

BROKEN

Help Week Leader Guide

Help Week: A time for student leaders to equip their peers to become missionaries to their school, as they plan and pray for the month of campus ministry ahead.

CLUB TIME PREP:

- Select one student to lead this month's Help Week
- Remind students to post on social media and text friends reminding them about First Priority club time

INTRODUCTION: 3 minutes

Welcome Students, Prayer and Introduction

- **Assigned Leader Opens:** Welcome to First Priority! This club is a place to seek and grow in God. This week is Help Week, which is where we help each other become missionaries to our school. Last month we talked about Jesus' command to GO and make disciples. This month's theme is *BROKEN* and focuses on the truth that the world is broken by sin and God's plan to fix it. God is always giving us a choice to accept his plan, and after we accept it we get to set others free from the world's brokenness. This month we get to put into action last month's theme of GO by going to tell our friends that God has a remedy to the brokenness we see around us and that we feel within us. *The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.*"Isaiah 61:1



• Opening Prayer

- **Introduce Student Leading Discussion:** Today, my friend, _____, is going to share about why sharing God's plan to remedy our broken relationship with Him through Christ with our friends is vital.

GROUP TIME: Broken But Not Forgotten Together (20 Minutes)

Assigned Speaker Suggestion: First, it is important to understand that we as Christ-followers (believers) have the good news that saves and if we don't share it with others how will they know.

"But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?" (Romans 10:14)

The world has a broken perception of who God is, and the Bible reveals God's heart to us and his character.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8–9, NIV)

Before we can have a relationship with God, we must understand that God is holy and cannot be in the presence of sin. The Bible says that the wages of sin are death (permanent separation from God).

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Thankfully the story doesn't end there! God has allowed us to be His ambassadors to share the good news that God also loves the world and He has paid the price for sin (His own death).

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." (2 Corinthians 5:20, NIV)

When we commit ourselves to be God's ambassadors, we have opportunity to share where our HOPE comes from and share how others can have a relationship with God. Being reconciled to God does not mean that our lives automatically become perfect, but that we understand the incredible thing that God has done for us. He has overcome the power of sin! He has crossed the divide that separated us from Him! We can then focus on heavenly things and not earthly things as our eternity will be with God!

"The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent." (2 Peter 3:9 NIV)

APPLY IT:

Discussion Option 1: Imagine a teenager working with his or her dad to rebuild an old car. Some may think the overall worth of the car will not justify the time and resources the project will require. The two of them, however, focus on spending time together and restoring it to a new condition. This is how God wants us to see our relationship with Him. Instead of just focusing on our sin and brokenness, He wants us to understand that He is restoring us back to the identity and relationship we were created for. How does this relate to sharing the gospel in your school?

Discussion Option 2: The Japanese have a method for repairing broken ceramics called *Kintsugi*, which uses a special lacquer mixture that contains gold, silver, or platinum. The philosophy behind the technique is to recognize the history of the broken object. Instead of replacing the object or hiding the cracks, they fuse it together in a way that actually reveals and reminds them of the story behind it. Just like the broken ceramic, our lives have been broken by sin and God repairs our brokenness with the love that He poured out on the cross through Christ. How could this relate to the way you share your testimony?



ACTION CHALLENGES:

- **Group Challenge:** Write: "DON'T GET TRICKED- God loves you and wants a relationship with you." and write the verse reference John 3:16, on a large poster board. Take a group photo with the poster and post to social media referencing Romans 10:15-16 and using the hashtags #FirstPriority and #FPGodloves
- **Share Challenge:** Share with someone this week how Christ gives you peace in your life.
- **Prayer Challenge:** Have someone close in prayer for your group to be messengers who bring the good news of the gospel.

WRAP UP: 2 minutes

- Share any FP Club announcements including that next week's meeting is Overcome Week.

