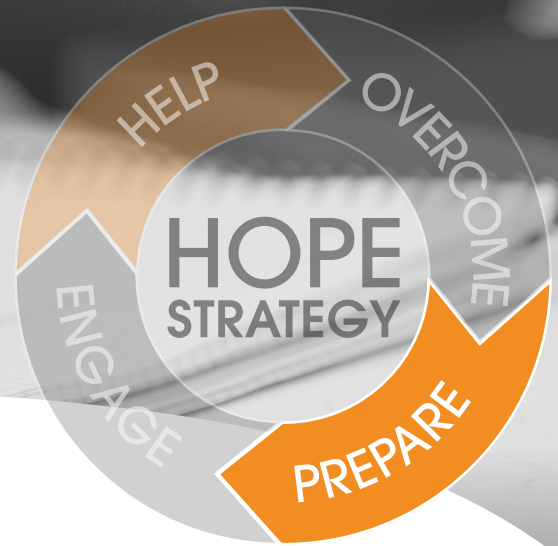


PREPARE



Goal: To help students recognize how God has worked in their life.

PREPARE is the third step of the HOPE strategy, and gives all students an opportunity to develop a faith story. During this week's meeting a student or students will prepare to share his/her faith story and the gospel message.

PREPARING YOUR FAITH STORY

The student leader should allow time for students to complete the questions in the week's lesson or the "My Faith Story" worksheet on page 14. After all students have completed the questions, ask students to share their answers. Then, ask if any student would like to share their faith story during Engage Week and if a student would like to share the gospel message. If a student agrees to share his/her faith story, it is helpful to have a student leader or Campus Coach first read your story.

The faith story worksheets serve three purposes: (1) To identify how God has worked in their lives; (2) To communicate how God used the experience to grow their faith; and (3) To communicate how this has impacted their relationship with God. The worksheets bring clarity to what the students want to communicate and help them to have confidence to share. Please remember to keep stories age-appropriate for students.

PRAY

When the testimonies are completed, encourage the students to gather into groups and pray for the friend(s) they will invite to the ENGAGE meeting the next week. Thank God in advance for what He is going to do.

Before closing the meeting, encourage students to gather into groups and pray for:

- The friend(s) you would like to invite to next week's ENGAGE meeting.
- What God is going to do through your club and how HE will impact your campus for Christ.
- The students who will share their faith stories and the gospel message.

RESOURCES

- Use the Bible story and prompts from this month's cycle; faith story questions included
- Use the "My Faith Story" worksheet on page 14
- Print and be prepared to read the "Salvation Prayer and Invitation" found on the First Priority website under the "resources" tab at www.firstprioritytampa.org

Reminder: Pray for your friends in preparation for ENGAGE week!

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)