



# PREPARE & EVANGELIZE WEEK

## Month 9: ROYALTY

“King Jesus, You say that I am royalty!”

“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! This year we have been talking about our identity in Jesus. Each month we learn about a specific characteristic of our identity. This month we are learning that when we make a decision to follow Jesus, we become **royalty** in the Kingdom of God! If Jesus is our Savior and Lord, then we are the **royal** sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, the King of kings! So far, we have heard about God's heart for us and the opportunity we have with Him to overcome obstacles in our lives. Each week features a piece from our **HOPE** strategy. The P in **HOPE** stands for **PREPARE** and the E is for **EVANGELIZE!** Today we have combined **PREPARE** and **EVANGELIZE** Weeks. Our **GOAL** is to stay **PREPARED** to share about Jesus in hopes that **EVERY LAST ONE** in our school and in our city would follow Him as their Savior and Lord!

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

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

**SAY:** Let's pray, “God, this has been an amazing year, not only getting to know You, but learning who You say we are! I pray that we finish this year strong as we fully realize that through You, we have everything we need! Amen!”

### WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

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

**SAY:** Psalm 89:1 says, “I will sing of the Lord's unfailing love forever! Young and old will hear of Your faithfulness.” God is a Father who loves His children so much. Let's sing about His great love for us and let **EVERY LAST ONE**, young and old, know how much our Heavenly Father loves them too!

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:

Jesus Reigns  
Jesus Sends Us  
Jesus Has Authority

SONG:

Reign Above It All  
The Commission  
Tremble

ARTIST:

Bethel Music  
Cain  
Mosaic MSC

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:** “Jesus, when we worship You, we take our eyes off the world and the problems around us, and put our trust in You! Just the sound of Your Name reminds us of Your great love and powerful protection over our lives! As we learn from today's message, **prepare** our hearts to experience more of Your presence! In Jesus' Name, amen.”

### MESSAGE

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

**SAY:** Our identity verse this month is 1 Peter 2:9. It says, “But you are a chosen generation, a **royal** priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

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.

This whole year at First Priority we have been learning about our identity in Jesus. This month we are discovering what it means when God says we are “**royalty**.” (1 Peter 2:9) When God calls us “**royal**” it means He has given us His authority! If you think about a police officer, they have no authority to enforce laws on their own. Once they are fully trained, they are given authority by the government they represent to enforce laws and protect people. On their own, they can do nothing. When they have the name of the government they represent backing them, then they have authority to act on their government's behalf. As believers in Christ, we have a name we represent, the Name of Jesus! Jesus has given us authority on earth to overcome all the power and lies of the devil. (Luke 10:19) Jesus also commands us to go preach His Word and **prepare** the way for Him to come into peoples' lives! (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15)

Today we are asking two questions: “How can we stay **prepared** to share about Jesus?” and “How can God use us to help reach **EVERY LAST ONE** starting with the **NEXT ONE** He puts on our hearts?” In Luke chapter 10 Jesus is teaching those exact things! Luke 10 verse one says, “the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of Him to every town and place where He was about to go.” For those of us who have put our hope in Jesus, He has called us to **prepare** the way for Him by preaching His Good News! Jesus sent out 72 disciples in Luke 10:2 telling them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.” There are billions of people on the planet that still need to hear about His salvation and freedom from sin, but there is a lack of workers. Jesus says to pray that God would send out His workers! That's you and me! Jesus is sending us to make an impact across the world beginning with our school and our city! Let's use this summer to **prepare** the way for Jesus everywhere we go! He has given us authority, so let's step into it with boldness!

As we finish the school year strong and **prepare** for summer time with family, friends, on vacations, and everywhere we go, we have the opportunity to show and share love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23a) Jesus demonstrated all of these parts of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. And since He lives in us, we can let Him live through us and demonstrate these characteristics as well. We represent Him, and as our King and Lord, we can allow Him to govern and lead every area of our lives!

When we share Jesus with our lives and with our words, some will believe and accept Him - PRAISE GOD! Some will doubt, or even reject the Good News. But, we don't take it personally. We show love and move on, because there are more who need to hear. Who knows, God may have simply wanted you to plant a seed about Jesus in their heart and mind. Someone else will come along later to water that seed and help them understand the Good News more. Some plant the seed of God's Word, others water it, but God is the One who makes it grow, and brings forth a **NEW LIFE** in Him. (1 Corinthians 3:6-9; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Let's look back at Luke chapter 10. After the 72 disciples **prepared** the way for Jesus, shared His Good News, and healed the sick, the Bible says, “The 72 disciples came back very happy. They said, ‘Lord, even demons obey us when we use the power and authority of Your Name!’ Jesus said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning. I have given you the authority to trample snakes and scorpions and to destroy the enemy's power. Nothing will hurt you. However, don't be happy that evil spirits obey you. Be happy that your names are written in heaven.’” (Luke 10:17-20) While it's awesome realizing Jesus has given us authority over demonic spirits, the greatest thing is knowing that we get to spend eternity with Him in heaven! Plus, we get the privilege and honor of sharing His love with others so they can possibly receive His hope of heaven as well!

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### MESSAGE (continued)

This year we have heard a lot about reaching **EVERY LAST ONE** here on our campus. Even though we are leaving soon for summer break, Jesus’ words about reaching people still apply once school is out. During Jesus’ final moments on earth He told His followers, *“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* (Acts 1:4,8) They were told to spread the Good News in the town where they grew up, in the surrounding communities, and eventually all over the world! We have focused on our campus all year, and now Jesus is sending us to go share His Good News with the world around us! His Gospel is for our neighbors and the nations! Maybe one day some of us, or ALL OF US, will take the message of Jesus “to the ends of the earth!” You are **PREPARED!** Now go preach Jesus to **EVERY LAST ONE**, starting with the NEXT ONE! I pray this summer we all grow closer to the **HEART** of God, recognize every **OPPORTUNITY** to overcome the lies that come against us, **PREPARE** the way for Jesus in all we do, and **EVANGELIZE** His Good News to **EVERY LAST ONE!**

For anyone who wants to repent of your sins and confess Jesus as Lord, today is your day of salvation! (Romans 10:9,10; 2 Corinthians 6:2) He wants a personal relationship with you! When we give our life to Jesus, we not only get to experience joy on earth, but we will live forever in heaven with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. If that is you today, I want to lead you in a prayer. **LEADER TIP:** Say this in short, clear phrases. Let’s pray, *“Jesus, I believe You are who You say You are. You are the Savior of the world. You are Lord. I believe You came into this world, lived a perfect life, and died for my sins. I believe You rose from the grave three days later and live in heaven watching over me, protecting me, and loving me. I accept You into my life. In Your Name I pray, amen!”*

If you made Jesus the Lord of your life today, that is the greatest decision you could have ever made! Even though this may be our last club meeting this school year, this is not the end of learning more about Jesus! To grow in our relationship with God this summer, let’s keep reading our Bibles, talking with and listening to God in prayer, and getting or staying connected with a local church. If you have questions about any of these, please come talk to me or anyone on our leadership team so we can **prepare** to come alongside you and grow closer to God together this summer!

### 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 your plans for growing in your relationship with God this summer?
2. Are you going anywhere this summer where you could **evangelize** and share the Good News about Jesus with someone?
3. Whether you came all the time, a few times, or only this time, what did you enjoy the most this year about being in First Priority?

### CLOSING

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

**SAY:** One of the last things Jesus spoke to His disciples is called the Great Commission. He sent them to the world as He was going back to heaven to be with His Father. He said, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to do everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am always with you until the end of time.”* (Matthew 28:18-20) As His **ROYAL** sons and daughters, let’s go in King Jesus’ authority and preach His Word!

Promo/Announcements: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leader)

**SAY:** We hope you have a great summer! Don’t forget to follow our club on social media! Let one of our student leaders know if you would like to connect with a local church this summer. Be on the lookout for ways to get involved in First Priority next school year.

**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:

“King Jesus, You say that I am **royalty!**” - 1 Peter 2:9

**IMPORTANT:** If your club doesn’t have a social media account, check with your Faculty Sponsor for approval. As summer time approaches, your leadership team may want to think of ways to continue encouraging your classmates and sharing the Gospel on your club’s social media account during the summer.

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 / EVANGELIZE WEEK** based upon 1 Peter 2:9 and this week’s **PREPARE / EVANGELIZE GOAL**.

#### THIS WEEK’S PREPARE / EVANGELIZE GOAL:

Our GOAL is to stay **PREPARED** to share about Jesus in hopes that **EVERY LAST ONE** in our school and in our city would follow Him as their Savior and Lord!

**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: 1 Peter 2:9

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:

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