



DEEP DOWN

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Bibles, Wristbands, Index Cards, and Pencils or Pens

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 2:7

START UP

WELCOME (4 mins)

(Ask a student leader to welcome)

SAY: Welcome to First Priority! *(Be sure to welcome guests)* We are so glad that you have chosen to join us today! Our focus this month is going to be centered around "Thankfulness." Today is Equip Week. Today, we want to look deeper into how a thankful heart can equip and encourage us to better share our faith with our friends.

OPENING PRAYER

(Ask a student leader to open in Prayer.)

SAY: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at our First Priority club! I am thankful for those that are here today and thankful for your love for each of us! Prepare our hearts now to hear your Word.

GAME (8 mins) – Who Wrote It?

"Who Wrote It?" is a game that has students asking the question... "Who wrote it?" Before your club starts, have your students write what they are thankful for, along with their names, on an index card. When you're ready to play, just read each quote out loud and see if your students can guess who wrote it!

TOOL TIME

DEVOTION

READ: 2 Colossians 2:7, *"Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."*

SAY: I don't know about you, but it feels like there's so many things going on that can make us feel ungrateful. However, even in the middle of trouble, we can remind ourselves of our roots. Our roots are in Jesus. And if we've built our lives on Him, then we have something to be thankful for.

Even if things seem hard right now, you can be thankful that you know Jesus. You have salvation in Him. Forgiveness is found in Him. No matter what you're going through, you have a Savior who is there by your side. This is something to be thankful for. So, even when you feel alone or mistreated, know that you've got roots in Jesus. Jesus is there for you, leading you, keeping you. He's guiding you through whatever you're facing. No matter what, you can be thankful for your roots in Him!

Here are 3 quick observations from this verse:

1. Our roots are in Jesus. The Bible says: "Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him."
2. When this happens... Your faith is strong! Then, your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught.
3. Our hearts overflow with thankfulness! ...You will overflow with thankfulness.

PRACTICE

ASK: How are you growing deeper in your relationship with Jesus? Jesus gave His all for you. What will you give for Him?

Tool Time continued

SAY: Let's break into groups of 2-3 and let's spend a few minutes talking about how each of us can grow deeper in our walk with Jesus.

(Give about 5 minutes for students to share and then come back together. Ask one person from each group to share the ideas they came up with.)

DIG IN

PRAYER TIME

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to give different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students. Ask them to pray for their friends that don't know Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(2 mins)*

This is the place for the club to make any announcements for the upcoming week and or month. This is a great spot to add student leaders to your team and give responsibilities to them. It is also the place to check on the upcoming school schedule for days off or breaks (Your faculty sponsor is a great resource for this).



THANKFUL FOR PRAYER

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Bibles, Wristbands, TV or Projector, Prayer Cards, Invite Cards

SCRIPTURE: Romans 3:23, Matthew 28:19, 1 Thess. 5:17

START UP

WELCOME (4 mins)

SAY: Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad that you have chosen to join us today! Our focus this month is “Thankfulness.” Today is Prepare Week. Today, we want to see what God has to say about prayer. Specifically, the privilege of praying for others.

OPENING PRAYER

SAY: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at our First Priority club! I am thankful for those that are here today and thankful for your love for each of us! Thank you for the privilege of prayer. I pray that we would be found faithful to pray for our friends to know you. Give us the strength to speak out. Amen.

GAME (8 mins) – “SAY WHAT”

Select two participants. Have them stand up front facing the crowd (so they can't see the screens). You will need to display images on a screen. (Images Provided) The crowd will “act out” or “say what” the image would do or say. If they see a picture of a dog, they would bark. If a frog is shown, they will say, “ribbit.” If it's a llama ... well that's what makes it fun.

The person up front has 10 seconds to guess. You can split into boys vs girls. The main thing is to have fun!

TOOL TIME

DEVOTION

SAY: Many of your friends live apart from God.

Most of our friends search everywhere for meaning and fulfillment – but not with God. That might even be true for you. Going our own way and the selfish actions that result from it are what the Bible calls sin. Sin damages and destroys our relationships with others. Sin keeps us from living the fulfilling life that God intends for us.

The Bible teaches in Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” That’s all of us. Even our friends that are not here today.

God has a plan for your life and for your friends’ lives! That plan is JESUS! And He has chosen to use you to share that plan, the good news with the people in your life. Matthew 28:19 tells us to GO and share this good news. Does God need us? No. But He has chosen us.

Where do we begin? We begin with prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to “Pray Continually” not just for the things that we need or prayers for the sick, but also for those that are not followers of Jesus. We need to be praying for our friends who don't know Him.

I want to take some time right now to pray for our friends. Pray that God would open a door for you to tell them about Jesus. Pray that they would join you next week for Invite Week. Pray for boldness. Pray that your friends would be saved!

PRACTICE

Pass out First Priority Invite and Prayer cards and ask each student to write down the names of three friends that they will be praying for and one friend that they will personally invite to First Priority next week.

DIG IN

PRAYER TIME

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to give different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students. Spend a few minutes praying for next week. Pray specifically for students lives to forever change by the Good News of Jesus Christ!

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(2 mins)*

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THANKFUL FOR THE CROSS

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Bibles, Wristbands, TV, Projector or Poster board

SCRIPTURE: Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:13

START UP

WELCOME (4 mins)

SAY: Welcome to First Priority! *(Be sure to welcome guests)* We are so glad that you have chosen to join us today! Our focus this month has been centered around "Thankfulness." Today is Invite Week!

OPENING PRAYER

(Ask a student leader to open in Prayer.)

GAME (8 mins) – Look Out! [\(link\)](#)

The instruction link for the Look Out! game is below:

<https://gamesforyouthministry.com/gameslibrarylist/look-out-group-game?rq=Look%20out!>

TOOL TIME

STUDENT SHARE TIME

Sharing your story with others is so impactful. God has chosen you to tell others about How much He loves us! Use this link <https://thefour.com/en/> as a guide to help you prepare to share your story.

Sharing your story outline

1. What was your life like before you encountered Jesus?
2. When did you first encounter Jesus?
3. When did you pray the prayer of salvation and start following Jesus?
4. How has your life been different since you started following Jesus?
5. Close with what you want others to know.
This is a good place to share your favorite scripture and challenge others to follow Him.

PRACTICE

Practice. Practice. Practice. Practice makes perfect.

We have heard both phrases so many times, that we just roll our eyes so quickly. But, its true! And, when it comes to public speaking, it only gets easier the more you do it.

Key Scriptures: Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:13

We are praying for you!

DIG IN

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

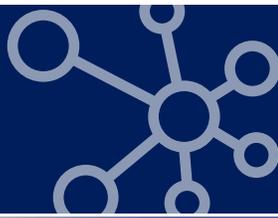
Ask students to fill out commitment cards

PRAYER TIME

Take 2-3 minutes to allow students to give different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students. Ask them to commit to pray for their friends that don't know Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 mins)

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THANKFUL FOR THE CHURCH

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Bibles, Wristbands, TV or Projector, Church Invite Cards

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:18-19

START UP

WELCOME (4 mins)

SAY: Welcome to First Priority! We are so glad that you have chosen to join us today! Our focus this month has been "Thankfulness." Today is Connect Week and we are so excited to share with you the many ways to connect with God through the local church.

OPENING PRAYER

SAY: God, thank you for another great week that we get to be here at our First Priority club! I am so thankful for those that committed their lives to follow Jesus last week. I am also thankful for the local church. Thank you God that you have placed people in groups who love you and will help each other walk faithfully.

GAME (8 mins) – *Bring Me A...* ([link](#))

"Bring Me A..." is a classic youth ministry game. Have your students sit down and prepare to run up with whatever appears on the screen! You can do everything from a 1975 Quarter to a white shoelace. Since you get to enter the items into the game's dashboard, you get to come up with whatever you want!

TOOL TIME

DEVOTION

SAY: Why does everyone make a big deal about going to church? Whether you go to church or not doesn't really matter does it? Plus, there's lots of great preachers on TV and online, so you can learn about God that way, right?

Here's three reasons why you shouldn't go to church.

1. **You're okay living an average life for God** – God built the church to challenge you to grow. Going to church puts you in contact with people who can point out weak spots in your life. They will mentor you and challenge you to grow. If you want to live an average boring life without being challenged to grow, church isn't for you.
2. **You don't like giving back to others** – Church gives you a great opportunity to give to others. Whether you give money or your time, church is built to give you opportunities to give back to others. If you're not into giving back, church is not for you.
3. **You don't like meeting new friends** – Church gives you lots of opportunities to meet new people. You can find some awesome friends and build lasting relationships. Plus, church usually offers fun hang out times which you can't get anywhere else. If you don't really like meeting new people, church is probably not for you.

Going to church is actually very important to you growing spiritually. Church brings you into contact with people that can help challenge you, encourage you, and hold you accountable. Church is also a place where you can learn more about God and His Word. Plus, the Bible talks about us getting together to worship God in...

Hebrews 10:25 – "not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on"

Tool Time continued

It might be easier to stay home or to not get involved in church, but church is really important. If you want to have a thriving relationship with God and meet some great like-minded friends along the way, church is for you!

I am so thankful for the church!

PRACTICE

Ask 1-2 students to share about their youth groups. Where they meet, what the service is like, and what day they meet.

Hand out church youth group Invite cards (Students Only Handing Out)

DIG IN

PRAYER TIME

Take a 2-3 minutes to allow students to give different prayer requests and pray for the needs of the students. Spend a few minutes praying for local churches.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (2 mins)

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