

ENGAGE WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH ENEMIES”



Engage Week

Engage your school with the Gospel story.

Do what Jesus did by sharing the Gospel story with your friends through words and actions.



Promo:
Remember to invite people.



Welcome:
Remember to create a welcoming environment.



Host

"Welcome to First Priority, we are glad that you joined us! Today we are going to start off with a game to get to know each other better.



Game

Choose a game or funny video to play for 3-5 minutes to get people laughing and talking.

Say something like: "Today, my friend, _____, is going to share something that is very important to them. Please listen respectfully as it takes a lot of courage to speak in front of others. You all were given a "student response card" that looks like this (hold up a sample card) when you came in. Hold on to it and we will explain what it is for later."



Speaker



Gospel Discussion

“3 Crowns”



Host

Invitation Options

1. Response Cards: If everyone would take a minute and think about what was shared today. If you decided to begin a relationship with Jesus today, then on your response card, simply check that box. Let us know so that we can connect with you and answer any questions you may have. 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 connect with you.

2. Talk/Pray with Someone: If you would like to talk to a Student Leader or have them pray with you, they would be glad to! Just catch one of them before you leave and let them know what impacted you today and how they can pray for you.



Announcements

Next week is Help Week! Start thinking now 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

Leaders work for peace and justice in the world.



Gospel Discussion

“3 CROWNS”

“Where did I come from? “Why am I here? Where am I going?” These are three important questions everyone thinks about, eventually. The answers can be found in a story called 'The 3 Crowns.' It summarizes the main story of the Bible, which reveals the true and perfect record of humanity’s origin, purpose and destiny.

CROWN 1 GOD

The story of 3 Crowns begins with God, because the first four words in the Bible are “In the beginning, God.” The first crown represents God; He is King over all creation! Before anything existed, God was there. He is all-powerful, all-knowing, and present everywhere. God spoke and, out of nothing, He created the heavens and the earth. He created everything everywhere! Because of this He is in authority of all things. God is love and He made humanity in His image so that we could love, worship, and glorify God forever.

CROWN 2 MAN

The problem is that we have chosen to turn and go our own way. In our pride, we rejected God’s plan for our lives, we rebelled against the authority of God’s crown and we crowned ourselves. This is the second crown. We have made ourselves king. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God. The penalty for our sin is death, both physical and spiritual. Our sin has brought a curse on creation and brokenness into the world. Sadness, sickness, suffering, and pain now touch all our lives. The final separation, as a result of our self-rule, is a Godless eternity in hell.

CROWN 3 CHRIST

The good news is that God so loved the world that He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world. He came from heaven to save us and to shine His light into our darkened hearts. Jesus taught us that by following Him as King, we could have a relationship with God and, one day, live in His Kingdom forever. He challenged us to love God and others first. He used His great power to heal our sadness, sickness, suffering, and pain. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life and then He died on a cross, offering His life as payment for the debt we owe due to our rebellion against God. His sacrifice not only demonstrates His absolute love, for us but it also pays the price of sin and removes the curse of separation from God for all who believe.

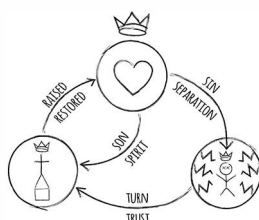
Miraculously, three days after Jesus died and was buried in a tomb, He was raised to life again; defeating sin, death, and the powers of darkness! Then, He ascended to heaven and was restored to His former glory at the right hand of God the Father. Jesus now rules and reigns over God's Kingdom as Lord of all. This is the third crown. Christ is King. God has sent His Spirit to open hearts and minds to this Good News. His Spirit also empowers and encourages those who follow Jesus as King to fulfill His mission to love the world and spread this story through His Church.

RESPONSE TURN & TRUST

So, which circle reflects your spiritual condition? Are you wearing the crown? Or is Christ the King and Savior of your life? To move from the right circle to the left, you must first turn from depending upon yourself, because you can never earn God’s forgiveness through your own good works. Instead you must trust in Jesus Christ. You must trust what Jesus accomplished for you through His sinless life, sacrificial death, and triumphant resurrection. This is the only way you can be raised to life spiritually and have a restored relationship with God. You must remove the crown from your head and come to Jesus for forgiveness.

WHICH CIRCLE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN?

The Bible says, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13). You can call out to the Lord Jesus right now, through prayer, and ask Him to save you. Pray something like this: “Lord Jesus, I believe that you are the Son of God and Savior of the world. Today I turn from my way to yours. I take the crown off my head and come to you as King. Thank you for loving me. I trust in your death and risen life to cancel my sin, raise me to new life, and restore me to God now and forever. Fill me with your Spirit and make me a new person. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.”



Disciple Tip

Doing what Jesus did means loving the broken and outcasts.



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(please only check one):

- I want to start following Jesus **today**.
- I have **questions** about following Jesus.
- I am **already** a follower of Jesus.
- I would like to get connected to a youth group.

My Name _____

Cell # _____

Do you attend a church? _____

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FOLLOW-UP GUIDE

Following up with those who just committed their lives to Jesus or have questions is equally as important as sharing the Gospel! This guide will give you a few pointers on how to follow-up correctly.

SIX THINGS TO DO WHEN FOLLOWING UP

1. Determine how many and what kind of follow-up has been requested.

As soon as possible, read through the response cards after you have collected them and let your Coach know how many people committed their lives to Christ and how many students have questions or want someone to follow up with them.

2. Organize the response card information.

Write down on the follow-up chart the names, response, and contact info of everyone who made decisions and requested to talk with someone.

3. Make contact within 24 hours with everyone who responded to the Gospel on Engage Week.

This can be done by text message, personal conversation at school or social media, just remember to check with your parents for permission before contacting someone you do not know. The initial message should be something like this:

"Hello ____! My name is _____ and I saw that you came to First Priority club this week! We are really excited you came, and we hope you'll come back next week. I also noticed that you marked on your response card that you [prayed to begin a relationship with Christ] -or- [wanted to talk with someone about the Gospel] so I wanted to ask how I could help you. If you have questions about their responses, you can contact your Campus Coach for guidance.

4. Invite them to church! If they were invited by a friend to First Priority...

Ask that friend to invite them to youth group this week, since they are more likely to attend church with someone they know. If they plan to go to church for the first time, you can also ask your Coach to notify the Student Pastor that they will be having a new guest this week! Make sure to discard any response cards that you will not be needing for follow-up.

5. Offer a free Bible to those who prayed to receive Christ if Bibles are available through your First Priority club or church.

Make sure one is available before you offer and make sure they receive it if they ask for one.

6. Share Stories

Share any cool new salvation stories and new local youth group members with your Coach! He or she will want to celebrate with you about what God is doing through your club!

Student Name	Started following Jesus today.	Questions about following Jesus.	Wants to connect to youth group.	Follow-up dates and notes.
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