



OPPORTUNITY 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! Thank you so much for coming today! This month we are talking about how we are fully **KNOWN** and loved by God! 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 try to say, “God doesn’t really **know** us and love us!”

Prayer: _____ (Leader)

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

SAY: Let’s pray. “Father, You **know** us fully and love us completely! You showed Your great love by sending Jesus to die for us even while we were sinners. (Romans 5:8) Please help us identify and overcome every lie that tries to say You don’t really **know** us and love us. In Jesus’ Name, amen.”

[DEFINITION: **Know**, in this message, means “to understand deeply because of personal experience.”]

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Worship gives us the **OPPORTUNITY** to reveal the **PRIORITIES** of our heart! Worship, or worth - ship, shows how much we value, or how much “worth” we place on something or someone. Our Heavenly Father, the One who truly **knows** us the best, is so “worthy” of our worship.

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>
Opportunity to Praise Overcome the Obstacle	Praise Believe For It	Elevation Worship CeCe Winans

Message Transition Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Worship creates an **OPPORTUNITY** to be more aware of the presence of Jesus, the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). His voice of truth helps us easily recognize the lies that try to say, “God doesn’t **know** us and love us.” Feel free to add your own words to this prayer.

SAY: “Father, in times of worship, it’s way easier to realize just how much You really **know** us and love us. Please help us always be aware of just how deeply You **know** us and love us, whether we are worshipping with friends here in First Priority, at our church, or we’re seeking You when we are by ourselves! In Your Name, amen!”

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: Our goal this week is for us to be able to identify and **overcome** every **obstacle** that says, “God doesn’t really **know** us and love us!” 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! Let’s put it all together.

How is it possible for us to reach our goal this week? 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 is, “**I am created in God’s image!**” (Genesis 1:26-27)

The lie says, “God’s mad at me.”
The truth is, “**My Heavenly Father looks at me through His eyes of love!**” (John 3:16)

The lie says, “God doesn’t **know** me or see me.”
The truth is, “**God knows everything about me!**” (Psalm 139:1)

The lie says, “God has no idea how I’m feeling.”
The truth is, “**God knows exactly what I’m thinking and how I feel right now!**” (Psalm 139:2)

The lie says, “My heart feels closed off to the Lord.”
The truth is, “**My heart is like an open book to Him!**” (Psalm 139:3)

The lie says, “God doesn’t listen to me.”
The truth is, “**He knows the words I’m about to speak even before I start a sentence!**” (Psalm 139:4)

The lie says, “I wonder if I will feel this lost my whole life?”
The truth is, “**God knows every step I will take even before my journey begins!**” (Psalm 139:2-6)

The lie says, “God’s not with me.”
The truth is, “**God’s always with me to protect me and guide me with His loving hand leading my life.**” (Psalm 139:7-12)

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MESSAGE (continued)

If you now realize some of the lies that have 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:** Pause for 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 says You don't really **know** us and love us. 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!”*

Being here and praying together is awesome, but having friends who love Jesus in your classes, in your neighborhood and in other groups you're involved with is really important, too. One of the most important things we get to do here at First Priority is connect with local churches where you can get to **know** God more and grow in Him more alongside other believers in Jesus. If you and your family don't have a church home, we would love to invite you to ours! **LEADER TIP:** Please tell them about your home church and perhaps have other student leaders and campus coaches prepared to do the same. Jesus desires to be our Friend, and not just our Father. (John 15:15b) Of course, Jesus wants us to talk with Him whenever we face obstacles, but He also wants us to share what's going on in our lives with trusted friends who love Him, also. (James 5:15-16)

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. Which example(s) from the list of “the lie versus the truth” part of the message jumped out to you the most and why?
2. Do you feel more prepared now to overcome the lies that ever try to say, “God doesn't **know** you and love you?”
3. What's your plan for helping some of your friends realize just how much God **knows** them and loves them?

CLOSING

Identity Statement: _____(Leader)

SAY: Proverbs 18:21 tells us that we have power to speak encouraging words of life! As we leave today, let's speak life over ourselves! Say this in your heart or out loud after me: “I am fully **known** and loved by God!”

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. 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 **OPPORTUNITY WEEK** based upon Psalm 139:14 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 fully **known** and loved by God.”

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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