

# FAITHFULNESS

## 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](http://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: Mix & Meet
- Preparation: Bags of M&M's
- Play: Get into groups of 5. Give each person a handful of M&M's.

Each color has a different meaning: Blue – family, Green – hobbies, Yellow – food, Red – movie, Brown – pets, Orange - music

However many M&Ms they have in their hands, that is how many facts they must tell.

For example, if they have three blue, they would have to say three facts about their family. Call on a few volunteers to share something new/interesting they learned.

**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.



# GOSPEL PRESENTATION: S.Q.U.A.D.

Who makes up your squad? Most likely your squad is made up of the people in your life that you have the closest bond with. I consider God to be the main member of mine. He is number one, he calls the shots, and I think no real squad is complete without Him. He is my friend – but more than that – He is my Lord. Today, I'd like to tell you why.

## 1. SIN SEPARATES.

As we all know, nobody is perfect. In fact, we all have sinned and fallen short of God's standard. Our sin destroys our connection with God. We simply cannot be good enough to reach heaven or earn salvation.

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

## 2. QUIT TRYING TO SAVE YOURSELF.

Even though we know we fall short, we often are stubborn and keep trying to do things our own way. We must stop trying to do things our own way and start doing things God's way. We must let go of our own way and let God lead us into His way.

**Matthew 16:24**, *"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

## 3. UNDERSTAND GRACE.

The good news is, Jesus has sacrificed His life for you and me. He took on our guilt so that we could go free. He loves us deeply, unconditionally, and freely. This is an incredible gift offered to every single person in the entire world to accept or reject.

**2 Corinthians 5:21**, *"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*

## 4. ACTUALLY RESPOND TO THE OFFER OF SALVATION.

Sadly, many people claim to know about Jesus but nothing changes in their life. To know Jesus is to receive the gift of salvation and to grow in it. Accepting God's grace also involves putting God in charge of your life. The choice is yours.

**Romans 10:9**, *"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."*

## 5. DECIDE TO NEVER GO BACK TO THE OLD WAY OF LIVING.

Deciding to follow Jesus is not a second chance to do better, but an entirely new position to live from! This means that you must recognize that some of the characteristics of your old life do not belong to your new one in Christ. One cannot have it both ways – one must consider if following Jesus is worth saying goodbye to the old way of living.

**2 Corinthians 5:17**, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."*

If you are ready to go "all in" with Jesus today, I would love to show you how to join His squad.

### 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.



**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.