



# OPPORTUNITY 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! This month we are talking about how we are God’s CREATION, made in His image! Each week features a piece from our HOPE strategy. Last week was HEART week, where we learned about God’s heart for us! This week is **OPPORTUNITY** Week. The O in HOPE stands for **OPPORTUNITY**! Our **OPPORTUNITY** GOAL this week is for us all to be able to identify and overcome the obstacles that say we are not 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! We are Your creation! Please help us all identify and overcome the obstacles that try to stop us from believing that we are created in Your image. In Jesus’ Name, amen.” (John 14:13-14)

**DEFINITION:** *Amen* means “so be it, it’s trustworthy and I agree!”

### WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

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

**SAY:** Worship gives us the **OPPORTUNITY** to reveal the **PRIORITIES** of our HEART! Let’s take time to worship God, our Creator, showing Him we choose to seek Him first today here in First Priority! (Matthew 6:33)

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:**  
God’s **Opportunity**  
Our Victory

**SONG:**  
Break Every Chain  
Overcome

**ARTIST:**  
Tasha Cobbs Leonard  
Jeremy Camp

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

**LEADER TIP:** Worship provides an **OPPORTUNITY** for the “soil” of our hearts to be softened so we can more easily receive the “seed” of God’s Word into our lives. (Luke 8:11-15) Feel free to add your own words to this prayer.

**SAY:** “Father, we worship You as our Creator. We are made in Your image. Thank You for the **OPPORTUNITY** we all have today to hear the truth found in Your Word. Please help us easily realize and throw off the lies that say we are not created in Your image. We can be loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind and forgiving, just like You! We love You. Amen.”

### 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:** Let’s start with a quick review from last week as a reminder for those who were here and for those who were not here to know what we talked about. The word “Genesis,” the first book of the Bible, 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. 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! God is loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, (Galatians 5:22-23) forgiving (1 John 1:9) and so much more! So we can be loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, forgiving and much more, just like our Heavenly Father!

As some of you know, Adam and Eve sinned and it separated them from God. Our sin separates us from God. However, when we repent, turn from our sin (Acts 3:19), and surrender our lives to Him, we can begin a lifelong relationship with our Heavenly Father (Romans 10:9-10). We have the **OPPORTUNITY** to make a personal decision to become a follower of Jesus anytime, anywhere, whether it’s in this room today, or later at home in your room when you’re alone with God! It’s our prayer that if you haven’t already done that, then today would be the day of salvation for you as you make a decision to follow Christ! Salvation comes as we fully accept that “Jesus gave His life for our sins, just as our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.” (Galatians 1:4) **Our goal this week** is for us to be able to **identify** and **overcome** every **obstacle** that says we are not created in God’s image. Now, **what exactly does all of this mean? Identify** means to recognize what something truly is. **Overcome** means to defeat and be victorious over! An **obstacle** is a barrier that tries to slow you down or stop you! **How is it possible for us to reach our goal this week?** Let’s put it all together. (continue on back)



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### MESSAGE (continued)

We believe that through the truth of God’s Word, with the help of His Holy Spirit living in us as believers in Jesus, we can recognize the lies of the devil that come against us and live as victorious sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father! That’s why we’re here today! The lie says, “I am not created in God’s image.” The truth reveals, “I am created in God’s image!” (Genesis 1:26-27) The voice of defeat says, “I will never be good enough to be with God!” The voice of victory proclaims, “Jesus’ blood paid the price for my sins, so now I can be one with Him!” (Romans 5:1) The obstacle before me says, “I have so much doubt, it’s hard to believe.” The **OPPORTUNITY** within me says, “My faith is rising and doubt disappears as I hear His word in my ears!” (Romans 10:17) If you now realize some of the lies that come against you, I want to pray with you. Can everyone close your eyes? This is between you and God. Please feel no pressure at all, but perhaps only His peaceful presence pulling at your heart. If something I said applies to you and you feel comfortable in doing so, slip your hand up and right back down. **LEADER TIP:** Please pause for a response.

Let’s pray, “Father, please touch the heart behind every hand raised and every person in this room right now. You know exactly what everyone needs! Thank You for the **OPPORTUNITY** You always give us to **identify** and **overcome** every **obstacle** that comes against who You say we are. 1 John 4:4 reminds us of our victory in You! It says we belong to You as Your dear children and have overcome the world because You live in us and You are greater than the one who is in the world! We believe in the truth of Your Word! Amen!”

### 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. Is it possible to recognize the obstacles that come against who God says we are? If so, how?
2. How can the truth of God’s Word help us overcome the lies?
3. Do you feel more prepared now to overcome the lies that try to say you are not created in God’s image?

### 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! If you are looking for a church to visit, come ask a student or adult leader to help get you connected.”

**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.

**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 **OPPORTUNITY WEEK** based upon Genesis 1:26a, 27 and this week’s **OPPORTUNITY GOAL**.

#### THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITY GOAL:

“We have the **OPPORTUNITY** to identify and overcome the obstacles that say we are not created in God’s 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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