



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



FIRST PRIORITY HOPE GUIDE

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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 choosing to live a life of kindness.

Be Kind,

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

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:12

EXPLAIN

When you think about kindness, what comes to mind? We often think about kindness as a single act, such as “random acts of kindness” and not a part of who you are. However, the Bible tells us that we are to clothe ourselves in kindness, which goes far beyond just doing kind things for others “randomly.”

What if we stopped thinking of kindness as an action and started thinking of kindness as a part of who we are? In Colossians chapter 3 verse 12, it says, “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” This verse says that we are supposed to clothe ourselves with kindness. When you get dressed in the morning, do you just wear your clothes long enough for someone to see them before taking them off? Of course not! That would defeat the entire purpose of wearing clothes. In the same way, kindness should not be a single action completed and then forgotten. Instead, it should be something we put on, wrapped all around us, and worn all day long.

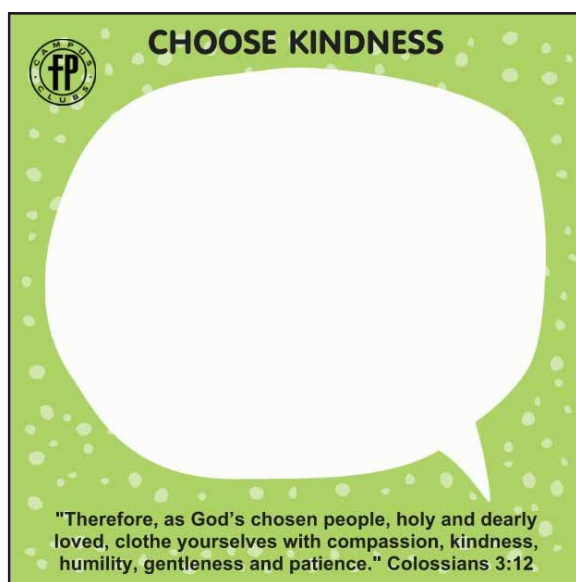
Here are a couple of ways that will help you be clothed with kindness every day. One is to pray for opportunities to be kind. Find things to compliment people on. Take a little extra time to think before you speak and ask yourself, “Am I building others up or tearing them

down?” In the words of Thumper, “If you can’t say something nice, don’t say nothing at all.”

It’s so important to show kindness to everyone, even the people who you don’t feel like being kind to. No matter what people look like on the outside, you never know what they are going through on the inside. It will never hurt to be kind, but it will always hurt to be unkind. In a world where you can be anything, be kind!

APPLY

Today’s Help Tool will help you show kindness to others. Use the attached post-it note to leave a kind word or phrase for someone this week.



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HELP WEEK

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RESPOND

Take a few minutes to pray over and personalize your Choose Kindness post-it note.

BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Kindness isn't something you do; it is who you are.

GO

Choose today to show kindness this week.

TAKING THE HOPE OF CHRIST TO EVERY STUDENT

SIGN UP TODAY

FIRST PRIORITY TEXT UPDATES



Text @ _____ to 81010 to stay in the loop.
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New Tech: @ntofp
Nimitz: @nimitzfp
OCA: @utpbfp
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Permian High: @permian2fp
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Midland High: @midlandfp
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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 lose all your teeth or lose all your hair?
- Would you rather have a pillow fight or a snowball fight?
- Would you rather end crime or end poverty?
- Would you rather be lied to or gossiped about?
- Would you rather know a lot of people or have one good friend?



Listen to what God is telling you through His Word.

HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

EXPLAIN

Have you ever spent time with someone who is always complaining and finding fault in everything or someone who is always negative about everything? Even when things are going well, they just can't seem to find a kind word. Sometimes it's difficult to be around people like that. Now think about someone who is always kind and has kind words to say in any situation. Which person would you rather be around? Which person are you?

In Ephesians chapter 4 verse 32, Paul gave us the command: “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” We should do this, because God was kind and tender-hearted to us. He was so kind that He gave His only Son, so that we could have eternity in heaven.

What do we need to overcome in our own lives to not just be kind but to live a life of kindness? We need to think about the words we use, before we use them. Are they kind and encouraging? If not, don't

say them. Are we building someone up or tearing them down, even if the words might be true? Kindness is also not complaining or gossiping. OUCH!! Kindness is letting someone go before us in line at the store or at the 4-way stop sign and maybe even putting the shopping cart in the cart corral. Kindness is thinking of others before ourselves. We know this is hard in this me-me-me culture.

The secret to kindness is to just be a kind person and not just sometimes. Let kindness be a lifestyle. When we have a relationship with Jesus, we have kindness in us. When we live a life of kindness, it is just as much of a blessing to us as it is to the person we are being kind to. There is great joy in seeing others' lives change because someone was kind to them.

The kindest thing you can do is to pray for someone. Take the negative thoughts and comments and turn them into a prayer for that person. Jesus was kind and He prayed for others. Be like Jesus!

APPLY

All cultures seem to have something to say about kindness. There is even a saying, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." So as followers of Jesus, we are to be kind to others, no matter how large or small, so that others can see Jesus.

RESPOND

- How do you see people being kind to you?
 - How do you feel when someone is kind to you?
 - How do you show kindness to others?
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BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Kindness is showing others that they have value.



Pick one classmate/friend that you can show kindness to this week.

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.

FAITH STORY DOCUMENTARY

This week we are going to use our social media to share our faith story. Make a short documentary/story for Twitter/Instagram/Snapchat/TikTok of what it means to have a relationship with Jesus.

Option 1: Use the space on the next page or your phone to write down your testimony in 280 characters or less. Include only the most important, most specific, and most impactful details, and compose a tweet of your story. You can post on your own social media. You can use Instagram or Snapchat, instead of Twitter.

Option 2: Use the space on the next page or your phone to write down or record a two-minute version of your story. Include your life before Jesus, how you came to know Him, and your life since then. Post your story to social media.

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

PREPARE WEEK WORKSHEET

FAITH STORY DOCUMENTARY

Option 1: Use this space to write your faith story in 280 characters or less for Twitter.

Option 2: Use this space to write out your faith story and record it to post on your social media. Try to keep it under 2 minutes.



Share the faith story you wrote down or recored on your social media this week.



ENGAGE WEEK

Engaging your school
with the Good News
of Jesus.

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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.

SCRIPTURE
tells us
who
Jesus is
and what
He has
done.

Who are some of the kindest people that you know? What kind of things do they do every day that make you think they are kind? The Gospel story tells us that Jesus showed the kindness of God to us. Titus chapter 3 verse 4 says, "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us." Jesus came to show us how good, loving, and kind that God is. This is 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

**TRUE
identity
cont.**

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.

Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.

**OUR
lives are
broken by
sin.**

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. Because of this, we don't always realize how good and kind God is to us. We need someone to rescue us and show us how good God is.

**REAL
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 (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.

**YOU
are
invited
into God's
story.**

Jesus showed us that God is good and kind by coming to rescue us. You can know God's goodness and kindness through Jesus. You are invited into God's story. It begins with a choice to trust and follow Jesus.

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ENGAGE WEEK

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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.



The greatest act of kindness is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ's love. Share it this week!

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MONTH'S HOPE GUIDE



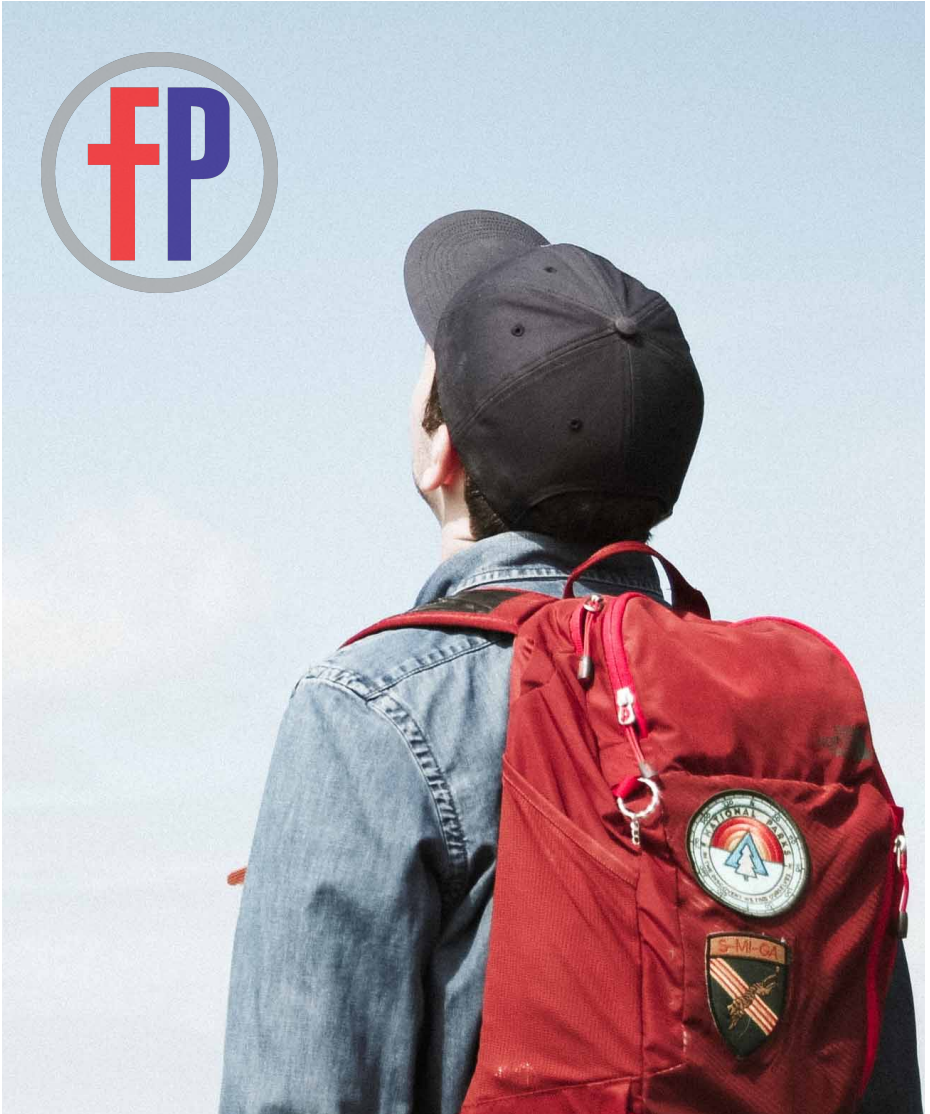
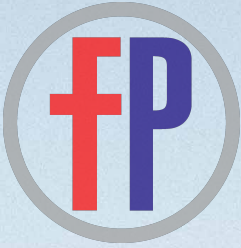
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