PREPARE WEEK

CHOOSE PRAYER



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

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

OPENING PRAYER

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

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



SPFAKER

PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

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



PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for "P" Week

Answer the question

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CLOSING PRAYER

BEHIND THE SCENES



Invite people and promote the club meeting.



Create a welcoming environment.



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

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SPEAKER SPEAKER

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

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

PREPARE WEEK HANDOUT

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1. START WITH A KEYWORD

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

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

2. SET UP THE BACKGROUND

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

3. SHARE HOW JESUS ENTERED YOUR STORY

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

4. STATE THE IMPACT OF JESUS ON YOUR LIFE

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