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# GOSPEL TOOLS







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**Welcome to the First Priority Gospel Tools Guide!**

This resource is designed to complement your monthly HOPE or EPIC Guide by providing additional tools to help you effectively share the Gospel both inside and outside of your club. While not every tool may be a perfect fit for your specific needs, we've gathered a variety of options to equip and empower you to share the Gospel in meaningful ways!

Our goal is to provide you with an abundance of resources so that you can confidently and creatively share the message of hope with those around you.

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# GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y.

The word Gospel means Good News. It 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 believes.



**S**cripture tells us who Jesus is and what He has done. The people who wrote the biographies of Jesus' life said that He is the Son of God. We can look to Him to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about Jesus coming to rescue people from their brokenness because He is the true King.



**T**rue identity begins with knowing that God created us. He created everything and called everything He made, *good*. God created humans to know Him and represent Him. He created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine.



**O**ur lives are broken by sin. The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him and broke their relationship with Him. All of us have also failed to love God and other people in the way that we were created to do. Because of this, our lives and the world as we know it are broken. We often feel distant and disconnected from God and others. We need someone to reconnect us to God and His purpose for our lives.



**R**ead love is Jesus giving His life for ours. Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God. Jesus died and was buried, but God raised Him from the dead. There were over five hundred people who saw Him alive. He is the true King who rescued us by His love.



**Y**ou are invited into God's story. The Gospel of Jesus was written so that you would believe that He is the Son of God and have eternal life. This new life begins by trusting and following Jesus.



# GOSPEL BRACELETS

*Gospel Bracelets are an easy way to share the Gospel.*



**Yellow Bead:** The Love of God is more precious than GOLD!



**Black Bead:** The sin in our lives is the problem that only God can cleanse.



**Red Bead:** Jesus died on the cross to cover our sins. His blood is the only way to be free from our sin.



**White Bead:** Invite your friends to be saved and find the blackness of sin can be turned white as snow through the blood of Jesus.



**Green Bead:** Just as the grass and trees grow and mature, so can your walk with Christ. Spiritual growth happens through reading God's Word, getting involved in a local church, and prayer.

*You can make your own or order them online!*





# THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS

*Just as there are physical laws that govern the physical universe, so are there spiritual laws that govern your relationship with God.*

## LAW 1

**God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.**

### **God's Love:**

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

### **God's Plan:**

[Christ speaking] "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" [that it might be full and meaningful.] (John 10:10)

**Why is it that most people are not experiencing that abundant life? Because...**

## LAW 2

**Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.**

### **Man is Sinful:**

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

Man was created to have fellowship with God; but, because of his stubborn self-will, he chose to go his own independent way and fellowship with God was broken. This self-will, characterized by an attitude of active rebellion or passive indifference, is evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

### **Man Is Separated:**

"The wages of sin is death" [spiritual separation from God.] (Romans 6:23)

**The third law explains the only way to bridge this gap...**



# LAW 3

**Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him, you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.**

## **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)

## **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)

## **He 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 is not enough just to know these three laws...**

# LAW 4

**We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.**

## **We Must Receive Christ:**

"As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name." (John 1:12)

## **We Receive Christ Through Faith:**

"By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as result of works that no one should boast." (Ephesians 2:8, 9)

## **When We Receive Christ, We Experience a New Birth:**

(Read John 3:1-8.)

## **We Receive Christ Through Personal Invitation:**

[Christ speaking] "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him." (Revelation 3:20)





# G.O.S.P.E.L.

## EVER WONDER ABOUT GOD?

Have you ever wondered about God? You're not alone. Most everyone comes to a point in their life where they wonder about God –whether He exists, what He's like, and what He wants from them.

These are important questions. Your friends are going to ask you these questions. Here is a simple plan to use to explain the plan of salvation and being in fellowship with God.

**G O D** created us to be with Him.

**O U R** sins separate us from God.

**S I N S** cannot be removed by good deeds.

**P A Y I N G** the price for sin, Jesus died & rose again.

**E V E R Y O N E** who trusts in Him alone has eternal life.

**L I F E** with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

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OR SCAN THE QR CODE.







# THE ROMANS ROAD

1

**Romans 3:10** - As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;"

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**Romans 3:23** - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

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**Romans 5:8** - But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

4

**Romans 5:12** - Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

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

6

**Romans 10:9-11** - Because, 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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

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**Romans 10:13** - For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans Road lays out the plan of salvation through a series of Bible verses from the book of Romans. When arranged in order, these verses form an easy, systematic way of explaining the message of salvation. There are many different versions of Romans Road with slight variations in Scriptures, but the basic message and method is the same. Many evangelical missionaries, evangelists, and lay people memorize and use the Romans Road when sharing the good news. **Romans Road Clearly Defines: who needs salvation, why we need salvation, how God provides salvation, and how we receive salvation.**



# GOSPEL SURVEY

*A few questions you can use to get the conversation started and open the door to talking with friends about spiritual matters.*

**The Christian Bible is the only true revelation of God, authored by God, 100% accurate with total authority in everything it says.**

**TOTALLY AGREE SOMEWHAT AGREE DON'T KNOW  
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE TOTALLY DISAGREE**

**The first man, Adam, willfully disobeyed God resulting in sin, death, curse, and condemnation for all mankind.**

**TOTALLY AGREE SOMEWHAT AGREE DON'T KNOW  
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**We are all born unrighteous, condemned, slaves of sin, rightly deserving of God's eternal punishment for every single sin no matter how small.**

**TOTALLY AGREE SOMEWHAT AGREE DON'T KNOW  
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**Jesus is fully God and fully man, born of a virgin without a sin nature, and lived a sinless life of perfect obedience in order to earn righteousness for all who would believe.**

**TOTALLY AGREE SOMEWHAT AGREE DON'T KNOW  
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**On the Cross, Jesus became our curse, bore our sins in His body, and suffered and exhausted the infinite wrath of God for all who would believe.**

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# TAKE 5 AND PRAY FOR 5



**Highlight Scripture:** "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." **Matthew 5:44**



**Explain:** Who would you say your enemies are? (Allow students to respond). This can bring up different kinds of feelings, from betrayal to gossip. As we think of who these people are, start praying that God will give you a heart to love them.

Let's read what Jesus says we should do with our enemies in Matthew chapter 5 verses 43 and 44. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' BUT I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," Why should we pray for our enemies?

Because Jesus did. He prayed for those who opposed Him, for those who betrayed Him, and as He was hung on the cross, He asked God to forgive them. Jesus modeled how we should pray for our enemies and commanded us to do the same. Our hearts should desire for our enemies to have a relationship with Jesus and their presence in Heaven. So we pray like the apostle Paul did in Romans chapter 10 verse 1, "Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved."

Today our Help Tool will be something as simple as a card to remind us to take 5 and pray for 5.



**Apply:** Think of 5 people you would consider your enemy and commit to take 5 minutes a day and pray for their salvation and for God to give you an opportunity to share Jesus with them.



# TAKE 5 AND PRAY FOR 5



**Respond:** Take a few minutes and begin praying for your Take 5.

Here is a sample prayer:

God, I lift \_\_\_\_\_ up to You today and ask that You help me to see them like You see them. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would come to know you personally. God give me the words and the opportunity to share how to begin a relationship with You. In Jesus name, I pray, amen!

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*List Your 5*



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# EVANGECUBE AND EBALL

## **A FEW TESTIMONIALS OF HOW THESE WORK:**

- “There are many witnessing tools I use yet this is the most effortless while I'm working. The eCube Classic sits on the side of my desk and inevitably most everyone who stands to speak with me for any amount of time picks it up. As we are chatting they are flipping it. Without fail, I am able to share the Gospel simply from the curiosity the eCube Classic generates. I highly recommend the 'Between You and God eTrack' as well. This gives them something to take home when the eCube Classic is returned to its waiting state.”
- “Been afraid of sharing the Gospel? Now anyone, using the Evangecube, can share the Gospel with confidence. After a while, the cube pictures are fixed in your mind and YOU can share Christ by remembering the pictures and what they mean.”



The new eBall is a tournament-quality Size 5 Soccer Ball that's been completely redesigned and rebuilt to stand up to rough playing conditions. Using the five colors, you can simply share an effective Gospel message that connects with hearts.



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# MILLION DOLLAR TRACT

**The Million Dollar Question:** Will you go to Heaven when you die? This is an important question to answer because when you die, you will stand before God's judgment seat for sentencing. What will the verdict be? Heaven or Hell? You can know the answer to this question right now! Compare your life to the standard God gave us in the Ten Commandments. Do you think you have kept them? Have you ever lied, stolen, or committed adultery? Have you ever lusted after someone? Have you ever used God's name in vain or put anything in your life ahead of God? If you have broken any of these commandments, you are guilty before God. He cannot overlook your sin. No just judge would let someone get off for breaking the law. You deserve to be punished, and the penalty God gives for sin is an eternity in His prison, a place called Hell. This is the worst of death sentences! But there is good news! God offers you the hope of forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Jesus took upon Himself your death sentence, then was raised from His tomb by God, defeating sin and death so you can also! This is the good news that God gives you and me. What God commands you to do is repent (turn away from your sins), confess Jesus as your Lord, and be united with Christ's death and resurrection by being baptized. If you do this, God will wash your sins away and give you the hope of eternal life in Heaven.



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	First, put your <b>thumb</b> up and say, "I've got Good News!" John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." It is a <b>FREE</b> gift and available <b>RIGHT NOW!</b> What stands in our way of receiving this <b>FREE</b> gift?		First, put your <b>thumb</b> up and say, "I've got Good News!" John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." It is a <b>FREE</b> gift and available <b>RIGHT NOW!</b> What stands in our way of receiving this <b>FREE</b> gift?
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	Sixth, point to the palm of your hand and say: We are secure and safe in the hand of God! John 10:27-29 says, "...I give eternal life to my sheep and they will never perish; and no one can snatch them out of my hand..." The devil cannot steal you either. Does this all make sense? Would you be willing to trust and receive Jesus right now as your Savior? Pray with me!		Sixth, point to the palm of your hand and say: We are secure and safe in the hand of God! John 10:27-29 says, "...I give eternal life to my sheep and they will never perish; and no one can snatch them out of my hand..." The devil cannot steal you either. Does this all make sense? Would you be willing to trust and receive Jesus right now as your Savior? Pray with me!



# CHOOSE LOVE



**Highlight Scripture:** “This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

**1 John 4:10-11**



**Explain:** You’ve probably heard at church or at home that you should love others. But you may have wondered, what does that look like? What does it really mean to love others?

Love looks different from what you see on TV. It looks different than what you hear in the hallways at school. True love, the way God meant it, looks way different than the way we see it portrayed. Many times, the definition of love on TV or at school goes something like this: “I’ll love you, if you can do something for me, or if you can give me something.” However, this isn’t the meaning of “loving others” that the Bible describes.

First John chapter 4 verses 10 and 11 say, “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the payment for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” These verses show us that God defines love differently than what we see at school and on TV. God didn’t wait for us to be able to give Him something for Him to love us. God loved us first and gave His Son before we even knew Him. Wow, that’s LOVE! Then God challenges us to take the love He gave to us and show it to others.

Loving others isn’t based on how others treat us. It is based on God’s love and grace, which empowers us to then love others. We are to love others and value them, not because they have done anything to deserve it, but because it is the example God showed us first. But don’t take my word for it. First John chapter 4 verse 19 says, “We love because He first loved us.” So today choose to love others. Treat them with respect that’s not based on what they can do for you or how they treat you, but rather is based on how God treats you!





# CHOOSE LOVE



**Apply:** Today's Help Tool will help you share with others that Jesus loves them and so do you. We are going to use a simple Valentine's Day card to tell others about the love of Jesus. Choose today to show LOVE.



**Respond:** Take a few minutes to pray over and personalize your Valentine's Day Cards.



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**Bottom Line:** We love others because God first loved us.



# CHOOSE JESUS



**Highlight Scripture:** “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” **Joshua 24:14-15**



**Explain:** Who you are today determines who you will be tomorrow. If you want to be a better student, you have to decide today to study and put in the work. If you want to grow in your relationship with God, you have to decide today to spend time reading His Word, the Bible. So when we decide what we want to do with our lives, we have more control than we think.

In Joshua chapter 24 verse 14, Joshua gave Israel a challenge: “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.” The decision was in their hands. God did not force Himself on anyone, but Joshua had already decided that he would follow and serve the Lord. In verse 15, Joshua gave them the choice: to serve the gods of their fathers or serve the Lord. You see, we do not need to convince people to serve the Lord. We have nothing to fear and everything to gain by presenting the options and giving our friends and family the right to make up their own minds.

Then Joshua made it personal at the end of verse 15: “But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” At the end of the day, it comes down to this: YOU must choose to serve the Lord. It won’t happen by accident. You must begin each day by choosing to serve Him and then follow up that decision with a bunch of small choices in the right direction. If you follow Jesus, there will come a time when you must say, “Do what you want, and whatever you do, I will still be your friend, but I am going to serve the Lord.”

The request is clear: Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. I pray you will make the right choice. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.



# CHOOSE JESUS



**Apply:** Today's Help Tool is the Life/Death card. Take the Life/Death card and begin with the word Death showing. Read the top of the card, "For the wages of sin is death". Then flip the card clockwise to show the word Life and read the top of the card, "But the gift of God is eternal life." Next, read the verses on the back as you continue to share the Gospel.



**Respond:** Let's get into groups and practice the Help Tool, before we leave today. Pray for God to give you the boldness to begin the conversation about Jesus with the world.



**Bottom Line:** Decide today who you will be tomorrow and who you will serve.

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**JESUS LOVES YOU**

**We have all sinned and are separated from God.**  
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

**But God still loves us.**  
"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

**Sin earns us death in hell but God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ.**  
"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

**If we confess our sins and turn from them, believe in our heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, we will be saved.**  
"Because, 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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:9-10,13

**CHOOSE JESUS TODAY**





# CHOOSE LISTENING



**Highlight Scripture:** “Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.” **James 1:19**



**Explain:** We live in a world of talk. Talk, talk, talk. Speak, speak, speak. Everyone, it seems, wants to be heard. We have become a culture full of talking heads, regardless of where we find ourselves. And the chatter is deafening. Into this noise comes the words of James in chapter 1 verse 19, “Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.” This verse is almost impossible to understand by a culture intent on talking. We have it backwards: we are quick to speak, slow to hear.

Do you remember the story of Martha and Mary in Luke chapter 10 verses 38 through 42? Luke offers us a helpful contrast in speaking and listening. Martha was frantically trying to make dinner preparations for Jesus and the disciples. I envision her running around the house, uttering things under her breath like, “I can’t believe Jesus is here on such short notice” and “Why doesn’t Mary get in here and help me?” Unlike Martha in verse 39, it tells us what Mary was doing: “And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to His teaching.”

Not surprisingly, Martha gets a bit frustrated at Mary’s lack of effort with the event. So Martha does what we probably all would do under similar circumstances - she starts talking. In verses 40 through 42, it says, “But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’” We are not left to wonder which course of action Jesus commands. We see it in His gentle rebuke: “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

Mary was quick to listen and slow to speak. She knew when to be quiet. In a culture full of chatter, I want to learn how to be silent, so I can hear what the Lord wants to teach me. He’s speaking. Am I listening?



# CHOOSE LISTENING



**Apply:** Today we are going to use our Gospel Tool as a reminder to stop talking and start listening to God and others. Also, we will use The Cause Circle to help us be more intentional about sharing Jesus' message.

- Pass out the W.A.I.T. Stickers (Why Am I Talking) and place them on your binder or phone as a reminder to choose daily to listen.
- Then pass out The Cause Circle and explain: Prayer - Care - Share
  - **Prayer:** It all starts with prayer! Praying for the people we are seeking to reach with the Gospel prepares their hearts to hear the Good News of Jesus.
  - **Care:** Jesus modeled how important it is to care for people's needs. In the same way, we must love those we are trying to reach. We do this by listening to them and caring for them.
  - **Share:** After prayer and care, we must lovingly share the Gospel message clearly and confidently. When we invite someone to put their faith in Christ, we are inviting them to make the best decision of their lives.

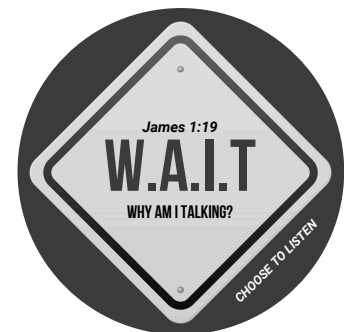


**Respond:** Let's take some time before we leave and fill out our The Cause Circle card.



**Bottom Line:** Choose today what James suggests in our highlight scripture; be quick to listen and slow to speak.

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# CHOOSE SACRIFICE



**Highlight Scripture:** “Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”  
**Hebrews 13:15-16**



**Explain:** Sacrifice. There’s no way to sugar-coat it. It hurts. It’s supposed to. Sacrifice isn’t pleasant. It is the act of giving up something you love or value for a greater purpose.

Paul says in Philippians chapter 2 verses 6 through 8 that Jesus, “emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” It’s important to understand what Jesus emptied Himself of. He left the comforts of heaven to come to earth, to take on human form, to die on a cross. He gave up all this so that He could meet our need for salvation. We will never be called to make that kind of sacrifice, but let’s look at some sacrifices we can make in response to Jesus’ sacrifice. In Hebrews chapter 13 verses 15 and 16, God tells us what sacrifices please Him, “Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” When we bring a “sacrifice of praise,” we choose to believe that, even though life is not going as we think it should, God is still good and can be trusted. When we choose to praise God, despite the storms, He is honored, and our faith grows deeper. Real praise continues, regardless of circumstances.

In verse 16, it tells the other sacrifices that please God: doing good and sharing with others. Instead of focusing on ourselves and our own needs, look for opportunities to pour into other people. Stop living for yourself. The world is full of people who are hurt, lost, and discouraged. You don’t have to save the world, Jesus already did that. But helping others is something He wants us to do. Don’t wait. Take the opportunity to help someone. You won’t regret it, and God won’t forget it - “For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”



# CHOOSE SACRIFICE



**Apply:** This week's Help Tool will help you share Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and how you can choose a relationship with Him. Pass out an eFold to each student and explain what each section means, by following the instructions in the packet.



**Respond:** Let's get into groups and practice sharing the eFold, before we leave today.



**Bottom Line:** Choose today to live a life of sacrifice.

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# CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY



**Highlight Scripture:** “Live wisely among those who are not believers and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.”

**Colossians 4:5-6**



**Explain:** Have you ever been noticed for something you did well? How about getting called out for something you did that wasn't so good? (Allow students time to respond.)

People are watching. They sit back and observe. If your life consistently reflects Jesus and what you believe, it will give you the opportunity to speak the truth when the time is right. But the opposite is also true. If your talk doesn't match your walk, people will not want to hear what you have to say, and opportunities to share Jesus can be missed.

Paul reminds us in Colossians chapter 4 verses 5 and 6 to: “Live wisely among those who are not believers and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.” This is why, as believers, it matters how we act around those who do not believe in Jesus. Is the life you live for Jesus attractive to others? (Allow students to respond.)

How often have we missed opportunities to share Jesus with others? For some of us, sharing Jesus with others can be hard, while others find it easy. We can all challenge ourselves to look for opportunities every day to share about Jesus - maybe it is our faith story, a recent blessing, or an answer to prayer. God will give us all opportunities to share His goodness. Let us seize every opportunity to share Jesus and our hope for eternity.



**Apply:** Today's Help Tool is MySharePal app or the Ask, Listen, Lead Card. It will help us share the Gospel. If you are unable to download the MySharePal app, we have the Ask, Listen, Lead Cards that will guide you and the person you are sharing with through a series of questions.





# CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY



**Respond:** Let's get into groups and practice the Help Tool, before we leave today.



**Bottom Line:** Choose today to pray for opportunities to share Jesus with others.

## Ask, Listen, Lead



This survey card comes from the MySharePal app. You can use it to interview your friends. Ask the questions in a nice way. Listen to understand their answers. Don't be afraid to lead them by sharing about your relationship with God. Let them know that you are glad to talk more, if they have more questions. You would also be happy to pray with them, if they would like.

- Do you have any spiritual beliefs?
- Who do you think Jesus is?
- What do you think our purpose in life is?
- What do you think happens to you when you die?
- If there was a way to have a relationship with God and go to heaven would you want to know?
- Did you know that Jesus died and rose again, so that we could have a relationship with God?
- Could I read some verses from the Bible that are on the back of this card to you?
- Did those verses say anything special to you?
  - If YES - Would you like to begin a relationship with Jesus today? (Pray the prayer on the back.)
  - If NO - Do you mind if I pray for you? If not, that's okay.

## Scripture And Prayer

• **Romans 3:23** - all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

• **Romans 6:23** - the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

• **Romans 5:8** - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

• **Romans 10:9-10** - 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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

• **Romans 10:11 & 13** - Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

• **Ephesians 2:8-9** - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### Prayer:

God, I want to begin a relationship with you. I believe the Good News of Jesus. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and rose again, so that I could have a relationship with Him. I know that I am not perfect, so I ask that you forgive me of the things that I have done wrong. I invite you to come into my life. I choose to trust and follow you now and forever. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



## MYSHAREPAL CARDS



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# CHOOSE PRAYER



**Highlight Scripture:** “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” **Romans 12:12**



**Explain:** How is your prayer life? It is a simple question, but it can be tough to answer. We may think we have to pray with fancy words, but prayer is simply talking to God. Throughout the day, God longs to hear our requests.

For example: “Thank you for this breakfast, Lord.” – “God, help me to focus on my schoolwork.” – “Lord, help me love this person right now.” – “God, will you show me what to do?”

The best way to strengthen your relationship with God is through developing a prayer life. Just like with any relationship, you make a point to communicate daily to show that you love and care for them. With God, it is no different. Romans chapter 12 verse 12 says, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” We rejoice in the hope that God will take care of everything. Our patience shows others that we are different in how we handle trials, and we are constant in prayer, knowing that God hears our requests.

So how can you be constant in prayer? You CHOOSE to. That might seem so simple, but without choosing each day to spend time in conversation with God, we will find ourselves not praying at all. Next, you need to pick a time and place where you can be alone with God. Jesus gave us a glimpse of what that looks like in Mark chapter 1 verse 35, “And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.” Jesus got up before everyone else to go spend time alone with God praying. What time works best for you? It could be in the morning before school, on the bus ride, or maybe in the evening before you go to bed. Whatever time you choose, let’s start today by making an appointment to spend time praying to God.



# CHOOSE PRAYER



**Apply:** Take a few minutes and fill out the appointment card for your prayer time with God. (*Give students a few minutes.*) Now that you have set the time and place, below is a simple way to start off your time in prayer.

- t is for Thank You – Take time to thank God for all He has done.
- s is for Sorry – Ask God for forgiveness for things you have done wrong.
- p is for Please – Ask God for what you need or for the needs of others.



**Respond:** Let's take some time before we leave today and begin filling out our Teaspoon (.tsp) Prayer Journals.



**Bottom Line:** A better question than “How’s your prayer life?” would be “Did you choose to pray today?”



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**PRAYER TIME**  
**APPOINTMENT WITH GOD**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**.tsp (Teaspoon Prayer)**

**t** is for **THANK YOU!**  
*Take time to thank God for all that He has done for you.*

**s** is for **SORRY!**  
*Ask God for forgiveness for the things that you have done wrong.*

**p** is for **PLEASE!**  
*Ask God for what you need and for the needs of others.*





# CANDY CANE GOSPEL

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### SHEPHERD'S STAFF...

*Jesus is the Good Shepherd.*  
John 10:14

### RED STRIPES...

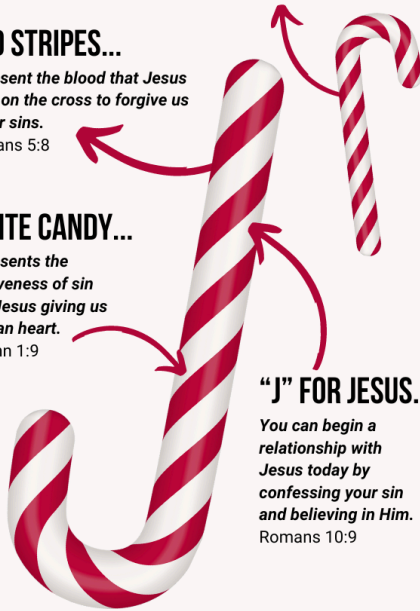
*represent the blood that Jesus shed on the cross to forgive us of our sins.*  
Romans 5:8

### WHITE CANDY...

*represents the forgiveness of sin and Jesus giving us a clean heart.*  
1 John 1:9

### "J" FOR JESUS...

*You can begin a relationship with Jesus today by confessing your sin and believing in Him.*  
Romans 10:9



The candy cane holds deep symbolic meaning, starting with its shape, which resembles a shepherd's staff. As Jesus says in John 10:14, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." The red stripe on the candy cane represents the blood Jesus shed to forgive our sins, echoing Romans 5:8: "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." The need for this forgiveness is underscored in Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

The white candy symbolizes the forgiveness of sins and a clean heart, as 1 John 1:9 reminds us: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Finally, when the candy cane is turned upside down, it forms a "J" for Jesus. To begin a relationship with Him, Romans 10:9 instructs us: "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."

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# THREE-TWO-ONE

*There are three core truths that, once you get them, can totally change how you see the Bible and God's world. Think of it like 3, 2, 1...*

**3: GOD IS THREE PERSONS UNITED IN LOVE.**

**2: THE STORY OF THE WORLD IS THE STORY OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES.**

**1: YOU ARE ONE WITH ADAM. BE ONE WITH JESUS.**



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