



OPPORTUNITY WEEK

Month 8: 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! It’s great to see you here today! This year, we have been learning about Who God is and who He says we are! Each week we cover a piece of the HOPE strategy. The O in HOPE stands for **OPPORTUNITY** and this week is **OPPORTUNITY** week. We will 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 goal is for each of us to believe and understand that because of Jesus, we are **royalty** in God’s kingdom!

Prayer: _____ (Leader)

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

SAY: Let’s pray. “Jesus, You are **King!** You are all-powerful! Because of You, we can overcome any obstacle that gets in the way of us knowing who we are. We pray that You would help us to learn more about You, and to believe what Your Word says about our identity. In Jesus’ Name, amen.”

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Revelation 17:14 says, “but the Lamb will defeat them because he is Lord of all lords and **King** of all **kings.**” We can worship God because He has overcome every obstacle we could ever face! He has defeated our enemy! He is all-powerful! Let’s take this **opportunity** to worship the undefeated **King of kings!** (Psalm 147:5)

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:	SONG:	ARTIST:
Jesus is King Who God Is	King of Kings Lion and the Lamb	Hillsong Leeland

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, thank You for being here with us. Thank You for the **opportunity** we have to learn more about You and to hear a message from Your Word. I ask that every person here would hear Your Word with an open heart. We want to know You more and to fully believe what You say about us! Help us to know that we can live as **royalty** in Your Kingdom. In Jesus’ Name, amen.”

MESSAGE

Scripture: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Today’s verse is First Peter 2:9 which 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.

SAY: Have you ever felt like you weren’t noticed? Have you ever wondered if anyone really cared about you? Have you ever felt unsure of what your purpose was? I’m sure all of us here have asked these questions or something similar at some point in our lives. If you’ve had these questions, you have probably thought about one of our topics here in First Priority—who God says we are. We have been learning about Who God is and who He says we are. Let’s think about this: Who are we, really? Are we confident in our identity? Do we really believe that we have purpose and value? Do we really believe that we are loved? If you struggle with being confident in who you are or believing that you are loved, I want to encourage you that God’s Word has the answer for you. If you want to know what God thinks about you, you can read His Word, the Bible!

LEADER TIP: This would be a great time to encourage anyone who doesn’t have a Bible. 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.

Today’s verse gives us a picture of what God thinks about us. Let’s break down what First Peter 2:9 means. The first part calls us a “chosen generation.” To be chosen means to be intentionally picked out or selected for a special purpose. A “generation” is a group of people who are born in a specific time period. God knew exactly when we would be born on this earth. Before we were born, He knew the great plans that He had for our lives. Psalm 139:16 talks about this when it says, “*You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.*” As God’s sons and daughters, we are His chosen generation! He has a special purpose for us to fulfill for Him!

The next part says that we are a “**royal** priesthood.” When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we are brought into the family of God. (Romans 8:14-17) We receive the gift of being His son or daughter. (1 John 3:1) That is our identity! Because He is **King**, we are **royalty** in His Kingdom! Being a member of a **royal** family means that you receive power simply because of whose family you are a part of. As God’s **royal** sons and daughters, we receive His power! He’s given us power through the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:8) This power can fill our lives with boldness and courage to do what He has called us to do. This power can give us the confidence to know who we are—we are His! We don’t have to be afraid of rejection or being alone. **Royal** sons and daughters of God don’t have to be afraid because their Heavenly Father is always with them! (Hebrews 13:5) He is for us! Romans 8:31 says, “*What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?*”

The word “holy” means “sacred, dedicated, consecrated, set apart.” This is why the word “holy” is often used to describe God. When something is “holy,” it has been set aside for a specific purpose. When something is “holy,” there is a respect that is given. When we say that God is “holy,” we are showing our reverence, awe, and respect for Him. We are saying that there is no one else like Him.

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MESSAGE (continued)

First Peter 2:9 mentions that we are a “holy nation.” This means that our lives as God’s sons and daughters should be set apart and dedicated for Him and only Him. God is our first priority. We live to love Him, to please Him, and to serve Him. Ephesians 4:24 says, “Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.”

God calls us “His own special people.” Just like we read earlier, when Jesus is our Lord, we are brought into the family of God. (Romans 8:14-17) He is our Heavenly Father and we are His **royal** sons and daughters. We belong to Him. We are His people. He has set us apart. Do you have outfits or shoes that you only wear for special occasions? Is there a certain activity or tradition that your family only does on holidays? These are examples of how we set things aside for a special purpose. This is similar to how God sees us. Through what Jesus did for us, God sets each one of us apart for a special purpose. He has a purpose and a plan for each of us to fulfill for Him. Jeremiah 29:11 says, “For I know the plans that I have for you’, says the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.’” God has a future filled with hope in store for His sons and daughters. He is our Good Father! (Matthew 7:11)

When we know and believe who God says we are, we have a responsibility to share Him with others. The last part of First Peter 2:9 says, “that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” God calls us out of the darkness of sin and into His light! (Ephesians 5:8-9) If Jesus has saved us from darkness and brought us into the light, we can boldly share this hope with others so that He can do the same for them!

I want you to ask yourself a question: “Are you really living like you are a **royal** son or daughter of God?” If you have a relationship with Jesus, but you realize that you haven’t really been living out the identity as His **royal** son or daughter, you can ask Him to help you today. If you’ve never put your faith in Jesus as your Savior or you have questions about what it means to be a **royal** son or daughter in God’s Kingdom, our Campus Coach or one of our student leaders would love to talk with you about it.

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 signs that someone is a **royal** son or daughter of God? What should their lives look like?
2. What are some of the obstacles that keep us from believing that we can be **royalty** in God’s Kingdom?
3. What do you think it means to be “called out of darkness” and into God’s light like First Peter 2:9 talks about?

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)

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:

“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.

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 1 Peter 2:9 and this week’s **OPPORTUNITY GOAL**.

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITY GOAL:

Today, our goal is for each of us to believe and say, “**King Jesus, You say that I am royalty!**”

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:

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

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