

HELP WEEK “THE CONVERSATION WITH FAMILY”



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 that 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 talk about how to talk to your family about Jesus.”



Speaker



Help Tool: Candy Cane and Candy Cane Handout

Practice the Help Tool before the club and **pass out the Candy Cane and Candy Cane Handout** 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 Family”



Host



Announcements

Next week is Overcome 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

Create an environment where everyone can belong.





Gospel Discussion

"The Conversation with Family"



Highlight Scripture

Luke 19:9

"For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."



Explain (Give context)

When was the last time you were excited to see someone? Have you seen someone famous up close? What did you have to do to see them? (Wait for a response).

Maybe you pushed through the crowd, climbed on top of something, or screamed their name. Guess what, people would do those exact same things to see Jesus. In Luke chapter 19 verses 3 through 5, we read about a tax collector who climbs a tree to see Jesus. "And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd, he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today."

Did you catch that? Jesus invited Himself over! This week, the goal is to help you start the conversation with your family and there is no better way to do that than to invite Jesus over. Let's read the rest of

Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus. "So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully....".

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Jesus invites himself to dinner and the whole household gets saved! What if we took the challenge, climbed to the top of the tree, and decided that reaching our family starts with us. Do you take your relationship with Jesus home with you? Today we are going to use the Candy Cane Story as a help tool to share the Gospel with our family.



Apply

(See "Candy Cane" handout). Many of you have candy canes in your home during Christmas, so why not use them to share the Gospel with your family?

The **shape** of the candy cane reminds us of a "Shepherd's Staff". In John chapter 10 verse 14 it says, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,".

The "**Red Stripe**" on the candy cane represents the blood that Jesus shed to forgive us of our sins.

"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." We need forgiveness because in Romans chapter 3 verse 23, we are reminded that we ALL have sinned. "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,".

The "**White Candy**" represents the forgiveness of sins and clean heart. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." **1 John 1:19** When the candy cane is **turned upside down, it represents a "J" for Jesus!** To begin a relationship with Him, we must do what Romans chapter 10 verse 9 says, "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."



Respond (Groups of 3-5)

Take turns practicing how to share the Candy Cane Gospel with your group. Take one home and share it with your family.



Bottom Line

God will use you to bring Good News to your family.



Disciple Tip

Disciples are inviting everyone to be a part of God's family.



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