



# PREPARE 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! So far this month we have learned about God’s HEART for us and the OPPORTUNITY to overcome obstacles in our lives. This is **PREPARE** Week. The P in HOPE stands for **PREPARE!** Our **PREPARE** GOAL this week 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 have created us in Your image! Please help us today to be **PREPARED** and ready to share about Jesus and who You say we are. In Jesus’ Name, amen.”

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

### 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:  
We **PREPARE** for Jesus  
God **PREPARES** the Way

SONG:  
Prepare the Way  
Lion

ARTIST:  
Bethel Music  
Elevation Worship

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, You have our full attention. We are ready to remember what You did on the cross for us and who You say we are. In Jesus’ name, 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:** This month we have learned about Genesis being the first book of the Bible. The word “Genesis” means “beginning.” Genesis 1:1 tells us, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” In Genesis 1:2-31, we learn how God created for six days, including creating mankind in His own image on day six.

The first thing we learn about God is that He is a Creator. Some of us enjoy creating things such as paintings, videos, clothing, songs, etc. After we create, our goal is not to destroy our creation. NO, our goal is to put it on display and show off the **preparation** we put into our creation. God is the same way! God knows the plans He has for you. He has plans to give you hope and a future! (Jeremiah 29:11)

The first man and woman God created was Adam and Eve. They were led astray and sinned, separating them from God. Our sin separates us from God, so He had to send His Son Jesus to **prepare** the way for us to no longer be separated from the Father. (John 14:6) And today, we are learning what it means for us to stay **prepared** to share about who Jesus is and who He says we are. How can I stay **prepared** to share about Jesus? Because I remember. I remember what Jesus did on the cross. I also remember what Jesus has specifically done for me.

Revelation 12:11a says, “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.” I am only able to overcome the obstacle of sin in my life because I have accepted the finished work of the cross and the blood Jesus shed for me. I am now **prepared** to share my testimony, which is my story of when I met Jesus. I recognize the opportunity He gives me today and everyday to know I am created in His image!

My story: **Leader Tip:** Make this your own story or use the examples in parentheses. I met Jesus at age \_\_\_\_\_.

God’s heart for me was to know I am created in His image. But the obstacles in my life were \_\_\_\_\_. (sin, pride and doubt) Before I met God, I felt \_\_\_\_\_. (fearful, rejected, depressed and anxious) Then I received God’s opportunity to surrender my life to Jesus. Now I know I am \_\_\_\_\_, (loved, accepted, joyful and peaceful) the exact opposite of what my life was like before I started following Jesus!

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### MESSAGE (continued)

A verse I now hold tightly to is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Galatians 5:22-23a, which says, “*But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*”)

Today, I am **prepared** to share my story because Jesus died for me and now I live for Him!

So, how can we all stay **prepared** to share about Jesus? We remember what He did for us as He showed humility and obedience, even to the point of death on a cross. (Phillipians 2:1-11) If we have trusted Him in the past, then we can trust Him today and with our future! Hebrews 13:8 tells us, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*” Even in my life when situations seemed impossible, Jesus saved me and made me new because with God anything is possible. (Matthew 19:26) The Bible is God’s Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16) and points people to Jesus from Genesis to Revelation. My personal praise to God is, “*Father, thank You for pointing me to Jesus so now I have a new life in You!*” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

I’ll finish with a question for everyone, “Are we all **prepared** to share about what Jesus has done in our lives?”

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.

**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 Genesis 1:26a, 27 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: 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.

**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.”)

Promo/Announcements:

Closing Prayer:

### 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)

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#### GROUP LEADER(S) SAY:

1. How can I stay **PREPARED** to share Jesus?
2. Why should we stay **PREPARED** to share Jesus?
3. Who are you **PREPARED** to invite next week? Share names.

### CLOSING

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

**SAY:** Psalm 23:5a says that God “*prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*” God already knows what is going to happen today. So, no matter what may try to come against us, we can be confident in proclaiming, “I am created in God’s image” because He is with us!