



A year of intentional choices to follow Jesus and share the Good News.

— CHOOSE THIS DAY —

Choose this day whom you will serve... Joshua 24:15



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INTRODUCTION

How to get the most out of your First Priority H.O.P.E. Guide

HELP WEEK • OVERCOME WEEK • PREPARE WEEK • ENGAGE WEEK



DEVO TIME

The HOPE Guide is designed to be used weekly. For example: on Monday, read through Help Week and put it into action the rest of the week. Then next Monday, read Overcome Week and do the same. So pick a day that works best for you, whether it is alone or with a group, and read that week's devotion.



PRAYER STOP

Spending time in prayer with God and praying for others.



H.E.A.R.

Listen to what God is telling you through His Word.

- Highlight Scripture
- Explain Context
- Apply to your life
- Respond



GO

Your challenge for the week.



SHARE

Telling your faith story to others.

STUDENT CHECK-IN

Click on QR Code and share where you are.



This month we will talk about how God defines love and how we choose to love others.

Loved,

First Priority Family



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My Prayer list for my school:



Listen to what God is telling you through His Word.

HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“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.” 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 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.

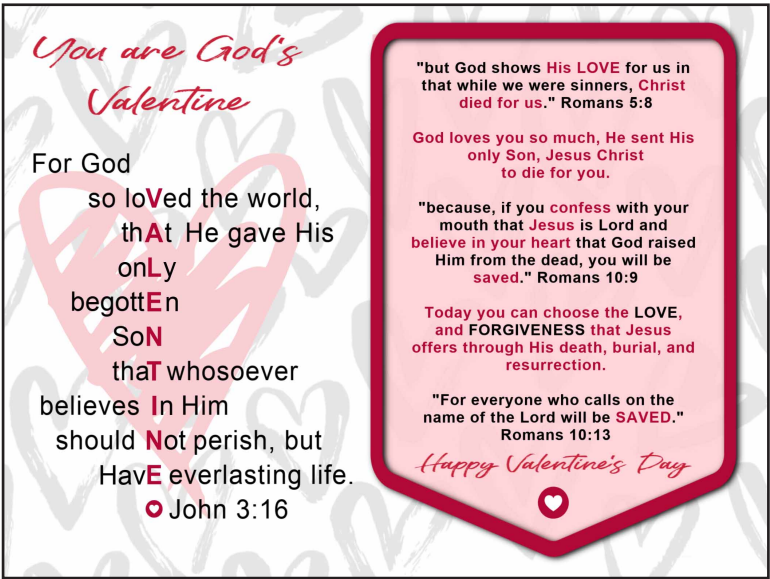
Loving others isn’t based on how others treat us. It is based on God’s love and grace, which empowers us to then love others. We are to

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!

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.



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HELP WEEK

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RESPOND

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



BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

We love others because God first loved us.

GO

Choose today to show LOVE to others .

TAKING THE HOPE OF CHRIST TO EVERY STUDENT

SIGN UP TODAY

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OVERCOME WEEK

Overcoming things that keep you from sharing the Good News of Jesus.

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My Prayer list for my family:

WOULD YOU RATHER:

- Would you rather have the neck of a giraffe or the hands of a baby?
- Would you rather fall asleep during class or during lunch?
- Would you rather give up your phone or give up junk food?
- Would you rather know who you will marry or how many kids you will have?
- Would you rather find true love or win a million dollars?



Listen to what God is telling you through His Word.

HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How do you read it?’ And he answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.’” Luke 10:25-27

EXPLAIN

In these verses, Jesus was teaching the people when a lawyer stands up and asks Jesus a question, “What do I need to do to inherit eternal life?” and Jesus questions him back, “What does the law say?” The man answers by quoting scripture, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus then says, “Do this and you will live!” Wow, that’s all there is? Well, not really. There’s more. We must love God with more than just words and actions.

Let's break this down: "All your heart" means to love God with all your desires, without hiding anything. "All your soul" means to love God with your innermost being, the real you. "All your strength" means loving God with everything you have. "With all your mind" means to love God with everything you think about. When we love God like that, we will love our neighbors, too. Who are our neighbors? Everyone. We love others because God loves us.

When we begin a relationship with Jesus, we give Him our heart, soul, strength, and mind. It is then that we can love others the way He loves us. The greatest need people around us have is to have the love of Jesus through salvation. What do you need to overcome to choose to love your neighbor as yourself?

APPLY

If others are ever going to see the love of Jesus, they may have to see it through a person in their school who is different in how they act and react. The love of Jesus breaks down barriers, and we get to share, and to show that love to our friends and classmates.

RESPOND

- How can you show the love of Jesus to a friend or classmate?
- What struggles do you have with loving other people?
- How have you been shown love?

BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Forgiving others shows the love of Jesus!



Look for opportunities this week to tell others they are loved by God.



OVERCOME WEEK

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PREPARE WEEK

Preparing your story of
believing the Good
News of Jesus.

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My Prayer list for myself:



Today you will learn a creative way to share your faith story.

THE STORY OF HIS GREAT LOVE

What comes to mind when you think of a great love story? Is it something you saw on TV or maybe how your parents met? How about a love story that begins with you being separated from the one person who loves you the most? How far are you willing to go for someone you love?

In John chapter 3 verse 16, we read just how far God is willing to go to be a part of our story. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Have you experienced that love? If so, take a few minutes and write about how you came to personally know God and how you know He loves you.

On the next page is the Prepare Week Worksheet.
Write your story in the space provided.



PREPARE WEEK WORKSHEET

THE STORY OF HIS GREAT LOVE

In the space provided below take a few minutes and write about how you came to personally know God and how you know He loves you.



Share with someone how you personally know that God loves you. In doing that you are sharing your story.



ENGAGE WEEK

Engaging your school
with the Good News
of Jesus.

CHOOSE LOVE



My Prayer list for my friends who don't know Jesus:

GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. SCRIPTURE - TRUE - OUR - REAL - YOU

The word **Gospel** means **Good News**. It was used to announce good news about a new king. The good news told about the king's message, actions, and victories. The Gospel of Jesus is found in the Bible. It is the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Gospel story also tells us who we are, why we are broken, and how Jesus is the King who gave His life to rescue us. We are invited to be a part of God's story by trusting and following Jesus.

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The greatest love stories are about someone making a sacrifice for the person they love. Did you know that someone loved you so much that they gave their life for you? Jesus did. He is the perfect example of love. John chapter 15 verse 13 says, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." After saying this, He gave His life for all people. This was the greatest act of love in human history because of who Jesus is.

The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.

TRUE
identity
begins
with
knowing
that God
created us.

But wait, why do we need Jesus to rescue us from our sins? Let me explain.

The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made good. He created humans to

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| <p>TRUE identity cont.</p> | <p>know Him and to represent Him on the earth (Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He has created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity.</p> <p>Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.</p> |
| <p>OUR lives are broken by sin.</p> | <p>The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God's purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. We often don't realize how much God loves us. Instead, we feel unloved and disconnected from God. We need God's love to rescue us.</p> |
| <p>REAL love is Jesus giving His life for ours.</p> | <p>Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins. He died and was buried, but on the third day, God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true king who rescued us by His love.</p> |
| <p>YOU are invited into God's story.</p> | <p>Jesus often said that He had power to forgive sins (Mark 2:10). His death and resurrection proved that He can forgive anyone who asks Him. He will forgive you! You are invited into God's story. It begins with a choice to believe in Jesus.</p> |

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Think about what you just read. If you have decided that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, you can pray this simple prayer.



PRAY: "God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen."

YOUR DECISION

Click on QR Code and tell us about your decision.



One way to share the love of God this week is by sharing the Good News of Jesus.

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MONTH'S HOPE GUIDE



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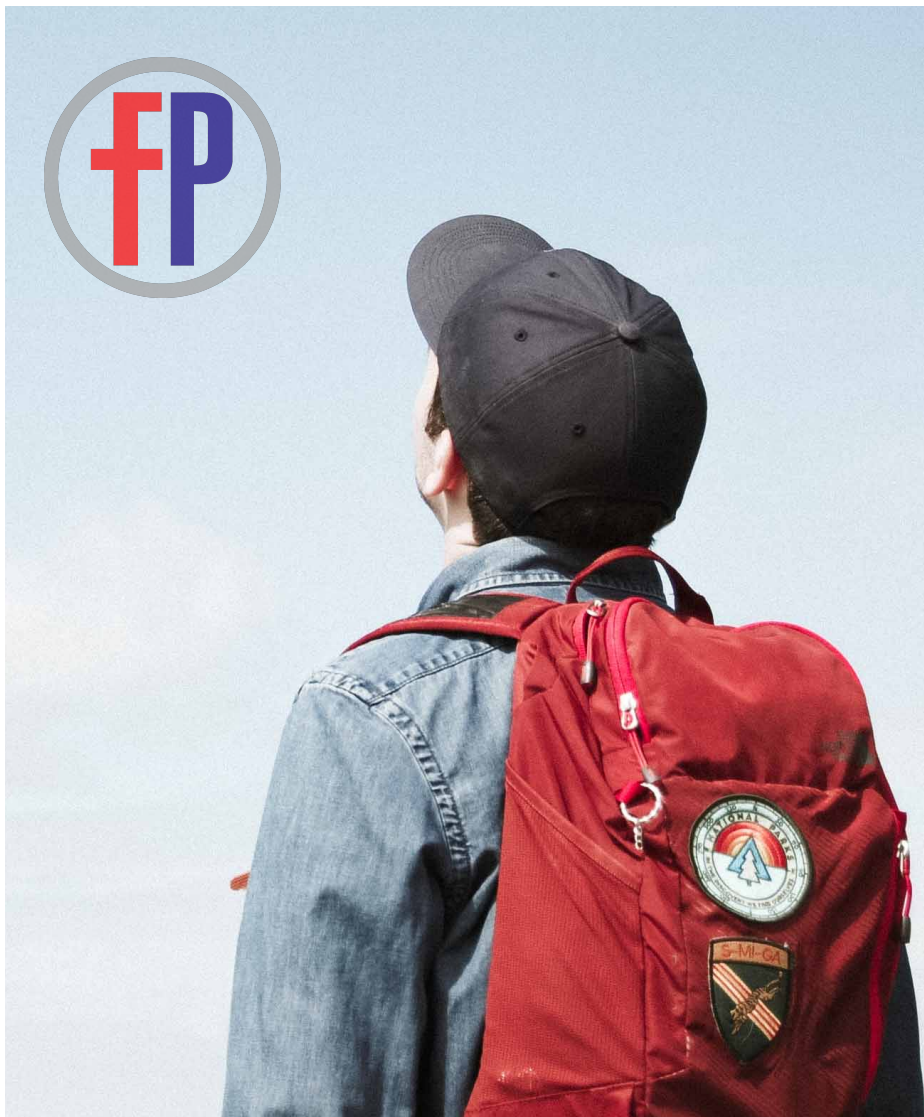
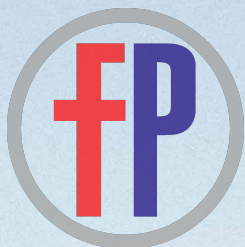


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