

THANKFUL

Engage Week Leader Guide

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

CLUB TIME PREP:

- Confirm your student or guest speaker and remind them to be prepared to share the gospel and an invitation to accept Christ. 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, Prayer and Introduction

- **Assigned Student Leader 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.



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GROUP ACTIVITY TIME: 5 minutes

- Game: **Form a Group**
- Preparation: No preparation necessary
- Play: Easy game that can be used to divide into teams if need be. Simply yell, "Form a group according to . . . (Music genre, hair color, number of siblings, shirt color, etc.)"

GROUP TIME - THANKFUL FOR SALVATION: 15 minutes

Introduce Speaker Sharing the Gospel

- **Student Leader 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 it and we will explain them to you shortly.

Gospel, Invitation, and Response Cards

- **Gospel Presenter:** Share the gospel and give a personal invitation using "Appendix B Sample Gospel Presentation" or another gospel presentation at FirstPriority.club.



INVITATION & STUDENT RESPONSE CARDS: 5 minutes

Opportunity to connect to Jesus

- If everyone would just take a minute and think about what I shared today. If you would like to have a relationship with Jesus today, then simply take a minute where you are and let Him know that. Then, on your response card, simply let us know that you made that decision today. We want to connect with you and answer any questions you may have and celebrate your new life in Jesus.
- If you are not interested in having a relationship with Jesus at this time, it's ok to be honest and mark that on your student response card. The great thing about Jesus is that He died on the cross for us out of love, knowing that some would not love Him back. That is not to make you feel bad, but to let you know that Jesus still loves you and died for you and cares for you no matter what you write on that card. No one here will judge you.
- If you have questions and don't know what you want or feel, 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 answers to your questions.



Opportunity to connect to a local youth group

- We also want to make sure to give everyone an opportunity to connect with a local youth group if you are not involved in one right now. Could each of you please mark your level of interest in connecting with a local youth group? Also, if you are already connecting with a local youth group, we want to know so we can help you invite other students to join you.

WRAP UP WITH RESPONSE CARD DIRECTIONS & 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 me as I close us out in prayer thanking God for His love for all of us today.
- **Student Leader Host:** 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.

Appendix B

SAMPLE GOSPEL PRESENTATION

G.I.F.T.

God **I**nviting (us to be) **F**orgiven (and to) **T**rust (Him)

GOD

God is perfectly good, and He created the whole world to reflect His goodness. The first people lived in perfect relationship with God by obeying Him, and He loved them very much with a perfect love.

"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31 ESV)

INVITING

The first people disobeyed God, breaking their relationship with Him, which became known as sin. Sin drove a wedge into man's relationship with God and messed up how we were supposed to experience life. Sin results in death. Even today, people try to fix their relationship with God by doing good, but no amount of good deeds can remove our personal sin. So, God reaches out toward us and invites us into a new relationship with Him.

"For if because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:17 ESV)

FORGIVEN

God sent His son, Jesus as a gift to the whole world. Jesus lived His life without disobeying God at all, and then let Himself be nailed to a cross to die for sin in our place. He traded His innocence for our guilt. That means that He paid the price we owed so that you and I could be forgiven. This is the free gift that God offers us, the gift of salvation. To receive it, we cannot earn it, or it would no longer be a gift.

"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." (Ephesians 2:8 ESV)

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TRUST

In order for us to begin a relationship with God and be saved from our sin, we must receive God's gift of salvation. To receive this gift, you must believe God and turn to Him by trusting Jesus, putting Him in charge of your life. Then, the Bible says that you 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." (Romans 10:9 ESV)

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.

