

# PREPARE WEEK

## CHOOSE SACRIFICE



Preparing your story of believing the Good News of Jesus.



HOST

### PART 1 - STARTING THE CLUB

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

#### OPENING PRAYER

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

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



SPEAKER

### PART 2 - PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

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



HOST

### PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

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

Answer the question

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## BEHIND THE SCENES



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

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### FAITH STORY

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

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

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

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### BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY

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

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

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

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

1. On the **“ME”** side, write down things that God has changed in your life since you began a relationship with God. (Examples: He has helped me love more. He has given me joy. He has taken away my shame.)
2. On the **“JESUS”** side, write down things that Jesus did to rescue you from sin and restore your broken relationship with God. (Examples: Lived a perfect life. Loved me. Died on the cross. Rose from the dead.)
3. Circle the list on the **“JESUS”** side. This is a reminder to always include what Jesus has done to restore our relationship with God in your story.
4. Write a short paragraph about how having a relationship with Jesus has changed your life AND what Jesus did for you, so that you could have a relationship with God.

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# PREPARE WEEK HANDOUT

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**JESUS**

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