



# HEART WEEK

## Month 1: CREATION

“God, I am Your creation.”

“Father, help us reach EVERY LAST ONE on our campus with Your HOPE!”

### WELCOME

**LEADER TIP:** Arriving early to pray over the room, playing worship live or on a bluetooth speaker, and greeting attendees as they enter, creates an environment that welcomes God’s presence and people well.

Welcome: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

**SAY:** Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad you are here today! Each month, we will discuss a specific characteristic of our identity from God’s Word. This month, we get to discover how we are God’s CREATION, made in His image! Each week will feature a piece from our HOPE strategy. The H in HOPE stands for “HEART”. This week is **HEART** week, where we will talk about God’s **heart** for us! Our **HEART** GOAL this week is for every one of us to confidently declare, “I am created in God’s image.”

Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

**LEADER TIP:** Feel free to add your own words to this prayer.

**SAY:** Let’s pray. “Father, You are our Creator! Help us understand Your **heart** today as You clearly reveal in Your Word that we are created in Your image! In Jesus Name. Amen.” (John 14:13-14)

### WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

**SAY:** Worship reveals the PRIORITIES of your **HEART**! Let’s take time to worship God, thanking Him for creating us in His image!

Worship: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

Worship song(s) length: \_\_\_\_\_

**LEADER TIP:** You have the option for worship led live by students or by a lyric video. Test everything and prepare WELL BEFORE club time, ensuring all technology functions properly.

Students have vastly different worship experiences and backgrounds. For everyone to confidently sing and enter God’s presence in worship, it is best to have lyrics prepared in a slides presentation or on paper.

Song Suggestion:

TOPIC:	SONG:	ARTIST:
God’s Heart	Worth	Anthony Brown
God is Creator	So Will I (100 Billion X)	Hillsong
My Identity	Who You Say I Am	Hillsong

Message Transition Talk: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

**LEADER TIP:** Worship prepares the “soil” of our hearts to receive the “seed” of God’s Word. (Luke 8:11-15) Feel free to add your own words to this prayer.

**SAY:** “God, we worship You as our Creator. Our **hearts** are open and our ears are ready to hear and believe what Your Word says about who we are.”

### MESSAGE

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

**SAY:** This month’s verse is from Genesis 1:26a and 27 which says, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Message: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

**LEADER TIP:** One or more leaders may present the message. If you’d like to write the message in your own words, use the MESSAGE TIPS portion of the CLUB PLAN TEMPLATE provided at the end of this week’s lesson.

**SAY:** This month’s verse comes from Genesis, the first book of the Bible. There are 66 total books that make up the entire Bible. There are 39 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament books. The word “Genesis” means “beginning.” In order for something to have a beginning there must be a Creator. God is our Creator.

Genesis 1:1 says, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” In Genesis 1:2-31 we discover what God created for the first six days simply by the words He spoke! God looked at everything He created and saw that it was good! But God wanted someone created in His own image to enjoy His beautiful creation with. So later on day six God continued to create, as we see from this month’s verse when He “created man in His own image.” In these verses, we understand that the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, were created in God’s image. Here, the word “image” can be defined as a “representative figure.” Every person who has ever been born was created in God’s image. You and I were created in God’s image. We are His CREATION and designed to be His “representative figures!” God is loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, (Galatians 5:22-23) forgiving (1 John 1:9) and so much more!

Genesis chapter three tells the story of how Adam and Eve sinned and their sin separated them from God. When sin entered the world, it separated mankind from God. (Romans 5:12) Knowing this was going to happen, God had a plan even before time began that would give every person ever created an opportunity to come back into a right relationship with Him. That plan was and is through God’s Son, Jesus! (Romans 6:23)

Later this month we will talk more in depth about the Good News of Jesus, also known as the gospel. We will even give an opportunity for those who don’t know Him yet as their Savior and Lord to begin a relationship with Him!

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### MESSAGE (continued)

God’s **heart** and our mission here at First Priority is that EVERY LAST ONE on our campus would hear and receive the hope of Christ! 2 Peter 3:9 says that the Lord is “patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but EVERYONE to come to repentance.” God’s **heart** is for every student on our campus to know Him and to know their IDENTITY in Him. As we just read in 2 Peter 3:9, He wants to reach EVERY LAST ONE with His love! His **heart** for our school is so great that He placed us all here together, His children created in His image, to share His love with everyone.

Many of our classmates will spend so much of their time searching and trying to figure out who they are. But our Creator God put us here as His “representative figures” to show them His love and to let them know they are created in His image! They don’t have to search anymore! If any of us in this room are uncertain about who we are, we don’t have to search anymore! We are all made in God’s image! God’s Word tells us who we are! We are His! And since we are His, we are loved, we belong and we have hope!

Now if you agree with this, then confidently say these words after me: “I AM CREATED IN GOD’S IMAGE!”

Let’s pray, “Father, we receive Your **heart’s** desire for our lives as we fully realize that we are created in Your image. Please help us rightly represent You as we show and share Your **heart** of love with our classmates when we leave First Priority today!”

### LET’S TALK ABOUT IT (OPTIONAL)

**LEADER TIP:** If you have time available, discuss these questions in a small group or large group setting. For small groups, select a leader for each group.

Group Questions: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

**IMPORTANT:** If discussion or a student’s personal question(s) drift toward topics too lengthy or difficult for the time allotted, please encourage them to ask the adult leaders in the room after the meeting or refer them to their parents or pastors after school. (Example: “That’s a great question. Let’s ask \_\_\_\_\_ after the club today or \_\_\_\_\_ after school.”)

#### GROUP LEADER(S) SAY:

1. What is God’s **heart** for me?
2. What is God’s **heart** for my classmates?
3. How can I show God’s **heart** on my campus today?

### CLOSING

Identity Statement: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

**SAY:** Proverbs 18:21 tells us that we have power to speak life! As we leave today, let’s speak life over our identity together! Say this in your **heart** or out loud after me: “I am created in God’s image!”

Promo/Announcements: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

**SAY:** “We can’t wait to see you next week! Pray about who the Lord wants you to invite! Don’t forget to follow our club on social media!”

**LEADER TIP:** Your social media team members may want to create a graphic to post with this month’s verse or the Identity Statement. Encourage your classmates to follow the club’s social media account, if you have one, and share graphics for upcoming club meetings and events.

Sample wording for the graphic: “I am created in God’s image! - Genesis 1:26a, 27”

**IMPORTANT:** If your club doesn’t have a social media account, check with your Faculty Sponsor for approval.

Closing Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

### LEADERS’ RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Dismiss attendees to class based upon Faculty Sponsor’s direction.
2. Clean your club meeting space, removing any trash.
3. Reset all items in your club meeting space to their original positions.

### CLUB PLAN TEMPLATE

**LEADER TIP:** Use this template to write or type out your own plan on a separate piece of paper for HEART WEEK based upon Genesis 1:26a, 27 and this week’s HEART GOAL.

#### THIS WEEK’S HEART GOAL:

“God’s **HEART** for me and my classmates is to know that we are created in His image.”

**LEADER TIP:** Make sure you know the length of your club time and how long you desire each section of your plan to last.

Time:

Welcome:

Prayer:

Worship:

Identity Verse: Genesis 1:26a, 27

Message:

#### MESSAGE TIPS:

1. Look at this week’s existing scripted message for ideas and inspiration.
2. Use additional scripture references to support and to bring further understanding to this week’s Identity verse.
3. No matter how long you have been serving the Lord, IT’S ALWAYS BEST to share your message ahead of time with your parent, pastor, First Priority Campus Coach or a First Priority staff member BEFORE sharing it with the full club. Ask them to look over it with you and give their prayerful feedback.

“Let’s Talk About It” Questions:

**LEADER TIP:** Use scripted questions provided or create your own.

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