

HELP WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH BEST FRIENDS”



Help Week

Helping each other believe and share the Gospel story.

Practice being with Jesus through Scripture, prayer, and a practical way to believe and share the Gospel in everyday life.

Promo:

Remember to invite people.

Welcome:

Remember to create a welcoming environment.



Host

“Welcome to First Priority, we are glad you are here! This week is Help Week and our goal is to use Scripture and a tool to help us share our faith. Let’s start things off with prayer.”



Pray

Introduce Speaker: “We are glad you are here! Today my friend _____ is going to share how a group of friends brought their friend to Jesus.”



Speaker

Help Tool: Salvation Bracelet (Handout and/or Kit)

Look over the Help Tool before club. Pass out the Salvation Bracelet Handout and/or kit to everyone who comes in. The Gospel discussion and Help Tool are designed to give you a basic understanding to believe, live, and share the Gospel.



Gospel Discussion

“The Conversation with Best Friends”



Host



Announcements

Next week is Overcome Week! Start thinking now about who you can invite to join you as we continue this conversation.



Pray



Follow-Up

Be available to talk or pray with people.
Ask how you can walk with them on their Jesus journey.



Leader Tip

Make sure you understand the Help Tool and Gospel discussion ahead of time.



Gospel Discussion

"The Conversation with Best Friends"



Highlight Scripture

Mark 2:5

"And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."



Explain (Give context)

Do you remember meeting your best friend for the first time? You probably started talking because you had something in common. Eventually you trusted one another and shared personal stuff, the stuff only best friends know, right? There is probably nothing you wouldn't do for each other. How about sharing your faith? Have you had THAT conversation with them yet? In Mark chapter 2, we read about four friends that went to great lengths to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus. " And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay."

What! Don't you want to surround yourself with best friends like that? Are you willing to push past your fears, doubts, and insecurities so your best friend can get a glimpse of Jesus? Here is Jesus' response in verse 5: "And when Jesus saw THEIR faith, He said to the paralytic, " Son, your sins are forgiven." It wasn't their faith in each other that Jesus saw, it was their faith in Him that forgave their friend's sin. Wow! So, what is keeping you from grabbing your best friend by the hand and leading them through the crowd to Jesus? (Give students a chance to respond). Friends tell friends about Jesus and today we will use a new tool to start the conversation. Instead of making "friendship bracelets" we are going to make "salvation bracelets" to share the Gospel with our friends.



Apply

(See "Salvation Bracelet" handout for details)

Now that we read what our faith in Jesus can do, let's make a bracelet to share with others. Start with a piece of string. Tie a knot 2 inches away from the end and begin building your bracelet starting with the yellow bead. (The bead represents the highlighted word). Follow along with the instructions and make it conversational as you add each bead.



Respond (Groups of 3-5)

Pair up and practice sharing the Gospel with the salvation bracelets and if time allows, make a second one to give to your best friend.



Bottom Line

Best friends tell their best friends about Jesus.



Disciple Tip

Who we become is shaped by who we befriend.

