



HEART WEEK

Month 2: MAKE GOD KNOWN

“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! We are so happy that you are here today! This month, we will be learning that our purpose is to make God known. Each week of First Priority will feature 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 HEART GOAL this week is for us to understand that God's heart is for us to make Him known!

Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Feel free to have a student leader pray in their own words or the use prayer below.

SAY: Let's pray. *“God, thank You for creating us on purpose and giving us a purpose that we can live out. We want to make You known everywhere that we go. Be with us during this time together as we focus on You! In Jesus' Name, amen.”*

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL)

Worship Transition Talk: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Psalm 66:2 says, *“Sing about the glory of His Name! Tell the world how glorious He is.”* When we sing to God in worship, we are making Him known! Our worship can tell the world how deserving our God is! Let's worship and make Him known together!

Worship: _____ (Leader)

Worship song(s) length: _____

LEADER TIP: Worship can be led live or by a lyric video. Test all technology WELL BEFORE club begins. Because students come from diverse worship backgrounds, provide lyrics (in slides, handouts, or a QR code) so everyone can participate. Song suggestions do not imply FP's endorsement of every artist or song they perform.

Song Suggestion:

TOPIC:	SONG:	ARTIST:
Make God Known	Waymaker	SINACH
Make God Known	Great Are You Lord	All Sons & Daughters

Message Transition Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Worship is a powerful time to invite God's presence. To carefully transition into the message, have a student leader pray in their own words or use the prayer below.

SAY: *“God, we want to make You known through our worship to You! Because we know You, we can make You known. As we listen to this message, would You speak to our hearts? Would You give us boldness and courage to make You known in our school? In Jesus' Name, amen.”*

MESSAGE

Scripture: _____ (Leader)

SAY: Today's scripture is from Matthew 28:19, which says, *“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”*

Message: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: One or more leaders may present the message. If you'd like to write this message in your own words, use the CLUB PLAN TEMPLATE in the FP AL app and the main points below as a guide.

SAY: 1. Jesus calls all of us to make Him known.

Our verse today from Matthew 28:19 is known as the “Great Commission.” The word “commission” means an order, command, or assignment. In this verse, Jesus is talking to His disciples. A “disciple” is a dedicated follower. Throughout His ministry, Jesus had disciples who followed Him everywhere and witnessed all of the amazing things that He did. Jesus charged His disciples with the Great Commission to GO and share His love with people from all nations.

Jesus called His disciples to fulfill their purpose—to go and make Him known. Just like He told the disciples in Matthew 28:19 to go and make Him known, Jesus wants us to make Him known. In John 12:32, Jesus says, *“And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself.”* When we lift up His Name and make Him known, He can draw people to Himself so that they can know Him.

2. We can make God known by the way we love others.

If our purpose is to make God known, what are some ways that we can make God known? Jesus said in John 13:35, *“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”* Loving others is a way that we can make God known. Let's all ask ourselves this question: Do we really love others like Jesus? How do we treat people? How do we talk about people when they're not around? Are we kind to everyone?

God's heart is for us to make Him known by loving others like He loved us. First John 4:7-8 says, *“Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”* Our love for others is the evidence or proof that we know God. Since God is love and we know God, our purpose is to make Him known by loving others.

(continue on back)



HEART WEEK

Month 2: MAKE GOD KNOWN

MESSAGE (continued)

3. We can make God known by the fruit of the Spirit.

Jesus says in Matthew 7:17, 20, *"A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit...Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions."* Galatians 5:22-23 says, *"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"*

From these scriptures, we see that we can make God known by the fruit that our lives produce—our actions. Would an orange tree produce lemons? Would an apple tree produce grapes? Of course not! In the same way, followers of Jesus shouldn't produce fruit that doesn't look like Jesus. Our lives should show the fruit of the Spirit that Galatians 5 talks about. Instead of being rude or mean to others, we should show God's heart of love and kindness. Instead of spreading rumors about people or allowing anger to control us, we should show God's peace, gentleness, and self-control. Walking in the fruit of the Spirit can point others to God and make Him known.

4. How can we make God known in our school today? God's heart is for every last one in our school to know Him. How can they know Him if we don't make Him known? Did you know that you can make God known by showing kindness to someone? Think about a classmate, a teacher, or a school employee that you can show kindness to today. Simply offering someone a word of encouragement or asking how they are doing can mean a lot to someone who may feel unnoticed or discouraged.

We can make God's heart known by showing His kindness to others. Romans 2:4 tells us that God's kindness turns us from sin. It says, *"Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?"* Take a moment and think about this: Who can I share God's kindness with today? Let's go and make God known in our school!

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. Why is it important to make God known?
2. How can we make God known in our school?
3. Who can you share God's kindness with today?

SOCIAL MEDIA (OPTIONAL)

IMPORTANT: If your club doesn't have a social media account, check with your Faculty Sponsor for approval. **LEADER TIP:** If your club has a social media account, you can create content to share this week's verse, club meeting recaps, upcoming meetings, or events. Encourage your classmates to follow the account. Check out @firstpriorityal on Instagram for inspiration.

CLOSING

Announcements: _____ (Leader)

SAY: "We can't wait to see you next week! Pray about who the Lord wants you to invite! Let's close our time together in prayer."

Closing Prayer: _____ (Leader)

LEADER TIP: Ask God to give us the courage to make His heart of kindness known to others.

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.