



# OPPORTUNITY WEEK

## Month 3: MASTERPIECE

“God, I am Your masterpiece!”

“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! This year, we are learning about Who God is and who He says 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 learn how to take the **opportunity** 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 believing that God is **love** and we are His **masterpiece**!

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

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

**SAY:** Let's pray. "Heavenly Father, we are thankful that You **love** us so much! Because of You, we are **loved**! We know Your Word says that when we gather in Your Name that You are with us! We can't wait to see all that You are going to do in this room today! In Jesus' Name, amen."  
(Matthew 18:20)

### WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

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

**SAY:** In John 12:32, Jesus says, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Me." When we sing worship songs to Jesus, we are praising and lifting up His Name! Let's take this **opportunity** to worship Him together and ask Him to move in the lives of everyone in our school!

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 Value

SONG:  
You Say  
Worth

ARTIST:  
Lauren Daigle  
Anthony Brown

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:** "Heavenly Father, we know that You are with us right now because we have gathered together in Your Name. As we hear the message, I pray that You would teach us how to overcome any obstacles in the way of us knowing Who You are and who You say we are. Let us all know and believe that we are Your **masterpiece**. In Jesus' Name, amen."

### MESSAGE

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

**SAY:** Today's verse is Ephesians 2:10 which says, "For we are God's **masterpiece**. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."

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 **OPPORTUNITY** week, we learn to take the **opportunities** to overcome any obstacles that come against us knowing Who God is and who He says we are. Today, we are going to look at how we can overcome some of the obstacles in the way of us believing that we are God's **masterpiece**. An "obstacle" is anything that blocks something or gets in the way. The enemy wants to block us from believing the truth that comes from God. (Genesis 3:1-13; Matthew 4:1-11) God wants us to believe the truth about Him and about who He says we are!

Jesus tells us that the enemy wants to destroy us. In John 10:10, Jesus says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." In this verse, the word "thief" is talking about our enemy, the devil. One way that he tries to destroy us is through our thoughts. The enemy wants our minds to be filled with his lies about Who God is and who God says we are. However, we have the **opportunity** to overcome the obstacles of the enemy's lies! The truth that overcomes every obstacle comes from the Bible, which is God's Word. (Proverbs 30:5)

Last week during HEART week, we learned the truth that God is **love**. (1 John 4:8) The enemy wants us to believe the lie that God doesn't **love** us. The truth that overcomes this lie is found in First John 4:16. It says, "And so we know and rely on the **love** God has for us. God is **love**. Whoever lives in **love** lives in God, and God in them." Today, we can know for sure that we are **loved**!

Another lie that the enemy wants us to believe is that we aren't good enough. One of the greatest weapons the enemy tries to use against us is insecurity. "Insecurity" is a lack of self-confidence or a doubt about oneself. When we struggle with insecurity, we might battle these questions: "Am I good enough? Does anyone care about me? Does anyone **love** me? Does anyone notice me? Can I really share the Gospel with others? What if they think I'm weird?" When we feel insecure, we might have these thoughts: "I'm not smart enough. I'm not pretty enough. I'm not athletic enough. I'm not strong enough. I'm not outgoing enough. No one wants to be friends with me. I always feel like I'm a bother to everyone. No one wants me."

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### MESSAGE (continued)

The truth of God's Word overcomes the obstacle of insecurity! Ephesians 2:10 tells us, *"For we are God's **masterpiece**. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."* A **masterpiece** is a work of outstanding art, skill, or workmanship. While creating a **masterpiece**, an artist is extremely careful to make their work of art as amazing as possible. The artist isn't going to rush the process of creating their **masterpiece**. They are going to take their time to make something so special that they are extremely proud of. Did you know that God took time to create each one of us? (Psalm 139:13-17) He made us all carefully in His image, as His **masterpiece**! (Genesis 1:26a-27) Psalm 139:14 says, *"I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works, and I know this very well."* This truth from God's Word shows us just how special and important we are! Because of Who God is and who He says we are, we can confidently know that we are **loved**, wanted, valued, and seen. When we feel like no one **loves** us, we can be reminded that our Creator God created us in His image as His **masterpiece**.

Do you know someone who needs to hear that they are God's **masterpiece**? Is there someone in your class or someone who sits at your lunch table who needs encouragement? Proverbs 18:21 tells us, "The tongue can bring death or life." This means that our words have the power to build someone up or tear them down. (James 3:1-12) We don't want our words to be the obstacle in the way of someone believing that they are God's **masterpiece**. We want our words to encourage others and show them how much God **loves** them. Today, let's look for an **opportunity** to use our words to encourage others, and tell them that they are God's **masterpiece**.

### 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 we are God's **masterpiece**?
2. Have you ever struggled with feeling insecure? How did you overcome that feeling?
3. Why is it important to take **opportunities** to encourage others with our words?

### 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. (Acts 2:42-47)*

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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 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 God's **masterpiece**!" - Ephesians 2:10

**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 Ephesians 2:10 and this week's **OPPORTUNITY GOAL**.

#### THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITY GOAL:

For us to identify and overcome any obstacle in the way of us believing that God is **love** and we are His **masterpiece**!

**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: Ephesians 2:10

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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Closing Prayer: