

# 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

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

SCRIPTURE. TRUE. OUR. REAL. YOU.

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

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

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

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(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

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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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