



THE HEART

MAIN POINT: True Love is found in Christ!

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:3

START UP

WELCOME (4 mins)

SAY: Welcome to First Priority! Today is EQUIP Week. We are so excited that you were able to make it.

Here at First Priority, our mission is to take the hope of Christ to every student on campus! Each week we get to explore God's Word and grow together in reaching our campus for Christ.

OPENING PRAYER

SAY: Dear Jesus, we thank you that we can be here together to dive deeper into relationship with you. Thank you for this club that we are able to meet in person together and we pray for the rest of the time together. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

GAME (8 mins) – Rock, Paper, Scissors

Everyone grabs a partner. Together you will compete 3x in a game of rock, paper, scissors. The first one that wins three games wins and moves on to the next round with the winner of another group. Continue this until there is one winner.

TOOL TIME

DEVOTION

SAY: Welcome to Equip Week! This month, as we are in February, we are talking about True Love. This month, you will start to hear a lot about what love is, but as a club, we get to explore and understand what true love really means.

With our Gospel sharing tool, the Four, we start with the heart that symbolizes God's love.

READ: Jeremiah 31:3 NIV, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness."

Do you know how long everlasting is?

SAY: It's forever. You can't make God stop loving you. He will love you forever. His love isn't based on what you do. It's based on who He is. The only reason you're alive is because God made you to love you.

That's why God sent his Son: "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16).

When God's love comes into your life, it changes how you react to everyone else. When you truly understand and experience the love of God, you can't help but pass it on to others.

In fact, Jesus described it like this: "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

That's good news. When you put your hand in God's hand, He grabs it and won't let go. But it starts with God's love for us. This is what true love really is. The completely free true love of God changes lives.

PRACTICE

INSTRUCT: Get together with a partner and let's practice. Draw a heart on a piece of paper and in your own words, explain what God's True Love means to you.

DIG IN

SAY: In your groups, let's discuss:

Question 1. What does the world define as "True Love" and then how does God define "True Love"?

Question 2. How can we learn to love one another the way God has loved us? What can we do this week in our school or club to show this?

PRAYER TIME

In our groups:

Lets pray together that we may learn how to grow in loving God and loving others.

At this time ask for any prayer request from the group and lift the needs up in prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 mins)

This is a time for you to announce the next club meeting, its time, and its location.



NOTHING CAN SEPARATE

MAIN POINT: Nothing can separate us from the Love of God!

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Note Card (Game), Invite Cards, Prayer Cards, Invite Week Planner

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:4

START UP

WELCOME (4 mins)

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OPENING PRAYER

(Student leader or mentor leads in opening prayer)

GAME (8 mins) – The Cat In The Hat

As students enter, give them a note card and have them write down a question on a note card. The question can be about anything...from movies to quantum physics. (If you have a smaller group, get them to write down 2-3 questions, making sure that only one question is written per card.) When they are done writing out their question, have them fold it in half and drop it in a big hat sitting close by.

Have everyone sit in a circle. The leader will hand the hat to one person and person will draw out one card. They will read the question out loud and have 20 seconds to answer it. Even if that person doesn't know the answer have them explain what they think it is. It's a lot of fun to see students try and react quickly. Once that question is answered, keep the question and pass the hat. Continue the process until all the questions have been answered.

TOOL TIME

DEVOTION

EXPLAIN: Last week we discussed how true love truly comes from God. As we explore the four, which is our gospel presentation that we are learning, we must understand that the heart symbol stands for God's love for us. He loves us unconditionally no matter what we do, what our past might be like or even what happens in the future. His love is everlasting! God has always loved you.

READ: Ephesians 1:4, "Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love."

ASK:

What are some different ways you have seen God's Love in your life?

EXPLAIN: God has never created a person he doesn't love. Everything in life is a gift that originates in God's love for you. Nothing can take that love away from you. **READ:** Romans 8:39, "There is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord."

God loves you on your good days and your bad days. He loves you when you feel it and when you don't. God will never love you any more than he does right now. And he will never love you any less.

ASK:

How does it change your perspective once you realize nothing can separate you from God's love?

Tool Time continued

How are we called to tell others about Christ's love?

EXPLAIN: God has called us to share His love with the world. He says we are the light of the world, created for a purpose, on a purpose to share His love with everyone we meet.

Today, let's put that into action. In the Dig In section, let's look at ways that we can share Christ's love with our friends.

DIG IN

Preparing for Invite Week, let's practice some ways we can share and invite our friends.

- 1) Invite Cards; This week, let's each take 5 Invite cards and specifically invite 5 friends that we want to share God's love with.
- 2) Share The Four. This week, let's plan to share the symbol of the heart, representing God's love for us with someone. Now let's practice: get together in pairs and practice sharing how God's love has changed your life. What does Jesus mean to you? Who is Jesus to you? As you start to share, you will become more confident and bolder in sharing Christ's love with everyone you meet.

PRAYER

Student leader or mentor collect prayer requests and specifically pray for Invite Week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(2 mins)*

Student leaders use this time to share any announcements coming up for the club.



GOD'S LOVE

MAIN POINT: God's Love was demonstrated for us!

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Students must have shoes to play game!

START UP

WELCOME (4 mins)

SAY: Welcome to First Priority! Today is Invite Week. We are so excited that you were able to make it.

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OPENING PRAYER

(Student leader or mentor leads in opening prayer)

GAME (8 mins) – Double Trouble Shoes

Anybody can play this game as long as they have a partner and both players are wearing shoes or sneakers with laces (no Velcro or slip-on footwear like sandals). Have your players pair up and go to the front of your stage/meeting room (limit the number of teams based on the size of your space). At the start of this game, everybody must have their shoes tied in a normal fashion (2 loops, no double knots). Throughout the entire game, teammates will have to hold hands, one hand each.

When they hear 'go,' players must use their free hand and work as a team to untie each of their shoes. Then they have to remove the shoes and exchange them with their teammate so that they end up wearing their teammate's shoes. Once they have one another's shoes on, then they tie the laces on the two pairs of shoes; all the while using their one free hand and working as a team. If at any time during the game they stop holding hands – they are automatically disqualified.

Players are not allowed to slip the shoes on and off, they must untie and retie them. The first team to successfully make the switcheroo wins a nice prize. If you want, just for fun, you can make them wear their partner's sneakers for the rest of the meeting.

TOOL TIME

Introduce guest speaker to share the gospel message.

DIG IN

PRAYER TIME

Student leader or mentor collect prayer requests and specifically pray for Invite Week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student leaders use this time to share any announcements coming up for the club.



LOVING OTHERS

MAIN POINT: We are called to love others

SCRIPTURE: John 13:35

START UP

WELCOME (2 mins)

SAY: Welcome to First Priority! Today is Connect Week. We are so excited that you were able to make it. Here at First Priority, our mission is to take the hope of Christ to every student on campus! Each week, we get to explore God's Word and grow together in reaching our campus for Christ.

OPENING PRAYER

(Student leader or mentor leads in opening prayer)

GAME (10 mins) – Knock Em' Over

Have all students stand up and find a partner. They stand back to back and on "1,2,3, Go!" they stand on one foot and turn around (usually by jumping/hopping). Whoever loses balance and puts their other foot on the ground (or falls over) first loses. Partners can bump into each other, push, etc. The winners find new partners and advance to the next round. To keep all students interested, have the "losers" follow and cheer on whoever beat them.

TOOL TIME

DEVOTION

READ: John 13:35, "Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The sign of a Christian is love.

ASK:

How many people know you're a Christian because of your loving lifestyle?

EXPLAIN:

We sing about love, talk about love, pray about love, and study love. But do we do it? To develop love as your life principle and make it your greatest aim, you have to take

some action. Love acts! First, start showing love in your current relationships.

ASK:

- Have you acted unlovingly toward someone?
- How am I suppose to act as a Jesus follower?

EXPLAIN:

If the most important aim in life is to love, we need to build as many relationships as possible. Why? Because the world will know about God's love by the way we love each other and especially by the way they are loved by Christians.

You cannot live a loving lifestyle as a hermit. You spell love T-I-M-E. It takes time to love other people. If you love your friends, you've got to spend time with them. If you love your family, you've got to spend time with them. If you love Jesus, you've got to spend time with Him. Love always costs time and energy. But it's always worth it.

ASK:

What would happen if everyone in our First Priority club loved like this?

SAY: If we all committed ourselves to acting in love and giving our time unselfishly so that people could experience a taste of how much God loves them? It would change this school and even the world. People are attracted to Christ more than they are persuaded to Him. They're attracted by the love of God shown through the people who follow Him. And they won't care what we know until they first know that we care. Today in our club, during this Connect Week, let's think of ways that we can love people in our school and all around us.

DIG IN

CLOSING PRAYER

(Student leader or mentor collect prayer requests and pray)

Tool Time continued

for the club and the local church.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 mins)

(Students leaders use this time to share any announcement coming up for the club.)