

# BROKEN

## Overcome Week Leader Guide

**Overcome:** A time for student leaders to encourage their peers to overcome their fears of sharing the Gospel.



### CLUB TIME PREP:

- Select one student to lead this month's Overcome Week
- (Optional) bring two small flower pots in plastic grocery bags and some sort of glue.
- (Optional) bring Band-Aids for the group challenge.
- Post to social media and text friends inviting them to First Priority club

### 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 Overcome week, which is where we encourage each other in how God has helped us overcome our brokenness and how we can share the gospel of hope with others.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Introduce Student Leading Discussion:** Today, my friend, \_\_\_\_\_, is going to share about how God helped them to overcome their broken view of His love for them and how they accepted God's view of love.

**GROUP TIME: Broken (20 minutes)**



**Assigned Speaker Suggestion:** Option #1: Break into two teams and give each team a flower pot in a plastic bag. Ask one member of the team to drop the bag from a height of two feet. Then the team will open it up, grab the glue, and put it back together as fast as they can, trying to beat the other team. The race keeps going until the timer goes off after 5 minutes.

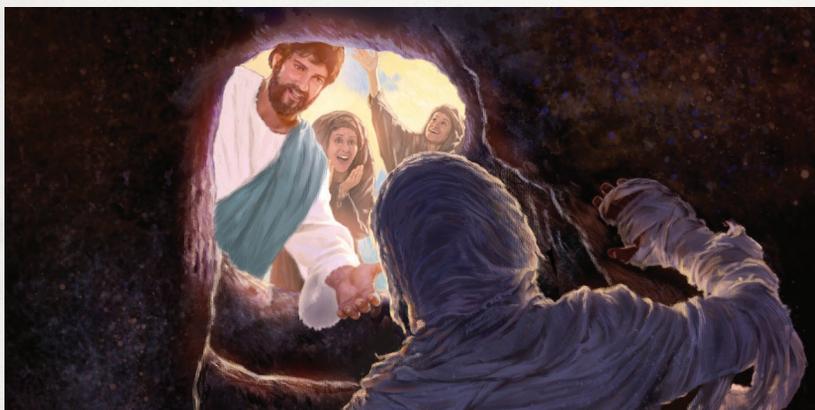
Option #2: Tell a story about a time when something important to you was broken.

This reminds me of a story in the Bible when Jesus was told that His friend, Lazarus, was sick. He sends a message back that we can read about in John chapter 11.

*When Jesus heard it, He said, This sickness will not end in death but is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it. (John 11:4)*

Lazarus died before Jesus arrived, but Jesus knew that would happen. When he said his sickness would not end in death, he knew he would be resurrected as an example of how Christ would rise from the dead to save us from permanent death caused by the sickness of sin.

*"I know that You always hear Me, but because of the crowd standing here I said this, so they may believe You sent Me." After He said this, He shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out bound hand and foot with linen strips and with his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him and let him go." (John 1:42-44)*



Jesus raised Lazarus back to life in to show that He has power over death. Ultimately, death exists because of sin. Sin tears our lives apart – BUT - there is NO part of my life or your life that Jesus isn't capable of restoring if we place our hope in Him.

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### APPLY IT:

How sad would it be if we never told others how Christ defeated death on our behalf? Eternal life is an incredible gift! There is no greater hope in all the world! Still, some people choose not to believe. Have you ever seen something on social media you thought was probably fake? Social media is filled with videos and pictures that call authenticity into question. Jesus, by contrast, is the REAL DEAL.

*"I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life." (John 5:24 NLT)*

**Discussion Option 1:** How does this story motivate you in sharing Christ's story knowing that some won't believe it is true, but others will? What are some opportunities you had last week to share the hope of Jesus Christ with others?

**Discussion Option 2:** What are some fears you have that have stopped you from sharing the hope of Jesus with others and how can you overcome them? What are some times that you overcame that fear and shared your story of faith in Jesus Christ? How did you feel afterward?

### ACTION CHALLENGES:

- **Group Challenge:** Take a group picture showing your arms in a "huddle" with Band-Aids on your hand. Post "I was broken but now I'm healed" on social media with the hashtags #firstpriority and #fpbrokenbuthealed
- **Invite Challenge:** Text 5 friends and invite them to First Priority and ask them if you can pray for them this week about anything.
- **Prayer Challenge:** Lastly, get into groups of three or four and spread out. Take 2 minutes pray as a group for those students who you will be texting in the Invite Challenge.



### WRAP UP: 2 minutes

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