



# 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! Thank you so much for joining us today! First Priority is a student-led, Gospel-focused club that aims to take the hope of Jesus to every student on our campus! This year, we will be learning about Who God is and who He says we are! Each month, we will talk about a characteristic of God from the Bible, and what His Word says about who we are. Each week of First Priority will feature a piece of our HOPE strategy. The O in HOPE stands for **OPPORTUNITY**. This week is **OPPORTUNITY** week, where we look at taking the **opportunities** to overcome anything in the way of us knowing Who God is and who He says we are! Today, our **OPPORTUNITY GOAL** is for us to identify and overcome any obstacle in the way of us confidently believing that God is our **Creator** and we are **created** in His image!

Prayer: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

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

**SAY:** Let's open our time together in prayer. *“Father, You are our **Creator**! Thank You for **creating** us in Your image and giving us this **opportunity** to worship You as our **Creator**! We love You! In Jesus Name, amen.”*

### WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

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

**SAY:** Singing worship songs can be an **opportunity** for us to spend time with God and show Him how much we love Him! Let's take these next few moments and worship our **Creator** together! (Psalm 68:4)

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, on paper, or via a QR code.

Song Suggestion:

TOPIC:	SONG:	ARTIST:
Opportunity to Overcome Opportunity to Praise	Break Every Chain Praise	Tasha Cobbs Leonard Elevation Worship

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

**LEADER TIP:** Since worship can be such a powerful time of inviting God's presence into the room, we want to direct this moment with care and respect. To carefully transition into the message, have a student leader pray their own prayer or pray the prayer below.

**SAY:** “God, we are so grateful for this **opportunity** to be in Your presence. Help us to open our hearts and our ears to hear Your Word, and believe it. In Jesus' Name, amen.”

### MESSAGE

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

**SAY:** Today's verse is Genesis 1:26a-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:** During each **opportunity** week, we will take the **opportunity** to identify and overcome any obstacles that get in the way of us knowing Who God is and who He says we are! Let's talk about one of the biggest obstacles that can get in the way of us confidently believing that God is our **Creator** and that we are **created** in His image. Has it ever been hard for you to believe that God was real because you couldn't see or feel Him? Has it ever been difficult to believe that the **Creator** of the world made you in His image? If you've ever experienced this, you have probably felt what is called “doubt.” The word “doubt” means “to be uncertain about something or someone, or to have difficulty believing something.” Doubt is one of the greatest obstacles that the devil can use to distract us from believing the truth. But God has given us the ability to overcome these doubts by something called “faith!”

The definition of “faith” is “complete trust or confidence in someone or something.” The Bible defines faith in Hebrews 11:1 which says, *“Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.”* Romans 10:17 tells us how we can receive faith. It says, *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* In these verses, the Bible is telling us that we can have faith by hearing God's Word! Having faith in God's Word gives us confidence that God is our **Creator** and we are **created** in His image. Proverbs 30:5 tells us “every word of God proves true.” By reading and listening to God's Word, we can grow in our faith and believe that what His Word says is true. Since we read Romans 10:17, let's allow our faith to rise together as we listen to how much truth the Bible holds about Who God is as our **Creator**.

Hebrews 11:3 says, *“By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.”*

John 1:3 says, *“Everything came into existence through Him. Not one thing that exists was made without Him.”*

Colossians 1:16 says, *“He **created** all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. Whether they are kings or lords, rulers or powers- everything has been **created** through Him and for Him.”*

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### MESSAGE (continued)

Psalms 33:6 says, “The Lord merely spoke, and the heavens were **created**. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born.”

Jeremiah 10:12 says, “The Lord made the earth by His power; by His wisdom He **created** the world and stretched out the heavens.”

Hebrews 3:4 says, “For every house has a builder, but the One who built everything is God.”

Psalms 89:11 says, “The heavens are Yours, and the earth is Yours; everything in the world is Yours—You **created** it all.”

Acts 17:24a says, “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth.”

One of the amazing things about our **Creator** God is that He isn’t afraid of our doubt and our questions. He loves us so much that He wants us to experience His presence in our lives in real ways that overcome the doubt the enemy wants us to feel. It’s so important for us to have friends who also follow Jesus so that when we have moments of doubt, we can ask them to pray with us and encourage us. Followers of Jesus need to have a church family where they can find community and encouragement. If you ever start to feel doubt, you can talk to our First Priority Campus Coach, a parent, a pastor, a youth pastor, a youth leader, a children’s pastor, or a Godly mentor. Let’s look for **opportunities** today to overcome doubt with God’s truth!

### 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 of the obstacles that can get in the way of us believing that God is our **Creator** and that we are **created** in His image?
2. In your prayer time, what **opportunities** are you asking God for?
3. What are some of the benefits of attending a local church?

### LOCAL CHURCH INVITE

Local Church Invite: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

**LEADER TIP:** Take this **opportunity** to share with the club about your church/youth group, what day/time you meet, and any upcoming events that may be taking place.

**SAY:** It is important for followers of Jesus to have a community where they can be encouraged and grow in their faith! If you don’t have a church you attend regularly, our student leadership team would love to help you get connected with a church.

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. 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 **created** in God’s image! - Genesis 1:26a-27”

**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:

For us to identify and overcome any obstacle in the way of us confidently believing that we are **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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