



## **BIBLE TRUTH 3 OVERVIEW**

### **UNIT 1: The God Who Reveals Himself**

**Big Question and Answer:** "How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He's Like!"

**Bible Verse:** "For behold, He who formed the mountains, creates the winds, and declares to man what is His thought...The LORD, the God of hosts, is His name." Amos 4:13 ESV

### **Bible Truth 3 Concept: God Spoke to His People through Prophets Long Ago**

Before Jesus came, God often spoke to His people through prophets. Prophets were godly people who spoke God's words to people, especially God's people. God would speak to the prophets, then the prophets would tell the people exactly what God said. Sometimes false prophets came who pretended to speak God's words. The difference between the false prophets and God's true prophets was that the words of God's prophets always came true.

Sometimes God used His prophets to warn the people to stop sinning against Him. He urged them to turn away from their sins and receive His forgiveness. If they did not turn back, God used the prophets to tell His people how He would discipline them. After God disciplined His people, He used the prophets to give the people His words of comfort and hope.

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### **Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse**

**Meditation Version: Deuteronomy 18:18-19, HCSB**

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. I will put My words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. I will hold accountable whoever does not listen to My words that he speaks in My name."

**Alternate Memory Version: Deuteronomy 18:18,19, HCSB**

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### **Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer**

- A** We praise You, God, for being the God who reveals Himself to us through the words You gave Your prophets to speak and to write down.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to obey or even listen to the words You spoke through the prophets. We like to live our own way. We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You, God, for speaking through the prophets and making sure they wrote down Your words just right. Thank You that through their work, we can know more about You and how You want us to live.
- S** God, help us to learn the words You spoke through the prophets long ago. Work in our hearts that we might remember and obey them. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### **Bible Truth 3 Stories**

**Lesson 1: The Case of the Warned Wicked (Old Testament)**

1 Kings 21

**Lesson 2: The Case of the Doctor and the Drummer Boy (Story of the Saints)**

**Lesson 3: The Case of the Wilderness Wild Man (New Testament)**

Matthew 3,14; Mark 1,6; John 1

**1. GETTING STARTED: Welcome and Opening Songs** (*introduce unit and get kids moving with these songs*)

<b>Welcome</b>	<p>“Welcome to Praise Factory. We’re so glad you’ve joined us! Here at the PFI we are investigators. (That’s what the “I” stands for!) Investigators look for answers to questions. In PFI, we look for answers to big questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God’s Word to find them.”</p>
<b>Praise Factory Theme Song</b>	<p>“Let’s sing our Praise Factory Investigator’s theme song.”</p> <p><b>PFI: Praise Factory Investigators</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 1</i></span></p> <p>We’re PFI: Praise Factory Investigators,  Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word,  That’s PFI: Praise Factory Investigators,  Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word,  We’re looking for answers to very big questions,  Big questions about God,  If you’re looking for answers to very big questions ‘bout God, come along,  Join PFI: Praise Factory Investigators,  Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word,  That’s PFI: Praise Factory Investigators,  Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word.  Deep down, diggin’ down, Let’s go diggin’ down,  Deep down, diggin’ down,  ‘Til answers to all our Big Questions we’ve found.  We’re PFI: Praise Factory Investigators,  Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word,  That’s PFI: Praise Factory Investigators,  Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word.</p>
<b>Classroom Rules Song</b>	<p>An important part of Praise Factory is helping us worship God and love one another. Our WoGoLOA song reminds us how we should act. Let’s sing it.”</p> <p><b>WoGoLOA Rules Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 2</i></span></p> <p>Refrain:  WoGoLOA means “Worship God and love one another,”  WoGoLOA means “Worship God and love one another.”</p> <p>WoGo means “Worship God.”  Sound off, 1,2,3,  Joyfully take part,  Listen to others,  Obey your teachers. (<i>Refrain</i>)</p> <p>LOA means “Love One Another.”  Sound off, 1,2,3,  Be kind,  Be encouraging,  Help others, help others. (<i>Refrain twice</i>)</p>

**1. GETTING STARTED, continued**

<b>Opening Prayer</b>	"Let's ask God to help us obey these rules, and to help us worship Him and love one another as we learn more about Him today. Let's pray." <i>Pray.</i>	
<b>Big Question Under Investigation:</b>	<p>"Now it's time to turn to today's <b>Big Question Under Investigation</b>.</p> <p>It's: <b>How Can I Know What God Is Like?</b></p> <p>"God made us. He wants us to know what He's like so we can know Him, enjoy Him, love Him and glorify Him. We don't have to figure out what God is like by ourselves. We couldn't do that. So God shows us what He's like.</p> <p>So the answer to our Big Question, '<b>How Can I Know What God Is Like?</b>' is: <b>God Shows Me What He's Like!</b></p>	
<b>Big Question 1 and Songs</b>	<p>"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s):</p> <p><b>Big Q &amp; A 1 Song</b> <i>(adapted version of "This Is the Way We Wash Our Clothes")</i> How can I know what God is like, God is like, God is like? How can I know what God is like? He shows me what He's like!</p> <p><b>Big Question 1 Song: How Can I Know What God Is Like?</b> I have a very big question, A big question 'bout God. I have a very big question, It's Big Question Number One, I wanna know...</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> How can I know what God is like? How can I know what God is like? How can I know what God is like? He shows me what He's like!</p> <p>Verse 1: He gave me a heart to know God, He made everything I see. Big tall mountains, galloping horses, Every little bird and bee. Everybody sing... <i>(Refrain)</i></p> <p>Verse 2: He gave us the Bible, His Word, To learn of His mighty deeds, But most of all, through Jesus, His Son, God shows Himself to me. Everybody sing.... <i>(Refrain)</i></p>	<p><i>choose one or both</i></p> <p><i>PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 3</i></p> <p><i>PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 4</i></p>

**1. GETTING STARTED, continued****Unit 1  
Bible Verse**

You may also enjoy some other versions this verse:  
 He Who Declares His Thought  
 PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 6  
 He Who Forms the Mountains  
 PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 7  
 Behold,  
 PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 8  
 For Behold,  
 PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 8

"How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

Amos 4:13 tells us: "For behold, He who forms the mountains, creates the wind and declares to man what is His thought...the LORD, the God of hosts, is His name."

**Big Question 1 Bible Verse Song  
The LORD Declares: Amos 4:13 ESV**

*PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 5*

The LORD declares to man his thought,  
 The LORD declares to man his thought,  
 The LORD declares to man his thought,  
 Amos Four, thirteen.

"The LORD created everything--even us! He's the one to declares to us what His thoughts are. That means He shows us what He's like."

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN: Key Concept and Story (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related story)****Bible Truth 3**

"It's time for us to dig down deeper for answers to our Big Question. We're learning **FIVE** Bible Truths that all tell us something about how God us what He's like. We've learned some already. Can you remember what they are?  
 (God Made Our Hearts to Know and Love Him.; God's Creations Tell Us about Him)

The Bible Truth we are going to be thinking about today is:

**God Spoke to His People through Prophets Long Ago.**

Before Jesus came, God often spoke to His people through prophets. Prophets were godly people who spoke God's words to people, especially God's people. God would speak to the prophets, then the prophets would tell the people exactly what God said. Sometimes false prophets came who pretended to speak God's words. The difference between the false prophets and God's true prophets was that the words of God's prophets always came true.

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**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**

<p><b>Bible Truth 3 Hymn</b></p>	<p>“Long ago, a man named Daniel ben Judah Dayyan was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote this hymn based on an ancient Hebrew song of praise. He called it “The God of Abraham Praise.” We’re going to learn a verse from it.”</p> <p><b>The God of Abraham Praise</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 18</i></span></p> <p><b>Verse 2</b> His Spirit floweth free, High surging where it will: In prophet’s word He spoke of old, He speaketh still. Established is His law, And changeless it shall stand, Deep writ upon the human heart, On sea or land.</p> <p>“This hymn reminds us that by His Holy Spirit, the Lord gave the prophets His words to speak to His people.”</p>
<p><b>Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse and Song</b></p>	<p>“The Bible verse we are going to be digging down into for this Bible Truth is:</p> <p><b>Deuteronomy 18:18-19, HCSB</b> “I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. I will put My words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. I will hold accountable whoever does not listen to My words that he speaks in My name.”</p> <p>God tells us in His Word that He would raise up prophets to instruct the people. He used them to instruct the people in how they could be saved by trusting in Him. He used them to warn the people to turn back to Him when they kept on sinning against Him and to offer them forgiveness for their sins. The people were to obey the prophet’s words because they were His words. God’s people still read the words of the prophet’s written in the Bible today. There are things that God wants them to still obey that He commanded through them, long ago.</p> <p>We’ve said our Bible verse, now let’s sing it!</p> <p><b>I Will Raise Up</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 19</i></span> will raise up, I will raise up, I will raise up for them a prophet like you. I will raise up, I will raise up, I will raise up for them a prophet like you. He will come from among their brothers, I will put my words in his mouth, And he will tell them everything I command him. And whoever does not listen, I will hold him accountable. I will raise up, I will raise up, I will raise up for them a prophet like you. I will raise up, I will raise up, I will raise up for them a prophet like you. Deuteronomy Eighteen, eighteen and nineteen.</p>

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 1 STORY**

**Old Testament  
Story:**

**The Case of the  
Warned Wicked**  
1 Kings 21

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Warned Wicked.**

**As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:**

- 1. Who were the Wicked? What did they do that was wicked?**
- 2. What were they warned about? What happened after they were warned?**

*(If desired, write these questions on a sheet of paper to refer to when the story is finished.)*

*Read story.*

*After reading story, ask for the children's answers to the questions.*

**1. Who were the Wicked? What did they do that was wicked?** King Ahab and Queen Jezebel were wicked. They worshiped Baal and Asherah and led the people in worshiping them, too. They broke God's laws in terrible ways.

**2. What were they warned about? What happened after they were warned?** That if they didn't turn away from their sins, they would be punished. Ahab repented of his sins and turned back to the LORD. The LORD didn't give him the full punishment he deserved. Jezebel refused to repent and she died, as the LORD said she would.

*Close in prayer. (prayer suggestions included at end of story)*

**LESSON 2 STORY**

**Story of the Saints:**

**The Case of the  
Doctor and the  
Drummer Boy**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Doctor and the Drummer Boy.**

**As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:**

- 1. How did the Doctor and the Drummer Boy meet?**
- 2. Who did the Drummer Boy want the Doctor to know? How did the prophets help the Doctor meet Him?**

*(If desired, write these questions on a sheet of paper to refer to when the story is finished.)*

*Read story.*

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**1. Who was the Doctor and the Drummer Boy? How did they meet?** Max Rosvally was the doctor. Charley was the drummer boy. In a hospital during the American Civil War, when Charley was injured in battle.

**2. Who did the Drummer Boy want the Doctor to know? How did the prophets help the Doctor meet Him?** Jesus. Max Rosvally read the prophets and realized that they all pointed to Jesus as the Messiah.

*Close in prayer. (prayer suggestions included at end of story)*

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 3****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Wilderness Wild Man**

Matthew 3,14;  
Mark 1,6; Luke 3,9;  
John 1

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Wilderness Wild Man.**

**As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:**

- 1. Who was the Wilderness Wild Man?**
- 2. Why was he out in the wilderness? What was his message?**

*(If desired, write these questions on a sheet of paper to refer to when the story is finished.)*

*Read story.*

*After reading story, ask for the children's answers to the questions.*

**1. Who was the Wilderness Wild Man? How was he like a wild man?**

John the Baptist. He didn't cut his hair; he wore for camel's hair clothes; he ate locusts and honey.

**2. Why was he out in the wilderness? What was his message?** The LORD told him to go live in the wilderness, in fulfillment of the words of the prophets spoken many years earlier. He told people to repent of their sins and be baptized to be prepared for the coming Messiah.

*Close in prayer. (prayer suggestions included at end of story)*

**3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** *(choose from among these activities)***Response Activities**

- **ACTS Prayer Activity:** Add your own prayer requests to the ACTS prayer
- **Sneaky Snack:** Story-related snack
- **Bible Truth Review Activity:** Game with questions related to the Bible Truth
- **Bible Truth Hymn:** Music activities to learn a portion of a Bible Truth-related hymn
- **Bible Verse Review Activity:** Game with questions related to Bible Truth Bible verse
- **Bible Verse Song:** Music activities to learn the Bible Verse song
- **Story Review Activity:** Game with questions related to the Bible Truth and Case
- **Case RePlay, Jr. and Sr.:** Two drama activities that review the story: one for younger children, one for older children.
- **Craft:** Story-related craft
- **VIPP (Very Important Prayer Person):** Game and a coloring activity to help children learn about people in your church and how to pray for them.

*(VIP resources: found online or at back of this book)*

**4. TAKING IT TO OTHERS** *Optional presentations for the last few minutes of class***Presenting to Other Children**

*If you split the children into different response activities, you can gather the children together again and have each small group make presentations to show the other children what they learned. Presentation ideas are included in the resources for each activity.*

**Presenting to Parents**

*If you keep your children together for response activities, you can have them make a presentation of something they have learned to their parents when they come to pick them up from class. Presentation ideas are included in the resources for each activity.*

**5. TAKING IT HOME** *(Take Home Sheet)***PFI Pronto**

*Give out the PFI Pronto for the case story as well as any other materials as the children are dismissed.*