



FIRST PRIORITY  
HOPE WEEKLY GUIDE

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# CHOOSE LOVE

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# PLANNING GUIDE

## Plan To Win


### HELP WEEK

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


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

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

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### OVERCOME WEEK

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# HELP WEEK

## CHOOSE LOVE



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



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

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

#### OPENING PRAYER

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



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

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

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HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

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

Speak the Truth

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

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



**SPEAKER**

# HELP WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE LOVE

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

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

### EXPLAIN

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

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

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

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

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

### APPLY

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

### RESPOND

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

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

We love others because God first loved us.

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# HELP WEEK TOOL

## CHOOSE LOVE

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

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

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

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# HELP WEEK TOOL

## CHOOSE LOVE

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# OVERCOME WEEK

## CHOOSE LOVE



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



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

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

#### OPENING PRAYER

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

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

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

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SPEAKER

### PART 2 - OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

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



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

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

Offer a Question

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

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



SPEAKER

# OVERCOME WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE LOVE

### HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

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

### EXPLAIN

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

Let’s break this down:

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

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

### APPLY

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

### RESPOND

Let’s get into groups and discuss these questions:

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

### BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Forgiving others shows the love of Jesus!

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# PREPARE WEEK

## CHOOSE LOVE



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

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

#### OPENING PRAYER

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

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



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

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

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HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

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

Answer the question

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

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



**SPEAKER**

# PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

## CHOOSE LOVE

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### FAITH STORY

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

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

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

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### THE STORY OF HIS GREAT LOVE

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

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

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

# PREPARE WEEK HANDOUT

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# ENGAGE WEEK

## CHOOSE LOVE



Engaging your school with the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

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

#### OPENING PRAYER

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

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



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

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



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

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

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

#### SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE “E” WEEK

Proclaim the Gospel

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### CLOSING PRAYER

## BEHIND THE SCENES



PROMO

Invite people and promote the club meeting.



WELCOME

Create a welcoming environment.



FOLLOW UP

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





SPEAKER






# ENGAGE WEEK DISCUSSION

## CHOOSE LOVE

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

SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

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

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

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

# STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

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

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

I would like to get connected to a youth group.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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# FOLLOW-UP GUIDE

## Steps To Following Up

### 3 FOLLOW-UP STEPS

Following up with those taking their next step of following Jesus is just as important as sharing the Good News of Jesus. This guide will give you some pointers on how to follow up.

#### 1. Organize

- Sort through the Response Cards.
- Write down the names, responses, and contact info on the Follow-Up Sheet.
- Discard the Response Cards when finished.

#### 2. Communicate (Can be a conversation, text message, or on social media)

- Thank them for coming to FP, and ask how you can help them, based on what they checked on their response card. Ask if you can pray for them.
- Invite them to a youth group and back to FP.
- Tell them about the YouVersion Bible app and ask if they would like help getting a Bible.

#### 3. Celebrate

- Share stories of students following Jesus with your FP Club, Club Coach, and youth group.

### FOLLOW-UP SHEET

| STUDENT NAME | Began relationship with Jesus | Questions about following Jesus | Wants to connect to a youth group | Follow-up dates and notes |
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