

PREPARE WEEK

CHOOSE LISTENING



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 what we need to overcome, so that we can listen better. Today _____ is going to share with us how we can share our faith stories without saying a word.”

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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 **Cardboard Testimony** discussion.
- Then pass out paper and pens to each student to write down their cardboard testimony.



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PART 3 - ENDING THE CLUB

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE for “P” Week

Answer the question

- Post on your social media your cardboard testimony.

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.”

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.



SPEAKER

PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

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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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CARDBOARD TESTIMONY

We have seen homeless people standing on street corners with a piece of cardboard and a message, such as “Will Work for Food,” “Need Money,” or “Please help me feed my family.” That is where the idea for cardboard testimonies began. The silent message can speak volumes in just a few words.

We have put our own spin on the idea by sharing a few words on one side of the cardboard about our life before Jesus and writing a few words on the back about our transformation after Jesus made us a new creation. Not many of us get an opportunity to stand before an audience and speak about what the Lord has done in our lives. Even fewer Christians want to speak before an audience because of fear. A cardboard testimony is a way to share the change Jesus has made in our lives without speaking a word. It is a powerful witness to the transforming power of God’s Spirit in our lives.

- Paul is one of the most prominent Christians in the Bible. His testimony would probably say:
side one: murderer - Christian hater
side two: evangelist - prisoner for Jesus
- The disciple John would perhaps say:
side one: selfish - angry
side two: beloved by Christ
- Zacchaeus encountered Christ, who invited Him home to dinner. His testimony?
side one: cheater - thief
side two: generous - forgiven
- One of the most powerful testimonies would come from Lazarus:
side one: literally dead for 4 days
side two: alive - healthy - following Jesus

Now we’re going to share our cardboard testimonies. (Pass out paper and pens to everyone.) On one side write what your life was like before Jesus, and keep it simple. Flip it over to the other side and write the difference Jesus has made in your life.

What does your cardboard testimony say?

(If time allows, without saying a word, show side one that shares your life before Jesus. Pause for a moment, so that people can read it. Then flip to side two that shows the difference Jesus has made in your life.)