



HEART WEEK

Month 2: KNOWN

“God, I am fully known by You.”

“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 happy you came today! Each month, we talk about a specific characteristic of our identity from God’s Word. This month, we are sharing about how God **knows** us fully and loves us unconditionally! Each week features a piece from our HOPE strategy. The H in HOPE stands for **HEART**. This week is **HEART** week, where we will hear about God’s **heart** for us! Our **HEART** GOAL this week is for every one of us to confidently pray and say, “Father, I am fully **KNOWN** by You!”

Prayer: _____ (Leader)

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

SAY: Let’s pray. “Father, thank You for creating me in Your image, **KNOWING** every detail about me and loving me no matter what! You hate my sin, but You love me. You are a perfect Father and the best Friend I could ever have. Thank You for Your **HEART** for me, for our First Priority club, and for our entire school. We love You so much! In Jesus’ Name, amen.” (John 14:13-14)

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Worship connects us with our Heavenly Father’s **HEART**! As we get to **KNOW** Jesus more, we grow to love Him more! God is a perfect Father who also desires to be our Friend. (John 15:1-17; James 2:23)

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:

<u>TOPIC:</u>	<u>SONG:</u>	<u>ARTIST:</u>
KNOWN by God	Fully Known	Tauren Wells
My Identity	Who You Say I Am	Hillsong

Message Transition Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Worship draws, or attracts, our Heavenly Father’s presence. The world tries to pull us away, or distract us, from the One Who wants to be our true “First Priority.” (John 4:23-24) Feel free to add your own words to this prayer.

SAY: “Father, we worship You. Thank You for Your Spirit of Truth Who is with us. Let Your presence be the ‘first priority’ in our **hearts** today and every day.”

MESSAGE

Scripture: _____ (Leader)

SAY: This month’s verse is Psalm 139:14 which says, “I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I **know** that full well.”

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 the book of Psalms in the Old Testament. The word “psalm” means a “song.” The Psalms were originally written mainly to be songs of praise and worship to God, even though many are prayers and poems. Most of the 150 total psalms in the Bible were written by a man named David, including Psalm 139. **LEADER TIP:** We encourage you to read and study more about the life of David as you prepare to share. (1 Samuel 16 - 2 Samuel 24) David was the only man in the Bible who was ever called “a man after God’s own heart.” (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22) That simply means David wanted to **know** what was most important to God by getting to **know** Him more. David wasn’t perfect. He made many mistakes in his life. He sinned against God. But when he sinned, he asked for God’s forgiveness. (2 Samuel 12:13-14; Psalm 51) David learned from his mistakes and grew closer to God. 1 John 1:9 tells us that “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

David had a great relationship with the Lord, His Creator, the same One who made you and me. David loved to pray, talk with God, praise Him, worship Him, write down his prayers and listen for God’s voice to speak to him. It seems David shared every thought with God. Our Heavenly Father wants us to share every thought with Him like David did! In Psalm 139, we get to hear David’s deep thoughts to God. David is the author of Psalm 139, but he was inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the One who inspired, or gave, the words we now read in the Bible. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

In Psalm 139, the Holy Spirit shares with us through David about God’s loving and complete knowledge of who we are, inside and out. He **knows** everything about us because He made us! Remember, last month we talked about Genesis 1:26-27, which says “God created man in His own image.”

In Psalm 139:1-13 David says things like, “God, You look at every part of me through Your eyes of love. You **know** all about me. You **know** when I sit down and when I rise up. You **know** what I’m thinking and how I feel right now. My heart is like an open book to You! You **know** the words I’m about to speak even before I start a sentence.”

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MESSAGE (continued)

You **know** every step I will take before my journey begins. You've even gone into my future and are preparing the way for me to get there. You follow me around to protect me with Your hand of love leading my life. No matter where I go, You are always with me. You formed everything on the inside of me and the outside of me as You wove me together in my mother's womb.”

Our amazing Creator God **knows** every tiny detail about our lives and loves us no matter what! I **know** He hates my sin, but He never stops loving me! That makes me want to praise Him, exactly like David did in verse 14 where he says, “I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful. I **know** that full well!” Some of those “wonderful works” of God are YOU and ME!

Think about this with me - our Creator, our Heavenly Father, also desires to be our Friend. In John 15:15b Jesus says, “I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made **known** to you.” Then, James 2:23 tells us, “And the scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,’ and he was called God's friend.” Many say that Jesus is the “friend that sticks closer than a brother.” (Proverbs 18:24) True friends really **know** and understand each other fully. Jesus is the most trustworthy friend anyone could ever have. I don't **know** about you, but I sure want and need Jesus to be my best friend right now and always!

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. How can we know God's **heart** for our lives?
2. What do you believe is God's **heart** for your life?
3. What do you think would happen at school today if **EVERY LAST ONE** of our classmates really got to **know** Who Jesus is and what He did for us?

CLOSING

Identity Statement: _____ (Leader)

SAY: David, who wrote Psalm 139, also wrote 1 Samuel 30:6. It says that he “encouraged, or strengthened, himself in the Lord.” Let's encourage ourselves today by praying this in your **heart** or out loud after me: “Father, I am fully **KNOWN** and loved by You!”

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 fully known and loved by God! - Psalm 139:14”

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 Psalm 139:14 and this week's **HEART GOAL**.

THIS WEEK'S HEART GOAL:

“God's **HEART** for me and my classmates is to confidently pray and say, ‘Father, I am fully **KNOWN** and loved by You!’”

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: Psalm 139:14

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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