

TRUTH

MONTH 2 OF EPIC PURPOSE

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▶ EQUIP WEEK

♥ WELCOME

Welcome to First Priority! Let's play a game.



TEACH

Today is **Equip Week** where we are teaching and having conversations about ways that Jesus embodied **truth**. Let's pray before we get started.

There are a lot of misconceptions about Who Jesus is. During His life many people falsely accused Him. Many people do the same today. Much of this comes from hearing what other people say about Him instead of reading the biographies about Him in the Bible. Many people think that God would never love them. Jesus showed us the opposite. He showed us exactly what God is like. He loved all people, cared for the poor, healed the sick, and hurt with those who were suffering. Finally, He died to save all of us from evil and rose again so we could have new life.

In John 14:6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Let's look at three main points about the truth that Jesus showed us:

- God loves and values everyone.
- God cares for the hurting and hopeless.
- All people are invited to have a relationship with God through Jesus.

Big Idea: Our purpose is to help others know the Good News about Who Jesus is.

For this section, get into groups of 3-5 and go through the discussion questions, challenge, Bible Project video, and pray together.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share a time that you lied as a kid.
- Have you ever been falsely accused of something?
- What are some misconceptions that you have had about God?
- What things do you feel are most important about Who Jesus is?



CHALLENGE

Scan the QR code below for a short video about how Jesus embodied **truth**.



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Invite everyone to pray as we close.

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PREPARE WEEK



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Today is **Prepare Week** where we are sharing our stories about **truth**. Let's pray to get started.

Jesus valued people's stories. He helped everyone know the truth about their identity. They are welcomed, loved, and accepted unconditionally through Jesus. We want to hear your stories!



STORY QUESTIONS

- How would you describe yourself in one word?
- What are some things that you wish other people knew about you?
- What are some misconceptions you think people have about God?
- What are some things that you have found to be true about God from knowing Jesus?
- What are some things that you wish other people knew about Jesus?



CHALLENGE

Now we're going to open up time for everyone to share their stories. Everyone is welcome to share with a leader, friend, or the whole group - so if you would like to, go for it!

Scan this QR code for an app called MySharePal that will help you share your story and ask others questions about their stories.

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INVITE WEEK



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Today is **Invite Week** where we are teaching and having conversations about how **truth** is Good News. Let's pray before we get started.

The Good News of Jesus is a big claim! The early followers of Jesus said that He was crucified and died. But, then they saw Him alive again. Can you imagine what it would take to believe that someone had died and rose again? This is what one follower of Jesus wrote down about the story.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 says, "I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, He was seen by more than 500 of His followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then He was seen by James and later by all the apostles. Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw Him."

Many of these people ended up being killed because they so strongly believed that Jesus was alive from the dead. They shared this story with others, and more people kept believing.

The Gospel is a public, royal announcement about Jesus, Who lived, died, and was raised to life to be the King that we so desperately need. All who believe in Him receive forgiveness, new life, and hope for the future. Jesus is making all things new, setting right what is wrong, and bringing Good News to everyone who receives it. You are invited to believe this Good News and follow Jesus.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are your thoughts about the claims that Jesus lived, died, and rose from the dead?
- What do you think it would have taken for this group of people to believe that Jesus was alive even after they saw Him crucified and buried?
- Why do you think so many people believe this story today and follow Jesus and His teachings?
- What questions do you have about the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection?



CHALLENGE

What if people knew they were loved and began a relationship with God because you shared the Good News through your acts of love and kindness. Be Jesus' love for someone this week and do something kind for someone.

Scan this QR code to watch a video about the story of Jesus' Good News.



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Today is Connect Week where we are teaching and having conversations about connecting with God and others. Let's pray before we get started.

Most people are searching for true purpose and meaning in life. Many of us have found that through our faith in Jesus. None of us are perfect, and we all struggle to feel connected at times. Jesus was always showing people how much He loved them and helping them connect with God and each other.

Here are some tips that may help connect other people to their purpose:

- Be aware of the people that God is calling you to connect with. Treat everyone with love and kindness.
- Listen to the needs of those around you. How can you serve them, encourage them, and be a friend to them?
- Be kind. In a world full of hostility and anger, a kind word or deed can go a long way.
- Follow up with people that God leads you to.

Give anyone who would like the opportunity to share about upcoming events at their youth group.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How can we help you get more connected to Christ?
- How can we help you get more connected to our FP Club?
- How can we help you get more connected to a youth group?



CHALLENGE

Below is a QR code you can scan to start a YouVersion Bible app plan by First Priority. Today's challenge is to complete this study on your own or with a friend. It is a great way to help a friend who is curious about faith, help a new follower of Jesus take next steps, and help you go deeper in your own faith.



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Does anyone have any prayer requests? Invite everyone to pray for prayer requests to close.