

PREPARE WEEK

Month 2: ENOUGH

"I am enough!"

"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! It's great to see you here today! So far this month we have talked about God's HEART for us and the OPPORTUNITY to overcome obstacles in our lives. We have learned that God is our Heavenly **Father** and we are His **children**! The P in HOPE stands for **PREPARE**, and this week is **PREPARE** week. During each **PREPARE** week, we will look closely at how God is **preparing** us to share about Jesus. Today, our **PREPARE** GOAL is for us to know that, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross, God is our Heavenly **Father**, we are His **children**, and we are **enough!**

Prayer: _____ (Leader)

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

SAY: Let's pray. "Father, thank You for sending Your **Son**, Jesus, to die for us! It is because of Jesus that we can receive the blessing of being Your **children**. We are so grateful to be a part of Your family! In Jesus' Name, amen."

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Psalm 100 verse 4 says, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His Name." We want to take the next few moments to thank God for all that He has done. The best "thank you" we can give to God is the worship that only comes from our hearts!

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:
Our Identity
Our Heavenly **Father**

SONG: Who You Say I Am Run to the **Father** ARTIST: Hillsong Cody Carnes

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: "Father, I ask that You would prepare our hearts right now to receive Your Word. I pray that we would all be reminded through this message that we are **enough** because You are more than **enough**. In Jesus' Name, amen."

MESSAGE

Scripture: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Today's verse is from Colossians 2:10 which says, "So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority."

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.

Today's Message Author: The message below was written by *Lily*, a First Priority student leader in Shelby County, Alabama.

SAY: In the last couple of weeks we've talked about some attributes of Who God is, and then who we are as His **sons** and **daughters**. (Galatians 3:26-29) This week we're going to continue this study and see what God's mission is for us. (Matthew 28:19-20) As you **prepare** to share your faith with others, it is important to know that you are **enough** and that God equips you to do so. (Colossians 2:10; Ephesians 4:11-16)

As Christians we will struggle with sins and we will face hard circumstances. (Romans 7:14-25) This is why it is important to know Who God is as our Heavenly Father, and who He has created us to be as His children. (1 John 3:1) In Matthew 6:9 it says, "Our Father in heaven, may Your Name be kept holy." What this means to us is that God is our Father and He is in heaven. We can have a relationship with God the **Father** through a relationship with His Son Jesus. (John 14:6) When Jesus died for us on the cross, He gave us the opportunity to be made right with God. (Romans 3:21-26) He is the eternal sacrifice. Once we believe in Him we become children of God! (John 1:12) When we know Jesus, we begin to walk in the ways of the Spirit of God. Romans 8:14 says, "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God." Walking in God's ways means turning away from our old ways of sin and turning toward the righteousness that Jesus gives us through a relationship with Him. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

We are broken and can never be **enough** on our own. (Ephesians 2:8-10) It's through a relationship with Jesus that we become **enough**. As Colossians 2:10 says, "So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority." This verse tells us we are complete in Jesus, Who is the head of all things. Because we have been filled with His Spirit and are made complete in Him, we are forever **enough**! It doesn't matter who we are, where we've come from, or what we've done. On our own we aren't **enough**, but with Jesus we are! It's through His life, death, and resurrection. Now, this doesn't mean we won't mess up. We still will, but God isn't looking for perfection, He just wants your heart!



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So, **preparing** yourself to share Jesus with others means knowing you aren't **enough** on your own. It means knowing that Jesus, and having a relationship with Him, is what makes you **enough**! Once you understand this it enables you to go share your faith boldly with others. **LEADER TIP:** Say the following quote in short, clear phrases so that everyone can understand and repeat after you. Practice saying this, "God is my **Father**, and I am His **child**, therefore I am **enough**!"

When we leave First Priority and go our separate ways after school today, we may not have anyone close by that can encourage us. It's amazing that no matter where we are or what we are going through, God is always encouraging us through His Word–the Bible! (Hebrews 4:12) If we want to know what our Heavenly **Father** thinks about His **children**, we can read His Word! Reading the Bible is the best way to to know Who God is and who He says we are. You can download the <u>YouVersion Bible app</u> and read the Bible on your phone. You can also go to <u>biblegateway.com</u> and read scripture on a Chromebook or a computer. If you don't have your own copy of a Bible, talk to one of our student leaders or our Campus Coach, and we would love to help you.

LEADER TIP: This would be a great time to have Bibles ready to offer to classmates that may not have one! Your church or your Campus Coach's church may be willing to provide Bibles for your club to give away. Simply ask your church or Campus Coach if they would be willing to help.

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. When was the moment that you realized you were **enough** because of what Jesus did for you?
- 2. Why do you think that it is important for our generation to understand that we are **enough** because of Jesus?
- 3. What are some ways we can **prepare** to invite our classmates to *evangelize week* next week?

CLOSING

Identity Statement:		(Leader)
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SAY: Proverbs 18:21 tells us that we have the power to speak life. Let's speak life over ourselves today as we leave. Say this in your heart or out loud after me, "Because of Jesus, I am enough!"

"I am enough!"

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: "Because of Jesus, I am **enough!** - Colossians 2:10"

IMPORTANT: If your club doesn't have a social media account, check with your Faculty Sponsor for approval.

Closing Prayer:	(Leader)
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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 Colossians 2:10 and this week's **PREPARE** GOAL.

THIS WEEK'S PREPARE GOAL:

Today, our **PREPARE** GOAL is for us to know that, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross, God is our Heavenly **Father**, we are His **children**, and we are **enough**!

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: Colossians 2:10

Message:

MESSAGE TIPS:

- ${\bf 1.} Look\ at\ this\ week's\ existing\ scripted\ message\ for\ ideas\ and\ inspiration.$
- 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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Closing Prayer: