



HEART WEEK

Month 8: KING

“Jesus, You are King!”

“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! Today, we will learn that Jesus is **King!** 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 **King!**

Prayer: _____ (Leader)

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

SAY: Let’s open in prayer. “*Jesus, You are King! We know that Your Word says that when we gather in Your Name, You are there. We believe that You are here with us right now. As we worship You and listen to Your Word, help us to learn more about Who You are. In Jesus’ Name, amen.*” (Matthew 18:20)

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Psalm 47:7 says, “*For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.*” A “psalm” is a sacred song or text. When something is sacred, it means that it is set apart for a special purpose. There are psalms of praise written in the Bible. We can worship God with singing because He is **King** over the earth! Let’s take this time to worship God because He deserves our worship!

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:
Jesus is **King**
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SONG:
All Hail King **Jesus**
King of My Heart

ARTIST:
Bethel
Steffany Gretzinger

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, You are here! We love Your presence here with us! If anyone here has never felt Your love or Your presence, I pray that they would experience You today. Help them to know that they are not alone and that You love them so much. As we hear this message, let all of us know and believe that Jesus is King over everything. In Jesus’ Name, amen.*”

MESSAGE

Scripture: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Today’s verse is First Timothy 6:15, which says, “*For, at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only Almighty God, the King of all kings, and Lord of all lords.*”

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: This year we have been learning about Who God is and who He says we are. So far, we have learned that Creator, Father, Love, Jesus, Holy Spirit, Savior, and Lord are all characteristics of Who God is. Today, we will be talking about another characteristic of Who God is—**King!** When you hear the word “**king**”, what is the first thing that comes to your mind? Do you think about someone with a lot of power and authority? Do you see pictures of crowns or thrones in your mind? Do you think about the **kings** and rulers you have learned about in school? When someone has the title of “**king**”, it means that they have power, authority, and reign over a nation, country, place, or group of people. The term “**king**” is often used in a government setting. A **king** has the power to make decisions that impact their country and people. While Jesus doesn’t physically rule in person over a certain country on earth, He is the **King of kings!** Those who have made the decision to follow Jesus can see Him as **King** of their **hearts** and lives. (Ephesians 3:17)

What does it mean for Jesus to be **King** of our **hearts** and lives? If Jesus is the **King** of our **hearts**, this means that He is the ruler of our lives. When we surrender our lives to Him, we give up our right to be in control. When we ask Him to be our Lord, Savior, and **King**, we are giving Him the authority and power over our lives. This means that He rules over our actions, our words, our choices, our thoughts, and the way we treat others. When we give our lives to **King** Jesus, we can trust that He knows and will do what is best for us. He will always lead us in the ways that are best for us because He loves us so much. (Psalm 1; Psalm 5:12) We don’t have to be afraid that He will misuse His power as our **King**. The same Jesus Who is our **King** also wants to be our Friend. How amazing is that! (Proverbs 18:24; John 15:15b)

Not only is Jesus **King** over our **hearts**, but He is **King** over all! Today’s verse tells us that He is the **King of kings**. (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14) He has all power and authority over everything, even our enemy, the devil. Matthew 28:18 says, “*Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.’*” On earth and throughout history, there have been **kings** who have gone to war and not known if they would win the war. Some **kings** in the world and in history have made bad decisions that caused a lot of pain, loss, and hurt for their people. When we follow **King** Jesus, we never have to wonder if He will lose a battle or a war. We don’t have to fear if He will make a bad decision that will hurt us. He gives us peace! (John 14:27) He is undefeated! He has never lost a battle or a war, and He never will! We never have to wonder if He can fight for us, because He never loses a fight! Jesus says in John 16:33, “*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*”

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MESSAGE (continued)

While many of us may have never experienced what it is like to be in a physical war, God’s Word tells us that there is a war for our **hearts**. Our enemy, the devil, fights for our attention, our identity, and our purpose. He wants to be the ruler of our **hearts** by keeping us from knowing and believing Who God is and who He says we are. Ephesians 6:12 tells us, *“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”* In John 10:10, Jesus tells us *“The thief (the devil) comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”* Because of what God tells us in His Word, we can know that our **King** Jesus conquers any enemy! He is mighty! He is undefeated! Psalm 24:8 says, *“Who is this **King** of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.”*

A man named Paul was inspired by God to write First Timothy. (2 Timothy 3:16) First Timothy can be found in the Bible in the New Testament, which is the second part of the Bible. In First Timothy, Paul is writing a letter to Timothy, a man who was serving God and serving churches. Today’s verse from First Timothy 6:15 tells us that “at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven.” What does Paul mean when he says “at just the right time Christ will be revealed”? When something is “revealed,” it means it is clearly shown and made known. The “right time” that Paul is talking about is when Jesus will return to take us to Heaven to be with Him! Those who have asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior receive the promise of going to Heaven one day and living forever! (John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:6-9) Heaven is a real place where we will get to be with our Heavenly Father forever! (Philippians 3:20) No one but our Heavenly Father knows when this “right time” will be. Matthew 24:36 says, *“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.”*

Since no one knows when **King** Jesus will return, it is so important that we tell everyone about Who He is and His love for us! Think about one person that you could share the good news of Jesus with. Do you have a name in mind? Maybe you are here and that one person is you. Maybe you’ve never surrendered your life to Jesus. If you have questions or want to make that decision today, come talk to one of our leaders or our Campus Coach. Let’s close in prayer and pray for that one person that came to mind. Let’s ask God to give us an opportunity to share Jesus with them.

LEADER TIP: Close in prayer and pray for the “one” name that God put on everyone’s hearts! EVERY LAST ONE begins with the NEXT ONE!

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. Is Jesus truly the **King** of your **heart**? What does it mean for Jesus to be the **King** of your **heart**?
2. How is Jesus a different **King** than the **kings** of this world?
3. Is there a person that God put on your **heart** to share the good news of Jesus with? How can we pray for you as you prepare to share with them?

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 is **King!** -1 Timothy 6:15”

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 1 Timothy 6:15 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 **King!**

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: 1 Timothy 6:15

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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