



# HEART WEEK

## Month 7: LORD

### “Jesus, You are Lord!”

“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 for joining us today! This year, we have been learning about Who God is and who He has created us to be! Each month, we have learned about a **new** characteristic of Who God is from the Bible. Today, we will learn that Jesus is **Lord**! Each week of First Priority features a piece of our HOPE strategy. The H in HOPE stands for **HEART**. This week is **HEART** week, where we will hear about God's **heart** for us, our classmates, and our campus! Our **HEART GOAL** this week is for every one of us to know that Jesus is **Lord**!

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

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

**SAY:** Let's open in prayer. “Jesus, You are **Lord**! You are in control, You protect us, and You watch over us! Thank You for Your **heart** of love for us. Help us to model Your **heart** everywhere that we go today. Let everything that we say and do honor You. In Jesus' Name, amen.” (Psalm 121:5-8)

#### WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

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

**SAY:** While **Heart** Week is always about God's **heart** for us, worship is a way that we can reveal our **hearts** for God and to God. When we worship God, we can show and tell Him what we think about Him and how much we love Him. Our worship can be a gift to God that He loves to receive. Let's take this time to open our **hearts** and tell God how much He means to us. Let's give Him a gift of our worship. (2 Corinthians 2:15; Romans 12:1)

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:**  
Surrender to Jesus  
Jesus is **Lord**

**SONG:**  
Nothing Else  
All Hail King Jesus

**ARTIST:**  
Cody Carnes  
Bethel

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, help us open our **hearts** and ears right now to hear what You want to speak to us. We pray that Your Word will be planted in our **hearts**, so that we won't only listen to Your Word, but apply it to our lives every day. We trust You. In Jesus' Name, amen.” (Luke 8:4-15)

#### MESSAGE

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

**SAY:** Today's verse is Romans 10:9, which says, “*If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is **Lord**,’ and believe in your **heart** that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*”

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:** Today's verse from Romans 10:9 is a scripture that we talk about each Evangelize week. It tells us how we can begin a relationship with Jesus and receive salvation (being saved from sin). As we learn about Who God is, we are going to talk about what it means when we say “Jesus is **Lord**.” This statement shows us so much about Who God is.

The word “**lord**” means “the one who has control; the owner; the one who has all authority.” The word “authority” means “the power or the right to give orders and make decisions.” When we say that Jesus is our **Lord**, we are saying that we give up any control that we have over our lives. He is first in everything! He is our First Priority! (Colossians 1:18) When we fully surrender to Jesus as our **Lord**, we don't have to worry if He will ever hurt us, leave us, manipulate us, or misuse His authority over our lives. He will never harm us or throw us away. That is not God's **heart**. God's **heart** is filled with love for us. (1 John 3:1) His plans for us are good. (Jeremiah 29:11) He doesn't want us to miss out on any of the good things that He has planned for our lives. (James 1:17) Because we know that our Heavenly Father loves us so much, we can put all of our trust in His authority and in Who He is. His presence is the safest place to be.

To trust Jesus as our **Lord** requires faith. “Faith” is believing in something even when you can't see it. (Hebrews 11:1) When we have faith in Jesus, it means that our belief in Him cannot be shaken. Our faith in Him helps us trust Him no matter what we see, what we feel, or what we go through. Matthew 8 shows us a story of someone who understood what it means to have total trust in Who Jesus is. This story is about a “centurion” soldier. The “centurion” (*pronounced: sen-CHUR-ee-un*) soldier was a professional soldier in the ancient Roman army. Because of his role in the Roman army, he understood the idea of power and authority. The story in Matthew 8 clearly shows that the soldier recognized Jesus's authority.

Matthew 8:5-9 shows us the conversation between Jesus and the soldier. It says, “Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum (*pronounced: kuh-PUR-nay-uhm*), a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, ‘**Lord**, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘I will come and heal him.’ The centurion answered and said, ‘**Lord**, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.’”

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#### MESSAGE (continued)

In this story, the soldier tells Jesus that he has a servant who was very sick and couldn't walk. Jesus offered to go to the soldier's house and heal the servant. However, the soldier didn't feel good enough to have Jesus go to his house. So he told Jesus that if He would just say the word, then his servant would be healed. The soldier understood Jesus's authority and recognized the power that Jesus had. He put faith in the words of Jesus, even though he didn't know what would happen. This is what it looks like to have faith. This is what it looks like to trust in the authority of Jesus as **Lord**. When Jesus is **Lord** of our lives, we can trust God's Word and God's authority no matter what we see or what we are going through. Matthew 8:10 tells us that Jesus was amazed at the soldier's faith in His authority. Jesus had never seen someone with that much faith in all of Israel. What if we had so much faith in the authority of Jesus that He was amazed? What if we trusted Him as our **Lord** and held nothing back from Him?

Have you truly surrendered to Jesus as your **Lord**? Does He have authority in your relationships? Your friendships? Your hobbies? Your future? Your life? If there are places in your **heart** that haven't been fully surrendered to Jesus, you can surrender to Him right now. You can make a first-time or fresh decision to fully surrender all of your plans, dreams, and desires to Him. Maybe you are here today and you realize that you've never surrendered to Jesus. We don't want to leave without giving you an opportunity to make Him the **Lord** of your life. If you have questions about this, don't leave without talking to one of our student leaders or our Campus Coach.

**LEADER TIP:** It would be wise to have some **RESPONSE CARDS** available in case any student would like to respond to the gospel. **RESPONSE CARDS** can be found on the **FP AL** app within **EVANGELIZE WEEK** and in **CLUB RESOURCES**.

Romans 10:9 tells us, “*If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your **heart** that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*” If you want to ask Jesus to be Your **Lord** for the first time, or if you want to recommit your surrender to Him as your **Lord**, I will take my time as I say this prayer so you can repeat after me: **LEADER TIP: Say this slowly in clear, short phrases.** “*God, I ask You to forgive me of my sins. I believe that You sent Your Son Jesus to die for me. I believe that He rose again and is the only Way to You. Forgive me for not fully trusting in You and Your authority. I give You every part of my **heart** and my life. You are my **Lord**. In Jesus' Name, amen.*”

If you prayed this prayer today, please let us know so that we can celebrate with you and pray for you!

#### 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 characteristics of Who God is that you have learned in First Priority this year?
2. What are some reasons people don't fully surrender to Jesus as their **Lord**?
3. Is there any area in your life that needs to be totally surrendered to Jesus?

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!

**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: “Jesus, You are **Lord**! - Romans 10:9”

**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 **HEART WEEK** based upon Romans 10:9 and this week's **HEART GOAL**.

##### THIS WEEK'S HEART GOAL:

Our **HEART GOAL** this week is for every one of us to know that Jesus is **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:

“God Is” Verse: Romans 10:9

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:

**LEADER TIP:** Use scripted questions provided or create your own.

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