



DECEMBER 2021

THE PERFECT GIFT: SALVATION

FOCUS: The Perfect Gift is JESUS CHRIST - He is the only one who saves!

SCRIPTURE: Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 15:3-6, John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8-9

START UP

WELCOME (4 mins)

SAY: Welcome to First Priority...Our mission is to bring the hope of Jesus to every student at our school. We are so glad everyone is here today! This is Equip Week, so we are going to have some fun while also being equipped on how to share the Gospel, which is the greatest gift ever!

Would anyone like to volunteer to start us off in prayer?

OPENING PRAYER

(If your student does not feel comfortable praying, they can use this prayer)

Lord, thank you for giving us this day and the opportunity to have this meeting and to learn more about you and the Greatest Gift Ever. Thank you for the Bible, your Holy Word, that shows us the way to salvation. Help us today to understand how much you love us and how we can share the Gospel with our friends. In Jesus name, Amen!

GAME (8 mins) - Extreme Gift Counting Check out the instructions for the game at this link:

https://gamesforyouthministry.com/ gameslibrarylist/extreme-giftcounting-youth-group-game

TOOL TIME

DEVOTION

SAY: Most people believe that if you are good enough then you will go to Heaven. That is not what the Bible teaches. It might not make sense to people and it may not seem right, but God's WORD is the authority. The Bible clearly teaches us that...

Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him alone, we can know God personally and experience His love. This is why JESUS CHRIST is the Perfect Gift!

- 1. Although we sinned and deserve to pay for our sins. He Died in Our Place
 - "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8)
- 2. He proved He was God in the flesh....He Rose From the Dead "Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-6)
- 3. Finally we learn thatJESUS is the Only Way to God "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me" (John 14:6)

It's not about what we can do but it's all about what He has done for us.

READ: Ephesians 2:8-9

SAY: When you receive a gift from someone, you don't ask them how much it was and then pay them! That wouldn't be a gift. The whole idea of a gift is that it is given to someone for free. God offers us SALVATION freely through Jesus Christ.

The gift of salvation did cost Jesus his life. So, when we receive the gift of salvation, let's be thankful and grateful for all JESUS did to pay the price for our sins.

Tool Time continued

PRACTICE

Let's partner up or get in small groups and practice sharing these scriptures and points to each other. This is important in building confidence in sharing the Gospel with our friends.

DIG IN

PRAYER TIME

- If possible, have each student go to the white board/ chalk board and write down a few names of friends that they will be praying for. Once everyone has done this, stay in your groups and pray for the names on the board.
- If this is not possible, then just share in the small groups and then have each student pray.

SAY: Let's stay in our groups and pray.

Use prayer cards so students can continue to pray for their friends to come to Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 mins)

This is a time for you to consider your next meeting, student leader responsibilities, and any holidays or disruptions to your upcoming meetings. (Your faculty sponsor is a great resource for this).

SAY: Other than that, see you next week for Prepare Week!

Closing PRAYER!





PREPARE WEEK (4



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FOCUS: To get PREPARED for next INVITE Week to see many new people attend to hear the GOSPEL

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5

START UP

WELCOME (4 mins)

SAY: Welcome to First Priority! Thanks for coming. If this is your first time at First Priority, we are so glad you are here! Today is Prepare Week, so we are going to play a game and also prepare for next week's Invite Week so we can grow in our confidence to share our faith with our friends! Would anyone like to volunteer to start us off in prayer?

OPENING PRAYER

(If your student does not feel comfortable praying on their own, they can use this prayer)

SAY: Lord, thank you for giving us this day and the opportunity to have this meeting and learn more about you and the Greatest Gift Ever. Thank you for the Bible, your Holy Word that shows us the way to salvation. Help us today to understand how much you love us and how we can share the Gospel with our friends. Amen.

GAME (8 mins) – Santa Drop

Check out the instructions for the game at this <u>link</u>:

https://gamesforyouthministry.com/ gameslibrarylist/santa-drop-youth-groupgame

TOOL TIME

DEVOTION

SAY: It is so important to understand why SALVATION is the perfect gift. You see our Salvation only comes through Jesus Christ who was perfect.

READ:

- 1 Peter 2:22, "He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth."
- 1 John 3:5, "You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin."

SAY: The Bible also teaches us that we cannot earn our Salvation by being good enough or doing good deeds.

Since we have all sinned (Romans 3:23) and that sin brings death (Romans 6:23), we have a problem. But the Good News (Gospel) is that God solved our sin problem for us in His one and only perfect Son - Jesus (John 3:16)

And the law required a sinless perfect sacrifice for our sins - once again that sinless sacrifice is JESUS!

Most people don't know that they need Salvation and therefore they are not interested. However, we have been commissioned (sent out) by Jesus (Matthew 28: 18-20) to go and tell everyone about the PERFECT GIFT of Jesus!

Who will you bring to Invite Week next week?

Use prayer cards to list friends you are praying for to receive the Perfect Gift of Salvation.

DIG IN

ASK:

- 1. Have you made the decision to receive JESUS as your Savior?
- 2. If so, do you consider yourself a Follower of JESUS that is on a Mission?
- 3. Who do you know that needs the gift of SALVATION?

PRAYER TIME

Pray that the gift of Salvation will be shared and spread this Christmas season and that people will see why they need Jesus!

Just like last week, take the time to pray for specific friends by name to come to Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 mins)

This is a time for the club to establish who will be volunteering in various positions at next week's Invite Week.

SAY: Remember that at the next meeting we will have Bibles for everyone who would like one.





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THE GREATEST GIFT: SALVATION

FOCUS: to PROCLAIM the Good News of the Gospel. Today we will invite friends to hear a Gospel presentation

START UP

WELCOME (4 mins)

SAY: Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad you are here. Today is a special day because we have invited guests joining us as we share the Greatest Story about the Greatest News that can change your life.

OPENING PRAYER

Ask a student leader to open in Prayer.

GAME (8 mins) - Follow the Red Nose

Check out the instructions for the game at this link:

https://gamesforyouthministry.com/gameslibrarylist/follow-the-red-nose-youth-group-game?rq=Follow% 20the%20Red%20Nose%20game

TOOL TIME

GOSPEL PRESENTATION

Either a student can share, invited guest (youth leader), or an online video.

Please make sure that ample time is given for students to make a response at the end.

Time to serve the food and make announcements.

BIBLE GIFTS

If available, give students a free gift of God's Word.

Remind everyone to come back next week for Connect Week!

DIG IN

PRAYER TIME

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to give different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 mins)

This is the place for the club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and/or month. This is a great spot to add student leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks (Your faculty sponsor is a great resource for this).



CONNECT WEEK



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FOCUS: To CONNECT everyone to a church family

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:18-19

START UP

WELCOME (4 mins)

SAY: Hello everyone and welcome to First Priority! Today is a Connect Week, so we are going to play a game and have fun like usual! We are also going to talk about ways that we can connect to Christ, the Club, and the Church! Would anyone like to volunteer to start us off in prayer?

OPENING PRAYER

(If your student does not feel comfortable praying on their own, they can use this prayer)

SAY: Lord, thank you for this opportunity to meet with friends who believe in you. Thank you for the Bible, your Holy Word. Today we ask you to help us to understand the great gift of Salvation that you have given us. We want to display our thankfulness by telling the world of the great gift of Salvation. Amen.

GAME (8 mins) – Fa La Llama Llamalong (link)
Check out the instructions for the game
at this link:

https://gamesforyouthministry.com/gameslibrarylist/falallamallamalong-youth-group-game?rq=fa%20la%20llama%20llamalong

TOOL TIME

DEVOTION

READ: Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

SAY: When you receive a gift from someone, you don't ask them how much it cost and then pay them! That wouldn't be a gift. The whole idea of a gift is that it is given to someone for free. God offers us SALVATION freely through Jesus Christ.

However, someone had to pay for the gift, right? Of course. The gift of Salvation cost Jesus His life. We receive it, but He paid for it. So, when we receive the gift of Salvation, let's be thankful and grateful for all Jesus endured to pay the price for our sins.

READ: 1 Peter 1:18-19, "Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."

So, when we receive the gift of Salvation, let's be thankful and grateful for all Jesus did to pay the price for our sins. As we grow in our relationship with God (by reading the Bible, going to church, joining Bible Study, etc.), we start to learn more of what it means to be a follower of Christ. Obedience to the Word is proof that Christ is in us and we understand that God's ways are best.

Talk it over:

- 1. Do you have a Bible?
- 2. Do you read it and study it daily?
- 3. Would you like a plan to help you study the Bible?
- 4. Are you active in Chuch/ Youth Group?

Take time to invite New Believers to local churches.

See if anyone needs a Bible.

Closing Prayer!



DIG IN

PRAYER TIME

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to give different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students. Spend a few minutes praying for local churches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 mins)

Make any announcements for the upcoming week and or month. This is a great spot to add student leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks (Your faculty sponsor is a great resource for this).