



PREPARE 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 glad you are here today! This month we are talking about how we are **KNOWN** by God! So far we have learned about God's HEART for us and the OPPORTUNITY to overcome obstacles in our lives. Each week features a piece from our HOPE strategy. The P in HOPE stands for **PREPARE!** This is **PREPARE** Week. Our **PREPARE** GOAL is for us to learn how we can stay **PREPARED** to share about Jesus and who He says we are!

Prayer: _____ (Leader)

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

SAY: Let's pray. "Father, You made us and fully **know** us. **Prepare** a pathway to our hearts so that we can **know** You even more. Then, teach us who You say we are. In Jesus' Name, amen."

[KEY WORD: **PRAYER** can be as simple as talking with God. - Mark 1:35; Luke 5:16]

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Psalm 57:7 says, "My heart is **prepared**, O God, My heart is **prepared**, I sing and praise." Worship is more than just a song. It gets our hearts and minds ready to focus on One thing – Jesus!

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:
We PREPARE for Jesus God PREPARED Us Jesus: Our "One Thing"	Prepare the Way Canvas and Clay Give Me Jesus	Bethel Music Pat Barret UPPERROOM

Message Transition Prayer: _____ (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, my heart is **prepared**. The pathway to our minds and hearts is clear and we are ready to hear and understand Your Word. Amen!"

MESSAGE

Scripture: _____ (Leader)

SAY: This month's verse is from 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 we are learning what it means to be fully **known** by God. In the first week we learned about a man named David, and how he was "a man after God's own heart." (1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22) His relationship to God wasn't perfect, but he continued to seek after God. David experienced many obstacles in his own life very similar to what many of us can struggle with today. When David came to **know** that God created him and **fully knew** him, even in his mother's womb, that was when he was able to overcome. (Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24) A path, blocked by sin and shame, was now cleared in his mind and heart. He could more freely experience all that God had for him, not from a place of conquering sinful habits by himself, but from a place of relationship with God.

Jesus, the Son of God, was born around one thousand years later through the family tree of David. (Matthew 1:1-18) John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, came to **prepare** the way for Jesus. Jesus began His earthly ministry **preparing** a way for us to have a relationship with God the Father. In Jesus' final moments on earth, He explained that He had to leave and "go **prepare** a place" for us in His Father's house. (John 14:1-6) With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are **preparing** our hearts for Jesus by clearing out sin that separates us and shame that tries to claim us. We choose to remain in God as He remains in us. (John 15:4-8)

For someone to simply "**know**" about me usually means they only have a surface level relationship with me. But for someone to "**fully know**" me means I let them in on my struggles, worries, and hurts, which can be very intimidating. Jesus wants us to **fully know** that He understands everything we have struggled with and have questions about. He lived 33 years on this earth. He experienced every type of temptation and emotion, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15) He strongly wants us to **know** that He is not afraid of our questions or our emotions, and there is nothing from our past or present that will push Him away from us.

We are in a generation where most have heard the Name "Jesus," but many have never experienced the relationship He wants to offer. For those of us who are growing in our relationship with Jesus, we are experiencing the fruit of His Spirit more: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23) Then, we are able to share how our relationship with Jesus has impacted our lives from a place of victory.

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MESSAGE (continued)

God has a specific purpose for our lives that begins with our identity, which is found in Him. (Ephesians 2:10) Without a relationship with God and a growing understanding of His Word, we can be negatively influenced by some movies, TV shows, music, social media and sometimes even people who are close to us. No matter where you have come from, what you have done, what others have said about you, or even what you have said about yourself, God says, “I have always loved you and will never stop loving you. There is nothing in all of creation that will separate you from My love.” (Romans 8:38-39)

For me to stay **prepared** to share about Jesus means I recognize I am not perfect, but I can live from a place of victory in Jesus. *“By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and **know** was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through Him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.”* (Acts 3:16) Jesus was the One who healed me and set me free from sin, shame, and _____. **LEADER TIP:** Insert what He set you free from. I didn’t have to work to earn His love. (Ephesians 2:8-9) He saw me when I was broken and still chose me. (1 Peter 2:9) I am healed and fully **known** by Jesus.

Lets pray, *“Jesus, You have **prepared** the way for me to have a real relationship with God the Father. I pray You would clear the path for everyone here to experience more of Your love. We pray that **every last one** at our school would receive Your love and Your salvation. 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. What are some things that try to influence you away from who God has called you to be?
2. Are there some things in your path blocking you from experiencing Jesus’ full love? How can we pray for you today?
3. Who are you **PREPARED** to invite next week? Share names.

CLOSING

Identity Statement: _____(Leader)

SAY: Psalm 23:3b says that the Lord *“guides me along the right paths for His Name’s sake.”* God **knows** the right paths that will lead me to joy in Him. As I get to **know** Him more, it will be easier for me to more **fully know** who He has created me to be. Therefore, I can be confident in proclaiming “I am fully **KNOWN** and loved by God!”

Promo/Announcements: _____ (Leader)

SAY: We can’t wait to see you next week! We will be sharing the Good News about Jesus and giving an opportunity for our classmates to make a decision during our club time to begin following Him! 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 **PREPARE WEEK** based upon Psalm 139:14 and this week’s **PREPARE GOAL**.

THIS WEEK’S PREPARE GOAL:

“I am **PREPARED** to share about Jesus and who He says I am!”

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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