socially, or someone who others have labeled as "different." Every single one of these people matters deeply to God. And because they matter to God, they should matter to us.

There are many people around us every day who feel invisible, unwanted, or left out. They are waiting for someone to notice them, include them, and show them love. Why can't that someone be us? We can make a difference by simply inviting someone who might feel left out.

CONVERSATION STARTER – INVITE CARD

[Speaker] Today we're using a simple tool to invite someone to First Priority. (Have student leaders pass out the Invite Cards.) Take a moment to write down the day, time, and location of our club meeting. Then intentionally give this card to someone who might feel left out. Go the extra step and save them a seat or even meet them at the door. You never know

how much a simple invitation could mean to someone. (Allow students time to fill them out.)

Remember, every great friendship starts with a simple step. God can use our small act of kindness to make someone feel seen and valued. Now that we have filled out our cards, hold them up so I can pray for those we are going to invite. Let's pray. "God, right now we pray for the people we are going to invite. You know who they are, and You know exactly how they're feeling. Please prepare their hearts to be open to our invitation. Help us to be courageous and kind as we reach out to them. We ask You to work through this simple invite and use it to show Your love. In Jesus' name, amen."

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge this week is to look for someone who might feel unseen or unwelcome. Pray about who you should invite, then take the step of handing them your Invite Card. Be the person who makes someone feel seen and valued this week. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for loving everyone, especially those who feel left out or rejected. Please open our eyes and hearts this week to see those around us who need an invitation. Give us courage to step out and show them Your love by welcoming them in. Help us to love others like You love us. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

GAME TIME - Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

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THE CONVERSATION: OPPORTUNITY WEEK

OUTCASTS

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone, welcome to First Priority. Thanks for being here. Today [insert name] is going to share why it matters for us to speak first and to be the ones who reach out to people who feel like they don't quite fit in. Let's start by praying.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. Help us to see how You can use us in our school to make a difference. Give us boldness and a heart for the people around us. Speak through [insert name] today and help us learn something new. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we talked about how Jesus noticed people that others usually ignored, and how we can do the same by inviting someone to First Priority. We even handed out Invite Cards and challenged each other to pray for and reach out to someone who might feel left out. So — who did you invite? How did they respond? (Take a moment to let a few people share and share your own response too.)

This week we're going to talk about why it matters to be the one who speaks first. Starting a conversation might seem like a small thing, but it can mean everything to someone who feels invisible or unsure if they belong.

Think about how many of us feel more comfortable when someone else talks to us first? (Let students respond and share your answer too.) When someone takes that first step to speak to us, it's easier to open up. That's exactly what we should be doing as followers of Jesus — being the first to speak, to show others they matter, and that we actually care.

Jesus did this all the time. One example is in John chapter 4 verses 7 through 9, *"A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman*

said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans."

Jesus started the conversation. And not just with anyone. He spoke first to someone people avoided. Back then, Jews didn't talk to Samaritans, and especially not to women in public. But Jesus didn't care about those social rules. He cared about her heart.

Even His disciples were shocked. But Jesus wasn't focused on her past or her reputation. He saw value in her. He cared more about her future than her mistakes. And the same is true for us. Jesus wants us to see people the way He does.

So what's stopping us from talking to people who seem different, or who are treated like outsiders? Is it fear? Is it judgment? Or are we just not noticing them? A lot of our conversations happen through text or social media, and that's fine, but there's something powerful about looking up, making eye contact, and saying something kind in person.

It doesn't have to be deep. Just say something like, "How's your day going?" or "I like your shoes, where did you get them?" That one moment can make someone feel seen. It can open the door to real connection, and maybe even to talking about Jesus, the One who values them more than anyone else ever could.

Jesus always made people feel welcome. With the woman at the well, He didn't avoid her or call her out to shame her. He had a real conversation with her and called her to a better life. He led with love. So, think about it, who's someone that might feel left out or overlooked? What if all they're waiting for is someone like us to notice them and speak first?

DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let's take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

- Why do you think it's easier when someone speaks to you first?
- Can you think of a time someone reached out to you first? How did it make you feel?
- What are some reasons we don't speak first to people who seem left out?
- How could a simple conversation lead to a deeper friendship or even a chance to share about Jesus?

Thanks for sharing your thoughts! Hopefully we're beginning to see that starting a conversation doesn't have to be complicated, it just needs to be genuine. Now let's take what we've talked about and put it into action.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Find one person this week who might feel left out or invisible. Be the first to speak to them. It doesn't have to be a big deal, just something kind or thoughtful. Trust that God can use your words to do something powerful. Invite them to join you at church or First Priority. Let's pray.

Sample Prayer: God, thank You for seeing us, even when we feel overlooked. Help us to see others the way You do. Give us the courage to speak first, to be kind, and to show love to people who feel left out. Use our words to help others know they are valued by You. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

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THE CONVERSATION: PREPARE WEEK

OUTCASTS

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone, welcome to First Priority! We're really glad you're here. If this is your first time, you picked a great day to join us. We've been in a series about how to see and reach people who feel overlooked, and today [insert name] is going to share how looking up can change how someone feels. Let's take a moment to pray as we get started.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. Please open our eyes to the people around us who need to be seen and loved. Help us learn to notice others the way You do. Give [insert name] the words to share and give us open hearts to listen. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Over the last few weeks, we have been challenged to invite those around us who don't seem to fit in and who feel unseen to join us here at First Priority and to share our relationship with Jesus with them. Would anyone like to share how that is going? (Allow students to respond and share your experience.)

I know a lot of us don't look up as we walk through the crowded halls. We're just trying to get to the next class, but when we do that, we miss the opportunities that God might be putting right in front of us. There are people all around us who feel ashamed, unloved, or left out — and what they need is to be seen. But for that to happen, we have to look up.

It's not always easy to notice the people around us. Sometimes we're just tired, overwhelmed, or caught up in our own worries. Maybe we're afraid to make the first move. What if they don't want to talk? What if they ignore us? These are real thoughts that all of us have had. But Jesus calls us to see people the way He sees them — with compassion, love, and hope.

Jesus met a man named Zacchaeus who people

avoided because he stole money and wasn't honest. Let's read what happened in Luke chapter 19 verses 2 through 10:

"And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd, he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, 'He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.' And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, 'Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'"

Did you catch that? Jesus looked up. He wasn't distracted or in a rush. He saw Zacchaeus, someone everyone else ignored, and He called him by name. Then Jesus chose to go to his house. Right into his world and Zacchaeus' whole life changed because of it. It's amazing what can happen if we look up.

Jesus shows us how powerful it is to really see someone. Are there people around us who need to be seen, who are hurting, or who just need to know they matter? When we look up and notice them, that's when we have the chance to share what Jesus has done for us.

FAITH STORY – CARDBOARD TESTIMONIES

[Speaker] Today we're going to practice telling our stories, just like Zacchaeus had a story, through something called "Cardboard

Testimonies." We're going to use simple phrases to describe what Jesus has done in our lives.

You've probably seen signs on the street that tell someone's story in just a few words, like "Will work for food" or "Need help for my family."

These are silent messages that tell you what someone is going through. (Have student leaders pass out Cardboard Testimony papers.)

On one side of the paper, write a short phrase describing what your life was like before you began a relationship with Jesus. On the other side, write how Jesus has changed your life. If you do not have a relationship with Jesus yet, just write what you're struggling with on side one and leave side two blank for now.

Here are a few examples:

- Side one – angry and bitter / Side two – learning to forgive because Jesus forgave me
- Side one – trapped in fear and worry / Side two – now walking in God's peace
- Side one – didn't think I mattered / Side two – found purpose and identity in Christ

(Take time to let students write and, if time allows, invite a few to share.)

Every one of us has a story worth sharing. When we hear what Jesus has done in someone else's life, it reminds us that we're not alone and it gives us hope. These cardboard testimonies aren't just words on paper; they're real evidence of how God moves in everyday lives. Remember that your story can inspire someone else to see Jesus more clearly.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Your challenge this week is to share your Cardboard Testimony with someone outside of this room. Maybe that's with a friend, a teacher, or even share it on your social media. Remember,

your story matters because Jesus is the one who changed it. Let's pray! (PRAY)

Sample prayer: God, thank You for writing our stories and for changing our lives. Help us be bold enough to share what You've done in us with others. Use our testimonies to bring hope to someone who needs it. Give us eyes to look up and see the people You've placed in our path. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

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THE CONVERSATION: ENCOUNTER WEEK

OUTCASTS

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're really glad you're here. Today is extra special because [insert name] is going to talk about what it really means to start a relationship with Jesus. Let's take a moment to pray before we begin. Let's pray. (PRAY)

Sample prayer: God, thank You for today and for bringing each of us here. Help us to listen with open hearts and understand what You want to show us. Speak through [insert name] and give us the courage to respond. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] This month we've been learning that Jesus loves the outcasts and that we should too. But here's something to think about: we're not just talking about other people. At one point, we were all outcasts. Before we chose to follow Jesus, our lives were distant from God. And some of us might still feel that way. Like we're far from Him.

So, today let's talk about the Gospel, the Good News, and give everyone a chance to respond.

God loves us. Not just a little, but with a love that never stops or gives up. First John chapter 4 verses 9 and 10 say, *"God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."*

Even though God loves us, we all have a problem: sin. Romans chapter 3 verse 23 says, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* Sin isn't just about doing something wrong; it's a condition that affects every part of who we are. It's when we choose our way over God's way. Every lie, every selfish act, every time we ignore what's right, that's sin. And sin isn't just bad behavior; it's what separates us from a perfect

and holy God.

Romans chapter 5 verse 12 explains how sin got started: *"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned."* It began with one man, but it affects us all. Because of sin, we were spiritually dead, cut off from the relationship we were created to have with God. That's what makes us outcasts.

But here's the best part—there's hope. And His name is Jesus.

Jesus lived a perfect life. He never sinned. And then He died in our place. Romans chapter 5 verse 8 says, *"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* He didn't wait for us to clean up our lives. He loved us and died for us just as we were. Then He rose from the dead, proving He really is the Son of God and giving us the chance to be in a relationship with Him.

Jesus spent His time with people others looked down on. He saw value in people who felt worthless. He showed kindness to people who were used to being ignored. That's the heart of Jesus and He invites us to respond.

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. Just take a quiet moment between you and God. No distractions, no pressure. If today you realize that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, to trust Him and follow Him, you can talk to God right now. I'm going to lead you in a prayer to help with the words but just know it's not a perfect prayer that saves you. It's the heart behind it that God sees and responds to.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

God, thank You for loving me — and making a way for me — to have a relationship with You.
— I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that

Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen.

If you prayed that and meant it, that's the most important decision you'll ever make. We want to celebrate with you and help you take your next steps in following Jesus.

RESPONSE TIME

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You'll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top of the card fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here's what the **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.
- If you're not sure yet, that's okay, check the "not interested" box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don't have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you're done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: While collecting cards, if you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them right away and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so that they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

(Have student host come back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] If you said yes to Jesus today, we celebrate your decision! If you already have a relationship with Jesus, your challenge this week is to take what you heard today and share it with someone else. Maybe it's a friend who feels like an outcast. Maybe it's a family member. Ask God to show you who needs to hear the Gospel. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us. Help those who made a decision today grow in their new faith. And help all of us share Your love and message with others. Give us boldness and compassion. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)



MENTOR GUIDE

THE CONVERSATION with OUTCASTS

HELP WEEK

Purpose:

Equip students to start a Gospel conversation.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Opportunity Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students fill out their Invite Cards.

Supplies:

- Invite Cards
- Dry erase or poster board for Church Shout—Outs
- Leader Guides for Opportunity Week

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What time do you normally go to bed?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, it's time for CHURCH SHOUT—OUTS! We love seeing you plugged into a local church, so, here's your chance to give yours some love. What church do you go to, and when do you meet? (Give students and adult volunteers time to share. If you have a dry erase board or poster board, write down the churches and have students take pictures.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're so glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about how we can reach out, invite, and have real conversations with people who the world pushes aside. It's about loving the ones others overlook. Let's start things off by praying.

Sample Prayer: God, thank You for this chance to be together. Open our hearts and minds as we listen to [insert name]. Help us to see those around us who feel forgotten and give us the courage to invite them. Speak through [insert name] today and use their message to encourage us. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Have you ever felt like you didn't belong? Maybe it was because of the way you looked, the things you believed, or even where you lived. Most of us know what it feels like to be on the outside looking in. Many people you see every day feel the same way, like they don't quite fit or aren't welcomed. Over the next four weeks, we're going to talk about how we can reach out and have meaningful conversations about Jesus with people who might feel like outcasts.

When Jesus walked into a room, He wasn't looking to sit with the most popular or respected group. Instead, He intentionally spent time with people who were overlooked, criticized, or rejected by others. Mark chapter 2 verses 15 through 17 gives us a clear picture of how Jesus saw people:

HELP WEEK

"And as he reclined at a table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, 'Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?' And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.'"

Jesus chose to sit with people who felt lonely, hurt, or rejected — those who realized they needed help. He spent time with people others avoided because they are exactly who He came to help and save. He wasn't concerned about His reputation or what others might think. He was driven by compassion and love for people who desperately needed acceptance and forgiveness.

If we're honest, it might feel uncomfortable to spend time with people the world labels as outcasts. Maybe we're worried about what others will think or just unsure of how to act. But Jesus shows us a different way. He saw each person with compassion, grace, and mercy. He didn't push people away because of their mistakes or reputation. He invited them closer.

Think about the people at our school who might feel overlooked. Maybe it's the student who sits alone during lunch, the classmate who struggles socially, or someone who others have labeled as "different." Every single one of these people matters deeply to God. And because they matter to God, they should matter to us.

There are many people around us every day who feel invisible, unwanted, or left out. They are waiting for someone to notice them, include them, and show them love. Why can't that someone be us? We can make a difference by simply inviting someone who might feel left out.

CONVERSATION STARTER – INVITE CARD

[Speaker] Today we're using a simple tool to invite someone to First Priority. (Have student leaders pass out the Invite Cards.) Take a moment to write down the day, time, and location of our club meeting. Then intentionally give this card to someone who might feel left out. Go the extra step and save them a seat or even meet them at the door. You never know how much a simple invitation could mean to someone. (Allow students time to fill them out.)

Remember, every great friendship starts with a simple step. God can use our small act of kindness to make someone feel seen and valued. Now that we have filled out our cards, hold them up so I can pray for those we are going to invite. Let's pray. "God, right now we pray for the people we are going to invite. You know who they are, and You know exactly how they're feeling. Please prepare their hearts to be open to our invitation. Help us to be courageous and kind as we reach out to them. We ask You to work through this simple invite and use it to show Your love. In Jesus' name, amen."

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Our challenge this week is to look for someone who might feel unseen or unwelcome. Pray about who you should invite, then take the step of handing them your Invite Card. Be the person who makes someone feel seen and valued this week. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for loving everyone, especially those who feel left out or rejected. Please open our eyes and hearts this week to see those around us who need an invitation. Give us courage to step out and show them Your love by welcoming them in. Help us to love others like You love us. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)



THE CONVERSATION with OUTCASTS

OPPORTUNITY WEEK

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your favorite thing about yourself?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, take a second to follow us on social media at [insert handle]. This is the best way to stay in the loop about what's happening with our club and you might even see yourself featured in a post or story! (Go ahead and show the QR code.) Now let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone, welcome to First Priority. Thanks for being here. Today [insert name] is going to share why it matters for us to speak first and to be the ones who reach out to people who feel like they don't quite fit in. Let's start by praying.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. Help us to see how You can use us in our school to make a difference. Give us boldness and a heart for the people around us. Speak through [insert name] today and help us learn something new. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we talked about how Jesus noticed people that others usually ignored, and how we can do the same by inviting someone to First Priority. We even handed out Invite Cards and challenged each other to pray for and reach out to someone who might feel left out. So — who did you invite? How did they respond? (Take a moment to let a few people share and share your own response too.)

This week we're going to talk about why it matters to be the one who speaks first. Starting a conversation might seem like a small thing, but it can mean everything to someone who feels invisible or unsure if they belong.

Think about how many of us feel more comfortable when someone else talks to us first? (Let students respond and share your answer too.) When someone takes that first step to speak to us, it's easier to open up. That's exactly what we should be doing as followers of Jesus — being the first to speak, to show others they matter, and that we actually care.

Purpose:

Encourage students to see opportunities to share their faith.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Prepare Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Follow FP on social media.

Supplies:

- Social Media sign with Instagram QR Code to scan
- Leader Guides for Prepare Week

Jesus did this all the time. One example is in John chapter 4 verses 7 through 9, *“A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?’ For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.”*

Jesus started the conversation. And not just with anyone. He spoke first to someone people avoided. Back then, Jews didn’t talk to Samaritans, and especially not to women in public. But Jesus didn’t care about those social rules. He cared about her heart.

Even His disciples were shocked. But Jesus wasn’t focused on her past or her reputation. He saw value in her. He cared more about her future than her mistakes. And the same is true for us. Jesus wants us to see people the way He does.

So what’s stopping us from talking to people who seem different, or who are treated like outsiders? Is it fear? Is it judgment? Or are we just not noticing them? A lot of our conversations happen through text or social media, and that’s fine, but there’s something powerful about looking up, making eye contact, and saying something kind in person.

It doesn’t have to be deep. Just say something like, “How’s your day going?” or “I like your shoes, where did you get them?” That one moment can make someone feel seen. It can open the door to real connection, and maybe even to talking about Jesus, the One who values them more than anyone else ever could.

Jesus always made people feel welcome. With the woman at the well, He didn’t avoid her or call her out to shame her. He had a real conversation with her and called her to a better life. He led with love. So, think about it, who’s someone that might feel left out or overlooked? What if all they’re waiting for is someone like us to notice them and speak first?

DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let’s take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

- Why do you think it’s easier when someone speaks to you first?
- Can you think of a time someone reached out to you first? How did it make you feel?
- What are some reasons we don’t speak first to people who seem left out?
- How could a simple conversation lead to a deeper friendship or even a chance to share about Jesus?

Thanks for sharing your thoughts! Hopefully we’re beginning to see that starting a conversation doesn’t have to be complicated, it just needs to be genuine. Now let’s take what we’ve talked about and put it into action.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Find one person this week who might feel left out or invisible. Be the first to speak to them. It doesn’t have to be a big deal, just something kind or thoughtful. Trust that God can use your words to do something powerful. Invite them to join you at church or First Priority. Let’s pray.

Sample Prayer: God, thank You for seeing us, even when we feel overlooked. Help us to see others the way You do. Give us the courage to speak first, to be kind, and to show love to people who feel left out. Use our words to help others know they are valued by You. In Jesus’ name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with OUTCASTS

PREPARE WEEK

Purpose:

Empower students to share their faith story.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Encounter Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students with their cardboard testimonies.

Supplies:

- Cardboard Testimony Card and Pens
- Leader Guides for Encounter Week

LEADER SIGN UP

If there are weeks that you do not have people to lead or serve, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your favorite pizza topping?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, let's use our Get Connected time to think about who we can invite to First Priority next week. There are people all over our school who could really use a place like this. Somewhere to feel seen and heard. So, who's someone you can bring with you next week? (Allow students to respond.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone, welcome to First Priority! We're really glad you're here. If this is your first time, you picked a great day to join us. We've been in a series about how to see and reach people who feel overlooked, and today [insert name] is going to share how looking up can change how someone feels. Let's take a moment to pray as we get started.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us here today. Please open our eyes to the people around us who need to be seen and loved. Help us learn to notice others the way You do. Give [insert name] the words to share and give us open hearts to listen. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Over the last few weeks, we have been challenged to invite those around us who don't seem to fit in and who feel unseen to join us here at First Priority and to share our relationship with Jesus with them. Would anyone like to share how that is going? (Allow students to respond and share your experience.)

I know a lot of us don't look up as we walk through the crowded halls. We're just trying to get to the next class, but when we do that, we miss the opportunities that God might be putting right in front of us. There are people all around us who feel ashamed, unloved, or left out — and what they need is to be seen. But for that to happen, we have to look up.

It's not always easy to notice the people around us. Sometimes we're just tired, overwhelmed, or caught up in our own worries. Maybe we're afraid to make the first move. What if they don't want to talk? What if they ignore us? These are real thoughts that all of us have had. But Jesus calls us to see people the way He sees them — with compassion, love, and hope.

PREPARE WEEK

Jesus met a man named Zacchaeus who people avoided because he stole money and wasn't honest. Let's read what happened in Luke chapter 19 verses 2 through 10:

"And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd, he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, 'He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.' And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, 'Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'"

Did you catch that? Jesus looked up. He wasn't distracted or in a rush. He saw Zacchaeus, someone everyone else ignored, and He called him by name. Then Jesus chose to go to his house. Right into his world and Zacchaeus' whole life changed because of it. It's amazing what can happen if we look up.

Jesus shows us how powerful it is to really see someone. Are there people around us who need to be seen, who are hurting, or who just need to know they matter? When we look up and notice them, that's when we have the chance to share what Jesus has done for us.

FAITH STORY – CARDBOARD TESTIMONIES

[Speaker] Today we're going to practice telling our stories, just like Zacchaeus had a story, through something called "Cardboard Testimonies." We're going to use simple phrases to describe what Jesus has done in our lives.

You've probably seen signs on the street that tell someone's story in just a few words, like "Will work for food" or "Need help for my family." These are silent messages that tell you what someone is going through. (Have student leaders pass out Cardboard Testimony papers.)

On one side of the paper, write a short phrase describing what your life was like before you began a relationship with Jesus. On the other side, write how Jesus has changed your life. If you do not have a relationship with Jesus yet, just write what you're struggling with on side one and leave side two blank for now.

Here are a few examples:

- Side one – angry and bitter / Side two – learning to forgive because Jesus forgave me
- Side one – trapped in fear and worry / Side two – now walking in God's peace
- Side one – didn't think I mattered / Side two – found purpose and identity in Christ

(Take time to let students write and, if time allows, invite a few to share.)

Every one of us has a story worth sharing. When we hear what Jesus has done in someone else's life, it reminds us that we're not alone and it gives us hope. These cardboard testimonies aren't just words on paper; they're real evidence of how God moves in everyday lives. Remember that your story can inspire someone else to see Jesus more clearly.

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Your challenge this week is to share your Cardboard Testimony with someone outside of this room. Maybe that's with a friend, a teacher, or even share it on your social media. Remember, your story matters because Jesus is the one who changed it. Let's pray! (PRAY)

continued**PREPARE WEEK**

Sample prayer: God, thank You for writing our stories and for changing our lives. Help us be bold enough to share what You've done in us with others. Use our testimonies to bring hope to someone who needs it. Give us eyes to look up and see the people You've placed in our path. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME - Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with OUTCASTS

ENCOUNTER WEEK

Purpose:

Students encounter Jesus through the Gospel Message.

Preparation:

- Sign up for FP App and/or text updates.
- Enlist students for the next four weeks.
- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Help Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students counsel and plug them into a church.

Supplies:

- QR Code for FP App and/or text updates
- Leader Guides for Help Week — The World
- Response Cards, Pens & Follow-up Form
- Next Steps Cards & Bibles

LEADER SIGN UP

This is the time to sign people up to lead and serve for next month.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your favorite TV show?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, grab your phone and scan the QR code to sign up for the First Priority App and/or text updates. This is how we'll keep you in the know about everything happening in your club. Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We're really glad you're here. Today is extra special because [insert name] is going to talk about what it really means to start a relationship with Jesus. Let's take a moment to pray before we begin. Let's pray. (PRAY)

Sample prayer: God, thank You for today and for bringing each of us here. Help us to listen with open hearts and understand what You want to show us. Speak through [insert name] and give us the courage to respond. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] This month we've been learning that Jesus loves the outcasts and that we should too. But here's something to think about: we're not just talking about other people. At one point, we were all outcasts. Before we chose to follow Jesus, our lives were distant from God. And some of us might still feel that way. Like we're far from Him.

So, today let's talk about the Gospel, the Good News, and give everyone a chance to respond.

God loves us. Not just a little, but with a love that never stops or gives up. First John chapter 4 verses 9 and 10 say, "God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."

Even though God loves us, we all have a problem: sin. Romans chapter 3 verse 23 says, *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* Sin isn’t just about doing something wrong; it’s a condition that affects every part of who we are. It’s when we choose our way over God’s way. Every lie, every selfish act, every time we ignore what’s right, that’s sin. And sin isn’t just bad behavior; it’s what separates us from a perfect and holy God.

Romans chapter 5 verse 12 explains how sin got started: *“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.”* It began with one man, but it affects us all. Because of sin, we were spiritually dead, cut off from the relationship we were created to have with God. That’s what makes us outcasts.

But here’s the best part—there’s hope. And His name is Jesus.

Jesus lived a perfect life. He never sinned. And then He died in our place. Romans chapter 5 verse 8 says, *“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* He didn’t wait for us to clean up our lives. He loved us and died for us just as we were. Then He rose from the dead, proving He really is the Son of God and giving us the chance to be in a relationship with Him.

Jesus spent His time with people others looked down on. He saw value in people who felt worthless. He showed kindness to people who were used to being ignored. That’s the heart of Jesus and He invites us to respond.

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. Just take a quiet moment between you and God. No distractions, no pressure. If today you realize that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, to trust Him and follow Him, you can talk to God right now. I’m going to lead you in a prayer to help with the words but just know it’s not a perfect prayer that saves you. It’s the heart behind it that God sees

and responds to.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

God, thank You for loving me — and making a way for me — to have a relationship with You. — I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen.

If you prayed that and meant it, that’s the most important decision you’ll ever make. We want to celebrate with you and help you take your next steps in following Jesus.

RESPONSE TIME (This will take 5 minutes.)

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You’ll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top of the card fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here’s what the **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.
- If you’re not sure yet, that’s okay, check the “not interested” box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don’t have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you’re done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: While collecting cards, if you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them right away and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

continued**ENCOUNTER WEEK**

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so that they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

(Have student host come back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

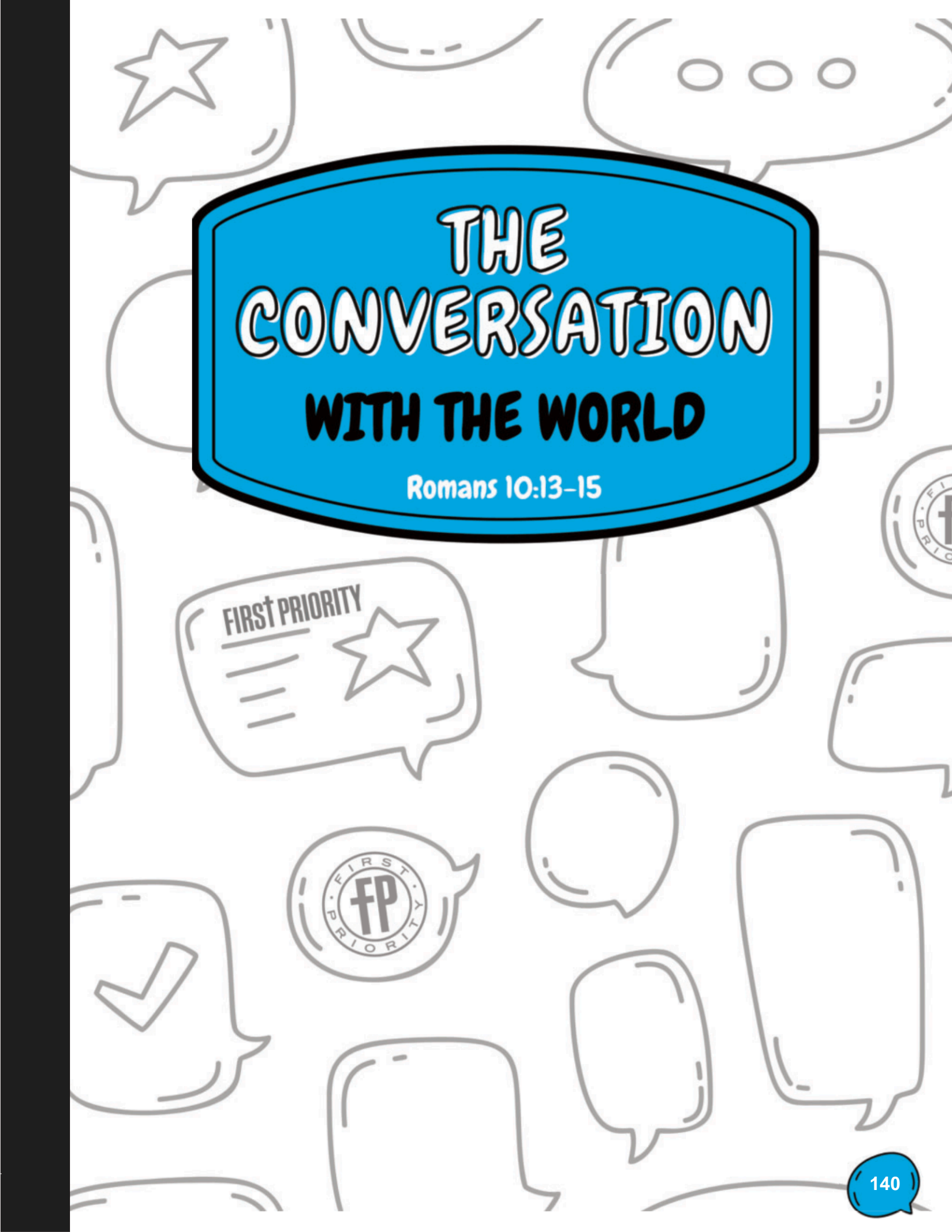
CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] If you said yes to Jesus today, we celebrate your decision! If you already have a relationship with Jesus, your challenge this week is to take what you heard today and share it with someone else. Maybe it's a friend who feels like an outcast. Maybe it's a family member. Ask God to show you who needs to hear the Gospel. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us. Help those who made a decision today grow in their new faith. And help all of us share Your love and message with others. Give us boldness and compassion. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)



THE CONVERSATION WITH THE WORLD

Romans 10:13-15

Supplies Needed

WORLD

Help Week: The FOUR Bracelet and Cards



GOD LOVES US
JOHN 3:16

SIN SEPARATES US
ROMANS 3:23

JESUS RESCUES US
ROMANS 5:8

WILL YOU TRUST IN JESUS?
ROMANS 10:9

Opportunity Week:
Discussion Questions (No Supplies Needed)

Prepare Week: Testimony Time (No Supplies Needed)

Encounter Week:
Response Cards/Next Steps Cards
Look at “Last Club Details” in Binder

STUDENT RESPONSE CARD
TARJETA DE RESPUESTA DEL ESTUDIANTE

Nombre: _____
 Número: _____
 Grado: _____
 Grupo: _____

Who invited you?
 ¿Quién te invitó? _____

What church do you attend?
 ¿A qué iglesia vas? _____

MY RESPONSE TODAY: MI RESPUESTA DE HOY:

☐ Today I am choosing to trust and follow Jesus for the first time. Hoy elijo confiar y seguir a Jesús por primera vez.

☐ I am not interested. No me interesa.

☐ I have already accepted Jesus into my life. Ya he aceptado a Jesús en mi vida.

When? _____ (cuando)

☐ Yes, I want to get plugged into a church. Sí, quiero conectarme a una iglesia.

☐ No, I need a Bible.

» NEXT STEPS «

I SAID “YES” TO JESUS – NOW WHAT?
 We're so excited for you! Deciding to trust and follow Jesus is the BEST decision you'll ever make. This card will help you take your next steps.

☒ **GET CONNECTED**
 Get involved with a local church. We can help you! Keep coming to First Priority.

☒ **READ THE BIBLE**
 This will help you to know God. Begin with the book of John. If you need a Bible - we got you!

☒ **TALK TO GOD**
 Start praying. God loves hearing from you. You don't need fancy words.

☒ **SHARE YOUR STORY**
 God will use your story to help others know Him. Share what happened today with a friend or family member.

I said YES to trusting

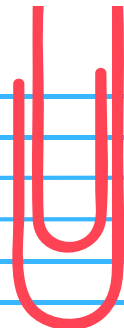
Student Leader Sign-Up

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STUDENT LEADER GUIDES

STUDENT LEADER GUIDE



THE CONVERSATION: HELP WEEK

THE WORLD

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! We're so glad you're here at First Priority. Today [insert name] is going to talk about how we can share our faith with the world, starting with the people right around us. But before we dive in, let's take a moment to pray. Let's pray.

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THE CONVERSATION: OPPORTUNITY WEEK

THE WORLD

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DISCUSSION TIME

[Speaker & Mentor] Let's take a few minutes to talk about this together. (Give students a chance to share their thoughts on the questions below and be sure to join the conversation.)

- What does being a light look like in our everyday school life?
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[Host] Our challenge for this week is to look for one moment every day where we can be a light at our school. Light always stands out in the darkness and the world around us needs to see that light. Let's pray.

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STUDENT LEADER GUIDE



THE CONVERSATION: PREPARE WEEK

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Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing each person here today. We ask You to help us focus our hearts and minds on You. Speak through [insert name] as they encourage and challenge us to share our faith and live for You. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we were challenged to look for one moment each day where we could be a light at school. Let's take a few minutes to hear from anyone who took that challenge. Did you find a moment to shine in a dark place? (Allow students to share and be sure to share a moment from your own week too.)

Isn't it awesome to see how even small things can make a big impact? This is what it looks like to live out our faith. Let's look at Colossians chapter 4 verses 5 and 6. *"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."*

This verse gives us some solid direction. First, it says, *"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders."* That basically means be smart about how we live around people who don't know Jesus yet. It's not just about what we say, it's about how we act. How we treat others, how we handle stress, and how we deal with drama all show people what kind of person we are and more importantly, who Jesus is through us.

Then it says, *"make the best use of the time."* That's a reminder that there are chances all around us to shine a light. Whether it's saying hi

to someone who's alone, helping out in class, or just being kind, those little moments can lead to big conversations about faith.

And finally, *"let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt."* In other words, don't be rude or harsh. Speak with kindness, truth, and a little flavor. Talk in a way that makes people want to listen, even if we don't agree with them. The way we talk can either open the door to Jesus or close it.

Sharing our faith doesn't have to be a huge thing. It can be as simple as talking about how Jesus helps us through school stress or how our goals are shaped by our relationship with Him. Whether we're talking about family, friendships, or future plans, let's make space in those conversations for Jesus.

The more we walk with Him, the more natural it becomes to talk about Him. In First Thessalonians chapter 2 verse 8, it says, *"We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too."* Sharing our lives helps people see Jesus in real, relatable ways. Our stories, what Jesus has done and is doing in us, have power. The world needs to hear them.

We're surrounded by people who are looking for something real. Our friends at school, people on our teams, even our family. That's why this matters. If we're willing to be real about our faith, God can use our stories to reach the world around us. We don't need to preach. We just need to show who Jesus is through how we live and what we say. It starts right where we are, one conversation at a time.

FAITH STORY – TESTIMONY TIME

[Speaker] This whole school year we've been learning how to share our faith story. In First John chapter 5 verse 10, it says, *"Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in*

himself.” That means if we believe in Jesus, our lives have stories worth sharing. And for some of us, that story started right here at First Priority.

Let’s spend the rest of our club time bragging about what Jesus has done in our lives this school year. Whether it’s big or small, every moment matters. (Encourage students to share testimonies.)

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Before we wrap up, here’s our challenge. Look for one opportunity this week to share a piece of your Jesus story with someone. It could be a friend, someone new, or even a teacher. Be real, be bold, and let people see the difference Jesus makes. Let’s pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for what You’re doing in each of our lives. Give us eyes to see the people around us who need You. Help us be bold enough to speak up, and humble enough to just be real. Use our stories to show others who You are. In Jesus’ name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

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STUDENT LEADER GUIDE



THE CONVERSATION: ENCOUNTER WEEK

THE WORLD

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! I'm so glad you're here today, especially for our last First Priority club of the school year. Whether this is your first time or you've been coming all year, you're part of something that matters. We've spent the year learning how to live out our faith and share the hope of Jesus with the people around us. And today [insert name] will share about the heart of it all, the Gospel. Let's start with prayer and ask God to speak to each of us. Let's pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us together today. As [insert name] talks about who You are and what You've done for us, open our hearts. Help us understand how much You love us, and what it means to know You. Let this not just be another meeting, but a moment that sticks with us. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] Over the last few weeks, we've been talking a lot about what it looks like to reach the world around us by sharing our faith stories, being a light in a dark world, and telling people the Good News about Jesus. Some of you may be here today because a friend invited you and that's because we care about the people God's placed in our lives.

All year we've talked about being intentional with our conversations, especially when it comes to the Gospel. And since this is our last club meeting of the school year, I want to share that message one more time, because where we spend eternity matters.

Let me ask you something. How many of you have heard the verse John 3:16 before? (Pause and let students respond, maybe someone will quote it.) Let's look at what it says in John chapter 3 verses 16 through 18. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son*

into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

That's how much God loves us. He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, so that none of us would have to live, let alone spend forever, separated from Him. God didn't send Jesus to shame us or call us out. He sent Him to save us. Jesus came to make things right, to offer hope, and to give every single one of us the chance to believe and be changed.

But here's the reality: a lot of us have been living in the dark. We've been choosing our own way, chasing whatever feels good in the moment, instead of living how God created us to. That's what separates us from God. The Bible calls it sin. And that's a problem because no matter how good we try to be, we can't fix that separation on our own.

But it's not too late to change directions. That's the beauty of the Gospel. All we need to do is believe. Believe that God sent Jesus to take on the punishment for our sin. Believe that He died the death we deserved. Believe that He didn't stay dead, that He rose again three days later, proving that death isn't the end for those who follow Him.

So then, what do we do with that belief? The Bible answers that in Romans chapter 10 verses 9 and 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."* It's not about having the perfect words or being religious. It's about calling out to God and trusting Him with your whole heart. It's personal. It's real.

So today, as we close out this school year, I want you to walk away knowing this: You've heard the truth, and you've been invited into a relationship with Jesus. He came for you. He knows your name. And He's waiting for your "yes."

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. Just take a quiet moment between you and God. No distractions, no pressure. If today you realize that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, to trust Him and follow Him, you can talk to God right now. I'm going to lead you in a prayer to help with the words but just know it's not a perfect prayer that saves you. It's the heart behind it that God sees and responds to.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

God, thank You for loving me — and making a way for me — to have a relationship with You. — I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen.

If you prayed that and meant it, that's the most important decision you'll ever make. We want to celebrate with you and help you take your next steps in following Jesus.

RESPONSE TIME

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You'll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top of the card fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here's what the **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.
- If you're not sure yet, that's okay, check the "not interested" box.
- If you already follow Jesus, check that box and tell us when you made that decision.

- Don't have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you're done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: While collecting cards, if you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them right away and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so that they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

*(If there is time before the challenge and prayer, give your Seniors time to share about the impact First Priority has had on them.)

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CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] For all of us, whether today was the beginning of your journey or just another step forward, here's the challenge: Don't keep this to yourself! The world around us needs Jesus, and God wants to use us to share Him. Let's go into the summer looking for ways to have real conversations, love people well, and live boldly for Christ. Let's pray!

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**MENTOR
GUIDE**

THE CONVERSATION with THE WORLD

HELP WEEK

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LEADER SIGN UP

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RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is something you love to do?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, it's time for CHURCH SHOUT—OUTS! We love seeing you plugged into a local church, so, here's your chance to give yours some love. What church do you go to, and when do you meet? (Give students and adult volunteers time to share. If you have a dry erase board or poster board, write down the churches and have students take pictures.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

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THE CONVERSATION with THE WORLD

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GET CONNECTED

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CHALLENGE & PRAY

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Sample Prayer: God, thank You for calling us to be a light. We know You've placed us where we are for a reason. Help us shine in our schools, in our homes, and in our friendships. Show us who needs Your love this week and give us the courage to live out our faith with kindness and truth. Help us shine well. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

[Host & Mentor] (See the Game Time tab for options.)

THE CONVERSATION with THE WORLD

PREPARE WEEK

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Purpose:

Empower students to share their faith story.

Preparation:

- Give student speaker a Leader Guide for Encounter Week. (Equip them for success.)
- Encourage students to share their testimony.

Supplies:

- Leader Guides for Encounter Week

LEADER SIGN UP

If you don't have people to lead and serve for our last club next week, this is the time to sign them up.

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What would you change about the world you live in?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, let's use our Get Connected time to think about who we can invite to First Priority next week. There are people all over our school who could really use a place like this. Somewhere to feel seen and heard. So, who's someone you can bring with you next week? (Allow students to respond.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone, welcome to First Priority! We are so glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about how we can live out our faith and share our story with others. Let's start today by going to God in prayer. Let's pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing each person here today. We ask You to help us focus our hearts and minds on You. Speak through [insert name] as they encourage and challenge us to share our faith and live for You. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE CONVERSATION

[Speaker] Last week we were challenged to look for one moment each day where we could be a light at school. Let's take a few minutes to hear from anyone who took that challenge. Did you find a moment to shine in a dark place? (Allow students to share and be sure to share a moment from your own week too.)

Isn't it awesome to see how even small things can make a big impact? This is what it looks like to live out our faith. Let's look at Colossians chapter 4 verses 5 and 6. *"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."*

This verse gives us some solid direction. First, it says, *"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders."* That basically means be smart about how we live around people who don't know Jesus yet. It's not just about what we say, it's about how we act. How we treat others, how we handle stress, and how we deal with drama all show people what kind of person we are and more importantly, who Jesus is through us.

Then it says, *"make the best use of the time."* That's a reminder that there are chances all around us to shine a light. Whether it's saying hi to someone who's alone, helping out in class, or just being kind,

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those little moments can lead to big conversations about faith.

And finally, *“let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt.”* In other words, don’t be rude or harsh. Speak with kindness, truth, and a little flavor. Talk in a way that makes people want to listen, even if we don’t agree with them. The way we talk can either open the door to Jesus or close it.

Sharing our faith doesn’t have to be a huge thing. It can be as simple as talking about how Jesus helps us through school stress or how our goals are shaped by our relationship with Him. Whether we’re talking about family, friendships, or future plans, let’s make space in those conversations for Jesus.

The more we walk with Him, the more natural it becomes to talk about Him. In First Thessalonians chapter 2 verse 8, it says, *“We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too.”* Sharing our lives helps people see Jesus in real, relatable ways. Our stories, what Jesus has done and is doing in us, have power. The world needs to hear them.

We’re surrounded by people who are looking for something real. Our friends at school, people on our teams, even our family. That’s why this matters. If we’re willing to be real about our faith, God can use our stories to reach the world around us. We don’t need to preach. We just need to show who Jesus is through how we live and what we say. It starts right where we are, one conversation at a time.

FAITH STORY – TESTIMONY TIME

[Speaker] This whole school year we’ve been learning how to share our faith story. In First John chapter 5 verse 10, it says, *“Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself.”* That means if we believe in Jesus, our lives have stories worth sharing. And for some of us, that story started right here at First Priority.

Let’s spend the rest of our club time bragging about what Jesus has done in our lives this school year. Whether it’s big or small, every moment matters. (Encourage students to share testimonies.)

(Have the student host come back up and give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] Before we wrap up, here’s our challenge. Look for one opportunity this week to share a piece of your Jesus story with someone. It could be a friend, someone new, or even a teacher. Be real, be bold, and let people see the difference Jesus makes. Let’s pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for what You’re doing in each of our lives. Give us eyes to see the people around us who need You. Help us be bold enough to speak up, and humble enough to just be real. Use our stories to show others who You are. In Jesus’ name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

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THE CONVERSATION with THE WORLD

ENCOUNTER WEEK

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your favorite part of First Priority?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, grab your phone and scan the QR code to sign up for the First Priority App and/or text updates. We will be using this to communicate with you over the summer. Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! I'm so glad you're here today, especially for our last First Priority club of the school year. Whether this is your first time or you've been coming all year, you're part of something that matters. We've spent the year learning how to live out our faith and share the hope of Jesus with the people around us. And today [insert name] will share about the heart of it all, the Gospel. Let's start with prayer and ask God to speak to each of us. Let's pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for bringing us together today. As [insert name] talks about who You are and what You've done for us, open our hearts. Help us understand how much You love us, and what it means to know You. Let this not just be another meeting, but a moment that sticks with us. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOSPEL MESSAGE

[Speaker] Over the last few weeks, we've been talking a lot about what it looks like to reach the world around us by sharing our faith stories, being a light in a dark world, and telling people the Good News about Jesus. Some of you may be here today because a friend invited you and that's because we care about the people God's placed in our lives.

All year we've talked about being intentional with our conversations, especially when it comes to the Gospel. And since this is our last club meeting of the school year, I want to share that message one more time, because where we spend eternity matters.

Let me ask you something. How many of you have heard the verse John 3:16 before? (Pause and let students respond, maybe someone will quote it.) Let's look at what it says in John chapter 3 verses 16 through 18. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should*

Purpose:

Students encounter Jesus through the Gospel Message.

Preparation:

- Sign up for the FP App and/or text updates.
- Be ready to help students counsel and plug them into a church.
- *Allow time at the end for Seniors to share how First Priority has impacted them.

Supplies:

- QR Code for FP App and/or text updates
- Response Cards, Pens & Follow-up Form
- Next Steps Cards & Bibles

not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

That's how much God loves us. He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, so that none of us would have to live, let alone spend forever, separated from Him. God didn't send Jesus to shame us or call us out. He sent Him to save us. Jesus came to make things right, to offer hope, and to give every single one of us the chance to believe and be changed.

But here's the reality: a lot of us have been living in the dark. We've been choosing our own way, chasing whatever feels good in the moment, instead of living how God created us to. That's what separates us from God. The Bible calls it sin. And that's a problem because no matter how good we try to be, we can't fix that separation on our own.

But it's not too late to change directions. That's the beauty of the Gospel. All we need to do is believe. Believe that God sent Jesus to take on the punishment for our sin. Believe that He died the death we deserved. Believe that He didn't stay dead, that He rose again three days later, proving that death isn't the end for those who follow Him.

So then, what do we do with that belief? The Bible answers that in Romans chapter 10 verses 9 and 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."* It's not about having the perfect words or being religious. It's about calling out to God and trusting Him with your whole heart. It's personal. It's real.

So today, as we close out this school year, I want you to walk away knowing this: You've heard the truth, and you've been invited into a relationship with Jesus. He came for you. He knows your name. And He's waiting for your "yes."

I want to ask everyone to bow your head and close your eyes. Just take a quiet moment between you and God. No distractions, no pressure. If today you realize that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, to trust Him and follow Him, you can talk to God right now. I'm going to lead you in a prayer to help with the words but just know it's not a perfect prayer that saves you. It's the heart behind it that God sees and responds to.

Repeat after me (pause after each line):

God, thank You for loving me — and making a way for me — to have a relationship with You. — I confess that I am a sinner. — I believe that Jesus had to die on the cross — in my place — and that He rose from the dead — so that I could have a relationship with You. — I choose to trust and follow Jesus — as Lord of my life today. — Amen.

If you prayed that and meant it, that's the most important decision you'll ever make. We want to celebrate with you and help you take your next steps in following Jesus.

RESPONSE TIME (This will take 5 minutes.)

[Speaker] Take a moment to think about the decision you just made. You'll get a response card now. (Have FOLLOW-UP TEAM pass out Response Cards.) At the top of the card fill out your name, grade, who invited you, and what church you go to. Here's what the **My Response Today** means:

- If you just said **YES** to Jesus, check that top box. We want to celebrate with you.
- If you're not sure yet, that's okay, check the "not interested" box.

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- If you already follow Jesus, check that box and tell us when you made that decision.
- Don't have a church or a Bible? Mark those boxes and we will help you with that.

Take a minute to fill out the card and then raise it in the air when you're done so someone can come grab it.

(FOLLOW-UP TEAM: While collecting cards, if you see that a student checked the top box, follow up with them right away and give them a **NEXT STEPS** card. Also, if they want to get plugged into a church, take a moment to find out who invited them and see what church you can plug them into. If they checked that they need a Bible, have them available.)

(Make sure you give the cards to the club mentor so that they can put the information on the Follow-up Form.)

*(If there is time before the challenge and prayer, give your Seniors time to share about the impact First Priority has had on them.)

(Have student host come back up to give the CHALLENGE and PRAY.)

CHALLENGE & PRAY

[Host] For all of us, whether today was the beginning of your journey or just another step forward, here's the challenge: Don't keep this to yourself! The world around us needs Jesus, and God wants to use us to share Him. Let's go into the summer looking for ways to have real conversations, love people well, and live boldly for Christ. Let's pray!

Sample prayer: God, thank You for every student here and for the truth we've heard today. For those who said "yes" to You, give them courage and community. For those still figuring it out, keep speaking to their hearts. Help all of us live with purpose, not fear, and make the most of every chance we have to show Your love. In Jesus' name, amen.

GAME TIME – Optional

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HOLIDAY ISSUES: CHRISTMAS EDITION

CHRISTMAS STORY

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We are really glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about something most of us think we already know — The Christmas story. But my hope is that you'll walk away seeing it in a new way. Before we begin, let's take a moment to pray and invite God into this time. Let's pray.

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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

[Speaker] Most of us have heard some version of the Christmas story. We've seen the decorations, watched the movies, maybe even read parts of the Bible about Jesus being born. But somehow, even though it's one of the most famous stories in the world, people often miss what it actually means.

It's easy to hear it and think, "Yeah, I've heard that before." But the truth is, this story changes everything. Let's slow down and really look at what happened. This is from Luke chapter 2 verses 1 through 20.

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Meanwhile, out in the fields nearby, some shepherds were doing their regular night shift,

watching sheep. Then everything changed. An angel appeared and said, *"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

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HOLIDAY ISSUES CHRISTMAS EDITION

CHRISTMAS STORY

CHRISTMAS WEEK

Purpose:

To share the true meaning of Christmas.

Preparation:

- Give student leader the leader guide for the next week. (Equip them for success.)
- Be ready to help students learn the Candy Cane Gospel.

Supplies:

- Candy Cane Gospel Card and Candy Canes
- Dry erase or poster board for Church Shout—Outs
- Leader Guide for next week

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your favorite Christmas movie?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, it's time for CHURCH SHOUT—OUTS Christmas Edition! We know churches have a lot going on during the holiday season. We would love for you to share what specials you have going on at your church. (Give students and adult volunteers time to share. If you have a dry erase board or poster board, write down the churches and have students take pictures.) Let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

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STUDENT LEADER GUIDE



HOLIDAY ISSUES: VALENTINE'S EDITION

GREATEST LOVE STORY

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] Where is your favorite place to shop?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, take a second to follow us on social media at [insert handle]. This is the best way to stay in the loop about what's happening with our club, and you might even see yourself featured in a post or story! (Go ahead and show the QR code.) Now let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We are so glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about something that's everywhere this time of year — love. Valentine's Day is all around us: cards, chocolate, teddy bears, heart emojis. But what if there's more to love than all of that? We're going to talk about the greatest love story ever told — Jesus. Before we get into it, let's pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for today and for bringing every student here. We know that real love comes from You. Help us to hear what [insert name] is sharing with us and help us understand just how deep Your love goes. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE GREATEST LOVE STORY

[Speaker] There's a lot of pressure around Valentine's Day. Like you're supposed to get a card, flowers, candy, or a giant teddy bear to prove you care. Did you know people spend over 5.4 billion dollars just on candy and flowers? That's insane but it shows something real; people want to feel loved.

As Christians, we're called not just to look for love but to show it. Why? Because God is love. But let's be honest, knowing what love actually is can be hard. We all want it, but we don't always know what it should look like.

Thankfully, the Bible gives us a clear picture. Let's read First Corinthians chapter 13 verses 4 through 7, *"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."* Paul doesn't give a definition, but he shows us what real love acts like. It's not selfish. It doesn't quit. It's about commitment, sacrifice, and showing up, even when it's hard.

Here's a real question — Does this describe the love you're chasing? And does it describe the love you're showing? Because love in the Bible looks a lot different than what we see on social media or in the hallways at school. What we usually see is love that's loud when it wants attention and silent when things get hard. It's often based on looks, popularity, or whether someone "deserves" it. On social media, love is about getting likes or showing off the highlight reel. At school, it can feel more like a competition. Who's dating who, who gets noticed, who's left out.

But the kind of love God shows us is the opposite. It's not selfish or temporary. It's not about using people or faking it for attention. God's love is patient, steady, and doesn't quit on us when we mess up. 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 propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."*

God didn't wait around for us to love Him first. He didn't send flowers or chocolates. He sent His Son. Jesus came to take our place and make a way for us to be forgiven. You can't put a price on that kind of love.

Maybe you've believed lies that you're not lovable, or not enough. But that's not what God

says. The truth is you are deeply loved by the One who created you. 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.”* God’s love isn’t based on feelings or performance. It’s based on who He is. And He proved that love on the cross.

So, what do we do with this kind of love? If you’ve never started a relationship with Jesus, today can be the day. You don’t have to earn His love. You just have to accept it. Jesus is the greatest love story, and He’s inviting you to be part of it. Talk to one of us student leaders or a volunteer. We can help you.

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GOSPEL TOOL: VALENTINE’S DAY CARD

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HOLIDAY ISSUES
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RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] Where is your favorite place to shop?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we get started, take a second to follow us on social media at [insert handle]. This is the best way to stay in the loop about what's happening with our club, and you might even see yourself featured in a post or story! (Go ahead and show the QR code.) Now let's welcome our student host for today! [insert name]

WELCOME & OPEN PRAYER

[Host] Hey everyone! Welcome to First Priority. We are so glad you're here. Today [insert name] is going to talk about something that's everywhere this time of year — love. Valentine's Day is all around us: cards, chocolate, teddy bears, heart emojis. But what if there's more to love than all of that? We're going to talk about the greatest love story ever told — Jesus. Before we get into it, let's pray.

Sample prayer: God, thank You for today and for bringing every student here. We know that real love comes from You. Help us to hear what [insert name] is sharing with us and help us understand just how deep Your love goes. In Jesus' name, amen.

THE GREATEST LOVE STORY

[Speaker] There's a lot of pressure around Valentine's Day. Like you're supposed to get a card, flowers, candy, or a giant teddy bear to prove you care. Did you know people spend over 5.4 billion dollars just on candy and flowers? That's insane but it shows something real; people want to feel loved.

As Christians, we're called not just to look for love but to show it. Why? Because God is love. But let's be honest, knowing what love actually is can be hard. We all want it, but we don't always know what it should look like.

Thankfully, the Bible gives us a clear picture. Let's read First Corinthians chapter 13 verses 4 through 7, *"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."* Paul doesn't give a definition, but he shows us what real love acts like. It's not selfish. It doesn't quit. It's about commitment, sacrifice, and showing up, even when it's hard.

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To share the Greatest Love Story.

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Here's a real question — Does this describe the love you're chasing? And does it describe the love you're showing? Because love in the Bible looks a lot different than what we see on social media or in the hallways at school. What we usually see is love that's loud when it wants attention and silent when things get hard. It's often based on looks, popularity, or whether someone "deserves" it. On social media, love is about getting likes or showing off the highlight reel. At school, it can feel more like a competition. Who's dating who, who gets noticed, who's left out.

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Maybe you've believed lies that you're not lovable, or not enough. But that's not what God says. The truth is you are deeply loved by the One who created you. 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."* God's love isn't based on feelings or performance. It's based on who He is. And He proved that love on the cross.

So, what do we do with this kind of love? If you've never started a relationship with Jesus, today can be the day. You don't have to earn His love. You just have to accept it. Jesus is the greatest love story, and He's inviting you to be part of it. Talk to one of us student leaders or a volunteer. We can help you.

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STUDENT LEADER GUIDE



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HOLIDAY ISSUES EASTER EDITION

EASTER WEEK

RANDOM QUESTION

[All Adults] What is your favorite flavor of Skittles?

GET CONNECTED

[Mentor] Before we jump in, it's time for CHURCH SHOUT—OUTS Easter Edition! We know churches have a lot going on during this time. We would love for you to share what your church is doing for Easter. (Give students and adult volunteers time to share. If you have a dry erase board or poster board, write down the churches and have students take pictures.) Let's welcome our student host for today!

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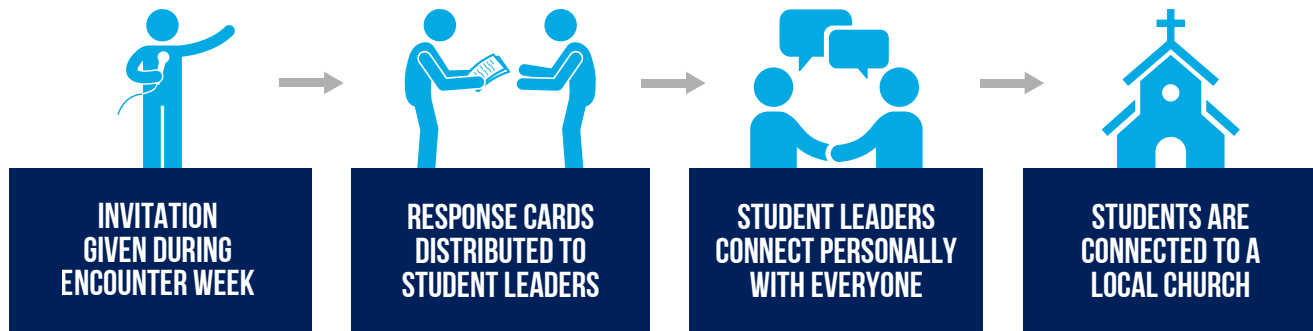
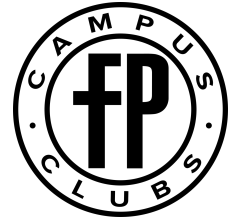
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FOLLOW-UP GUIDE

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KEYS TO SUCCESS

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- **Personalize the Conversations**
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DURING ENCOUNTER WEEK

- **The follow-up coordinator should pass out the Response Cards and ask everyone in the room to fill out a card.**
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 - Count each category and report them in the Club Meeting Report in the FP Club App.
- **Divide the cards among all Student Leaders.**
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 - It's also best to make mutual connections when sorting the cards.

RESPONSE CARD NEXT STEP ACTIONS

“TODAY I AM CHOOSING TO TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME.”

This is the most exciting response you can get! It's time to celebrate!

- Message this person within 24 hours of their response and celebrate!
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- Invite them to your church or offer to find a church that best fits their needs.
- Offer to connect them to your youth pastor to continue following up.

“I HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED JESUS INTO MY LIFE.”

Don't neglect this response! You might find a new Student Leader through this response!

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“I AM NOT INTERESTED.”

This one might be a little discouraging sometimes. However, don't ignore these.

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If you don't get a response to your first message, wait a few days and try again. If there is no response, invite them to your next Club Meeting and pray they show up!

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This is optional and for clubs that have extra time. Included is a list of games that can be played with minimal space and supplies.

CUP GRAB GAME

Objective: Be the first to grab the cup when the correct signal is given.

Supplies Needed:

- 1 plastic cup (or small object) per pair (empty water bottles work too)
- Table (or flat surface) — optional but helpful
- List of trigger words or actions (explained below)

How to Play:

1. Pair up students. Each pair sits or stands facing each other with a cup in the middle (on the ground or a table between them).
2. The leader calls out a series of commands (e.g., “elbow,” “head,” “knees,” “shoulders,” etc.).
3. Students must follow the commands by touching those body parts instead of the cup.
4. When the leader says the trigger word (e.g., “CUP!” or “GRAB!”), the first person to grab the cup wins that round.
5. The winner stays, and the loser rotates out to form a new match or keep a points tally.

MEDUSA GAME

Objective: Catch others with eye contact — but avoid becoming a “victim” yourself!

Supplies Needed: None

How to Play:

1. Form a circle with everyone standing (or sitting) and heads down, eyes closed.
2. The leader says, “1, 2, 3 — Look!”
3. On “Look!” everyone lifts their head and looks directly at someone in the circle.
4. If two people make eye contact with each other, they both scream and fall down “dead” (dramatically, of course!) and are out for that round.
5. If you don’t make eye contact with anyone (i.e., the person you looked at was looking at someone else), you stay in.
6. Repeat until 2–3 players remain — or crown the “Last Survivor.”

ROCK PAPER SCISSORS EXTREME

Objective: Become the ultimate champion with a growing cheer squad.

Supplies Needed: None

How to Play:

1. Everyone pairs up and plays one round of Rock Paper Scissors (RPS).
2. The loser becomes the cheerleader for the winner.
3. Winners find a new person to challenge, bringing their cheerleaders along.
4. Repeat until two final players face off with the whole group cheering.

SIT DOWN IF...

Objective: Be the last one standing by avoiding common traits.

Supplies Needed: None

How to Play:

1. Everyone begins standing.
2. The leader says "Sit down if..." followed by a true/funny statement (e.g., "Sit down if you've ever spilled a drink on yourself").
3. Anyone who matches the description must sit down.
4. Continue until one person remains standing — they win!

Try to knock them all out within 5 phrases.

WOULD YOU RATHER

Objective: Choose your side and move based on your preference.

Supplies Needed: None

How to Play:

1. Students start in the middle of the room or space.
2. The leader asks a "Would You Rather" question with two choices (e.g., "Would you rather eat pizza or tacos?").
3. Designate one side of the space as Option A and the other side as Option B.
4. Students walk to the side that matches their choice.
5. Repeat with multiple questions to get students moving and talking.

Variations:

- Use Sit/Stand instead of moving. (Sit = Option A, Stand = Option B)
- Create themed rounds (food, superheroes, Bible characters, etc.).

CATEGORIES GAME

Objective: Stay in the circle by quickly naming items in a category — no repeats or hesitations!

Supplies Needed: None

How to Play:

1. Pick two players to face off against each other.
2. Choose one person to start and name a category (e.g., “Fruits,” “Video Games,” “Bible Characters,” etc.).
3. Each player must name something in that category without repeating or hesitating for more than 3 seconds.
4. If someone repeats an answer, says something that doesn’t fit, or hesitates — they’re out.
5. The person left wins and gets to choose the next category for a new round and their opponent.

GROUPIES GAME

Objective: Quickly form groups based on the number called — last person to find a group is out!

Supplies Needed: None (Optional: music if you want to add movement.)

How to Play:

1. All players start scattered around the room (standing, walking, or dancing if music is playing).
2. The leader shouts a number — for example, “Group of 4!”
3. Everyone must quickly form a group with that exact number of people.
4. Anyone left out (e.g., can’t find a group of 4) is out for the round.
5. The game continues with new numbers called (vary it each time).
6. When only a few students remain, make the groups very small (e.g., “Group of 2!”) until you have a winner.

SHOW ME THE NUMBER

Objective: Try to match (or avoid matching) the number chosen by the leader to stay in the game!

Supplies Needed: None

How to Play:

1. Pick one player to be the Leader. They stand at the front, facing away from the group.
2. Everyone else stands up and faces the Leader’s back.
3. On the count of three, everyone (except the Leader) holds up 1–5 fingers to represent their chosen number.
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5. Anyone who matched the Leader’s number must sit down — they’re out!
6. Continue until only one person is left standing — they win!
7. For a faster ending: in later rounds, reverse it — those who match stay in, and the rest sit down.

HOLD UP

Objective: See who can keep their arms outstretched the longest while holding an item in each hand.

Supplies Needed:

- Two small objects per person (e.g., phone, book, water bottle)

How to Play:

1. Everyone stands up and grabs two objects to hold — one in each hand. (Examples: phone, shoe, water bottle, backpack, etc.)
2. When the leader says “GO,” all players must hold both arms straight out in front of them with the items in each hand.
3. The goal is to keep arms straight and not bend elbows or drop arms.
4. If a player’s arms sag or they drop something, they’re out.
5. Continue until one person remains — or set a time limit (like 3 minutes) and see who’s still standing.

HEADS OR TAILS

Objective: Guess the outcome of two coin flips by choosing the correct pose — last one standing wins!

Supplies Needed:

- 2 coins and space for students to stand and move

How to Play:

1. Have all students stand up and spread out slightly.
2. Explain the 3 pose options for guessing:
 - a. Heads + Heads = Both hands behind your head
 - b. Tails + Tails = Both hands on your hips (back side)
 - c. One Head + One Tail = One hand behind your head, one on your hip
3. Before each round, students must strike one pose to lock in their guess.
4. Two adults (or students) flip the coins simultaneously.
5. After revealing the result, anyone who guessed incorrectly sits down.
6. Repeat until only one student remains standing — they win!