



PREPARE WEEK

Month 8: VICTORIOUS

“I am victorious!”

“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 learned that Jesus is **King** and that we are **royalty** in God's Kingdom! 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 we can be **victorious** because of what Jesus has done for us!

Prayer: _____ (Leader)

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

SAY: Let's pray. "Jesus, we believe that You are **King!** We know that Your Word tells us that we are **royalty** in our Heavenly Father's Kingdom! Thank You for making a Way for us to be a part of God's family! Help us all to realize that when we have You, we have all that we need! In Jesus' Name, amen." (1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 2:19)

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: First Corinthians 15:57 says, "But thank God! He gives us **victory** over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ." God gives us **victory** over sin through His Son, Jesus! This is something incredible that we can thank Him for! Let's take this opportunity to worship God and thank Him for the **victory** that He freely gives us!

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: We are victorious Victory through Jesus	SONG: Raise A Hallelujah See A Victory	ARTIST: Bethel Elevation Worship
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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: "Jesus, You paid for us to have **victory** over sin when You died on the cross. Thank You for giving up Your life so that we could receive eternal life! As we hear Your Word today, remind us that we don't have to feel defeated. You are our undefeated **King!** We can receive Your **victory!** In Jesus' Name, amen." (John 3:16-17; Colossians 2:14-15)

MESSAGE

Scripture: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Today's verse is Romans 8:37, which says, "No, despite all these things, overwhelming **victory** is ours through Christ, who loved us."

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: This message was written by **Hannah**, a First Priority student leader from Jefferson County, Alabama.

SAY: Our scripture this week is Romans 8:37, which says, "No, in all of these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." A "conqueror" is someone who overcomes or gains power and control by winning a war. Another version of this scripture says, "No, despite all these things, overwhelming **victory** is ours through Christ, who loved us."

As Christians, we are sometimes compared to sheep in the Bible. (Psalm 44:22; John 10:1-30; Romans 8:36) We look towards Jesus, our Shepherd, to keep us safe. Just like unaware sheep, we can face potential harm all day long. Sheep encounter danger such as wolves. Our danger often comes as the result of our own bad choices. However, Paul states in Romans that nothing in this world can separate us from God. And he couldn't be more correct. (Romans 8:38-39) Think back to a time in your life when you were lost. Maybe it was before you met God, or maybe something bad happened to you. How did you feel? **LEADER TIP:** Feel free to ask a few people to share an example. We can feel so far from the Lord, as if we could never face Him because of how ashamed we are. We feel like He's going to judge us or not accept us.

In the Bible, there are many verses that remind us that He is always with us and He will never forsake us. Psalms 139:8-10 says, "If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast." Deuteronomy 31:6 says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." Isaiah 41:10 says, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isn't that wonderful? No matter how lost or broken we find ourselves, we have a wonderful Lord who will always love us no matter what.

Point 1: Victory in all things.

In our scripture, Paul begins to list some of the troubles we may face as Christians. He starts with "persecution, hardship, famine, nakedness, dangers, or sword." But he goes on to remind us that we are all conquerors. (Romans 8:37)

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MESSAGE (continued)

We may only conquer these challenges through Jesus. He gives us the power to overcome because He is the only One who can help us. (John 14:6) No challenge is too big or small for God. (Luke 1:37) If you ever face any challenge, which we all will at some point, all you have to do is ask God for help. Because of Him, we don't have to worry about what's to come because He has plans to prosper us, and not to harm us. (Jeremiah 29:11) We can overcome anything with His help. We can conquer all things because the Lord would never give you a challenge that you couldn't handle. (1 Corinthians 10:13) When things seem to get overwhelming, just turn to the Lord, and He will always be there to help you. (Hebrews 13:5)

Point 2: Where this love comes from.

Later in Romans chapter eight, Paul says, *“neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 8:39) Paul explains that the Lord loves us no matter what. No matter what season of life we're in, no matter how busy we are. His love for us comes from a deep and personal relationship that we all crave.

As we reflect on Romans 8:37, we see a beautiful transition from struggle to strength. We may start as defenseless, like sheep, while facing the world's hardships, but we end as "more than conquerors" because of our Shepherd, Jesus, Who takes care of us. This week, remember that your **victory** isn't based on your own power; it is anchored in a type of love that cannot be broken or outrun. (Zechariah 4:6) No matter what mountain is in front of you or what shame is behind you, you are never alone. God's love is always pouring out for you. Let this truth give you peace as you go into your week, knowing that in Him, you are never alone.

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. Do you remember a time when you felt lost and without God's presence in your life? How did you feel during that time?
2. What do you think it means to be **victorious** through Jesus?
3. Do you know someone who needs to experience **victory** through Jesus? How can we help you pray for them?

CLOSING

Identity Statement: _____(Leader)

SAY: As we leave today, let's remind ourselves of who God says we are! Repeat this statement after me, out loud or in your heart: “I am **victorious!**”

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:

“I am **victorious!**” - Romans 8:37

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 **PREPARE WEEK** based upon Romans 8:37 and this week's **PREPARE GOAL**.

THIS WEEK'S PREPARE GOAL:

Today, our **PREPARE GOAL** is for us to know that we can be **victorious** because of what Jesus has done for us.

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: Romans 8:37

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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