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Engage Week Leader Guide

Engage Week: A time for students to engage their school with the gospel.



PRE MEETING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Confirm your student guest speaker and remind them to be prepared to share the gospel and an invitation to accept Christ. More Gospel presentation options can be found at firstpriority.club
- Confirm that student follow up cards have been printed and will be ready to hand out to students as they enter your meeting space. Faculty sponsors can print for you if requested in advance.
- Confirm that arrangements for food for the club have been completed and that it is ready to serve just before club opening.

INTRODUCTION: 3 minutes

- Allow students to fellowship as student leaders prepare the group activity.

Welcome Students

- **Engage Week Host:** "Welcome to First Priority! Today we are going to start with a game to get to know one another. There is food for everyone here, so please feel free to grab a bite to eat while we get started."

GROUP ACTIVITY TIME: 5 minutes

- Game: Oreo Head
- Preparation: Bring a bag of Oreos
- Play: 5-7 students stand in front of the club and place an Oreo cookie on their forehead with their head tilted back. Then, on the word “go”, they must try to get the cookie down to their mouth without using their hands. The first one to eat the Oreo wins.

GROUP TALK: Gospel, Invitation, and Response Cards – 15 minutes

Introduce Student Sharing the Gospel

- **Engage Week Host:** “Today, my friend, _____ is going to share about something that is very important to them. Please listen respectfully as it takes a lot of courage to speak in front of others. You all were given a student response card that looks like this (hold up a sample card) when you came in. Just hold on to them and we will explain what they are for later.”

Gospel

- **Gospel Presenter:** Begin the presentation by sharing a short version of your testimony.



FIRST PRIORITY STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

My Name: _____ Grade: _____

Who invited you to FP today? _____
If you attend church, which one? _____

My Response to the Gospel Message TODAY:

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GOSPEL PRESENTATION: R.O.C.K.



1. RECOGNIZE WHO GOD IS.

He is Holy, good, and Ruler of all things.

In **Revelation 4:8**, we see God's angels chanting,

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty— who was and is and is to come!"

God is Holy, Almighty, Eternal and we have broken His laws.

2. OWN UP TO OUR SIN.

Not just listing the wrongs you've done but agreeing with God that you have lived in sin, committed wrongs against Him, and deserve the consequences.

Romans 3:10-12 says,

As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; No one understands; no one seeks God. All have turned aside; together they have become useless. No one does good, not even one."

You see if we are honest all of us have probably lied, spoken evil towards people, or yelled in anger at others. We have broken the commands and tried to do things our way. And that way leads to death.

So what can we do?

3. CONFESS YOUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS AND MAKE JESUS LORD OF YOUR LIFE.

This means you confess your helplessness to God, ask for His mercy in forgiving you, and confess your desire to follow Jesus.

Romans 3:23-24 says,

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,"

God has made a way for us to be saved through believing in His son, Jesus. All we have to do is talk to God, own up to our sins, and ask Jesus to be our Lord from this moment onward.

GOSPEL PRESENTATION (continued)

Romans 10:9 says,

“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.”

Once you’ve had that honest discussion with God (prayer) and acknowledged that Jesus is Lord, your past is erased and your future forever secure.

4. KNOW THAT JESUS WILL NEVER LET YOU GO.

This is important because if you are taking these steps to be a disciple/follower of Jesus you need to know that not everything you do will be right. You are still going to stumble and get tripped up, but God is at work within you to overcome all things. Keep moving forward. Keep your eyes on Christ the One who founded or started our faith and the one who finishes and perfects our faith. We are not alone in this, so don’t let doubts or mistakes keep you from the good things that God is doing in and through you.

Ephesians 4:30 says,

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST AS SAVIOR

1. Confess your need (I am broken and in sin)
2. Change your direction in life, knowing that God’s way of living is better than our way of living
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and was raised to life to save you and restore your relationship to God
4. Receive through prayer the free gift of salvation and begin your journey as part of the family of God.



WHAT TO PRAY

Father God,

I know that I am broken, and I need your forgiveness. Jesus, I believe you died and were raised so I could be saved. I want to turn away from my old life and toward a completely new life with You in Your family. Right now, I put my trust in You and invite You to come into my life and change it. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

STUDENT RESPONSE CARDS: 5 minutes

Opportunity to connect

- If everyone would just take a minute and think about what was shared today. If you decided to follow Jesus today, then on your response card, simply let us know that you made that decision so that we can connect with you and answer any questions you may have to celebrate your new life in Jesus.
- If you have questions or would like us to help you find a local church youth group, mark that on your student card so we can connect with you and just listen to what you have to say. We would love to help you find what you are looking for.
- If you are not interested, that's okay to. No one here will judge you, we are just excited that you are hanging out with us today.

STUDENT RESPONSE CARD

My response to the gospel message today
(please only check one):

Today, I prayed to receive Christ

I would like more information about the Gospel

I have already prayed to receive Christ before today

I am not interested

My name _____

Cell # _____

Church you Attend _____

Who invited you to First Priority today? _____

The information you put on this card will be given to a student leader to follow up with you. Your information will not be stored or given to anyone else.

WRAP UP & PRAYER: 2 minutes

- As we wrap up, I want to close in prayer, but first I wanted you to know that _____ is available to connect with you if you have questions today. Also, the response cards can be given to _____ and will only be used for follow up requests. Thank you for coming today and please join with me as I close us out in prayer thanking God for His love for all of us today.
- **Student Leader:** Thank you so much for coming today! Please turn in your card to _____ before you leave. We meet here every week at this time, so you are all invited to come back next week.

FOLLOW UP GUIDE

Following up with those who just committed their lives to Jesus or have questions is equally as important as sharing the Gospel! This guide will give you a few pointers on how to do follow up correctly. If your club chooses, you can put one student leader in charge of the follow-up process or delegate to a team of students. Remember, your main goal is to be **HELPFUL!**

SIX THINGS TO DO WHEN FOLLOWING UP

- 1. Determine how many and what kind of follow-up has been requested.** As soon as possible, read through the response cards after you have collected them and let your Campus Coach know how many people committed their lives to Christ and how many students have questions or want someone to follow up with them.
- 2. Organize the response card information.** Write down on the follow-up chart the names, response, and contact info of everyone who made decisions and requested to talk with someone.
- 3. Make contact within 24 hours with everyone who responded** to the Gospel on Engage Week. This can be done by text message, personal conversation at school or social media, just remember to check with your parents for permission before contacting someone you do not know. The initial message should be something like this: *"Hello _____! My name is _____ and I saw that you came to First Priority club this week! We are really excited you came and we hope you'll come back next week. I also noticed that you marked on your response card that you [prayed to begin a relationship with Christ] -or- [wanted to talk with someone about the Gospel] so I wanted to ask how I could help you."* If you have questions about their responses, you can contact your Campus Coach for guidance.
- 4. Invite them to church!** If they were invited by a friend to First Priority, ask that friend to invite them to youth group this week, since they are more likely to attend church with someone they know. If they plan to go to church for the first time, you can also ask your campus coach to notify the student pastor that they will be having a new guest this week! Make sure to discard any response cards that you will not be needing for follow-up.
- 5. Offer a free Bible to those who prayed to receive Christ** if Bibles are available through your First Priority club or church. Make sure one is available before you offer and make sure they receive it if they accept.
- 6. Share any cool stories of salvation and new local youth group** members with your Campus Coach! He or she will want to celebrate with you about what God is doing through your club!

ENGAGE WEEK FOLLOW UP

School: _____ Month: _____

Mtg: _____ Coordinator: _____

Student Name	Committed life to Christ	Wants to talk with someone	Wants info on a local church	Follow up dates and details
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Notes: