



BIBLE TRUTH 5 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: "The LORD reveals His thoughts to man." Amos 4:13 NIV 1984

Bible Truth 5 Concept: God Has Revealed Himself Most Completely through His Son, Jesus

God sent His Son, Jesus, to leave His home in heaven to be our Savior. He was born as a baby here on earth. Jesus grew up and became a man. He was fully human, like us, but He was also, still fully God.

Jesus lived the perfect life that pleases God. He never did anything wrong. He taught about God and He did many amazing miracles. Most amazing of all, He offered up His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead, showing that He had really beaten sin and death, then He rose back up to heaven where He lives now.

Jesus didn't live on earth long--only about thirty years. He taught about God and did miracles only about three of those years. But in that short, little bit of time, He showed us more about God than anything else in the whole world.

The Bible calls Jesus the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of Him. That means when we learn about Jesus and see what He is like, we are seeing what God is like: completely holy, powerful, loving and good. He hates sin, but He loves sinners who turn to Him for forgiveness and mercy! Thank You, God, for sending Jesus to show us what You're like!

Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Hebrews 1:1-3

"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets...but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son....The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being..."

Alternate Memory Version: Hebrews 1:3

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being..."

Bible Truth 5 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God, for showing us so much of what You are like through Jesus. Thank You for showing us how holy and just You are, as well as so loving and merciful to sinners.
- C** We confess that many times we don't want to take time to learn more about You by learning about Jesus. We confess that even when we know more about You, as we look at Jesus, that we still do not love You or trust You as we should. We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You, God for sending Your Son, Jesus, to come live on earth and show us what You are like.
- S** God, help us to understand who You are better as we learn about Jesus. Work in our hearts. Help us not just know about You, but come to know You, ourselves, as we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 5 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Lips of Life or Death (New Testament)

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

Lesson 2: The Case of the Not-Good-Enough Man (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Great Revealing (Old Testament)

Daniel 9; Matthew 2:1-12

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

<p>Welcome</p>	<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>
<p>Praise Factory Theme Song</p>	<p>“Let’s sing our Praise Factory Investigator’s theme song.”</p> <p>PFI: Praise Factory Investigators <i>PFI NIV Songs 1, Track 1</i></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>
<p>Classroom Rules Song</p>	<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>WoGoLOA Rules Song <i>PFI NIV Songs 1, Track 2</i></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

Opening Prayer	"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>	
Big Question Under Investigation:	<p>"Now it's time to turn to today's Big Question Under Investigation.</p> <p>It's: How Can I Know What God Is Like?</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, 'How Can I Know What God Is Like?' is: God Shows Me What He's Like!</p>	
Big Question 1 and Songs	<p>"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s):</p> <p>Big Q & A 1 Song <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>Big Question 1 Song: How Can I Know What God Is Like? 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 NIV Songs 1, Track 3</i></p> <p><i>PFI NIV Songs 1, Track 4</i></p>

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

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

Amos 4:13 tells us: "The LORD reveals His thoughts to man."

Big Question 1 Bible Verse Song*PFI NIV Songs 1, Track 5***The LORD Reveals His Thoughts to Man: Amos 4:13**

The LORD reveals His thoughts to man,
The LORD reveals His thoughts to man,
The LORD reveals His thoughts to man,
Amos Four, thirteen.

"The LORD reveals His thoughts to man--to all people. 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 5**

"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 already learned some already. Can you remember them? (God Made Our Hearts to Know and Love Him.; God's Creations Tell Us about Him, God Spoke to His People through Prophets; and God Speaks through His Word, the Bible)

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

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

<p>Bible Truth 5 Hymn</p>	<p>“Long ago, a man named Charles Wesley was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to this hymn. He called it “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.” We’re going to learn a verse from it.”</p> <p>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing <i>PFI NIV Songs 1, Track 15</i></p> <p>Verse 1 O, for a thousand tongues to sing, My great Redeemer’s praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!</p> <p>“This hymn reminds us that Jesus is the great Redeemer who came to earth to show us what God is like and to save His people from their sins. When we see what God has done through Jesus, we want to sing of His glorious love and mercy and grace shown to undeserving sinners.”</p>
<p>Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse and Song</p> <p><i>You might also enjoy listening to: Anyone Who’s Seen Me: John 14:9, PFI NIV Songs 1, Track 17</i></p>	<p>“The Bible verse we are going to be digging down into for this Bible Truth is:</p> <p>Hebrews 1:1-3: “In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets...but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son....The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being...”</p> <p>The Bible tells us that when we see what Jesus is like, we are seeing what God is like. There is nothing or no one else who can show us more about God than Jesus. That’s because Jesus is God!</p> <p>We’ve said our Bible verse, now let’s sing it!</p> <p>The Son Is the Radiance <i>PFI NIV Songs 1, Track 16</i></p> <p>The Son is the radiance, the radiance of God’s glory, The Son is the radiance, the radiance of God’s glory, And the exact representation of His being, And the exact representation of His being. The Son is the radiance, the radiance of God’s glory, The Son is the radiance, the radiance of God’s glory, Hebrews Chapter One, verse three.</p>

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Lips of Life or Death**

John 10:22-42

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Lips of Life or Death.**

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

- 1. Who thought they had life or death on his lips? Why was he wrong?**
- 2. Who really had life or death on his lips?**

(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 thought they had life or death on his lips? Why was he wrong? The proconsul thought he had the power to preserve life or bring death to someone. He was wrong because God was more powerful than him. He could do whatever He wanted to do. Philip would not die that day unless it was within His good will. And, because the proconsul didn't understand that while Philip's body might die that day, Jesus had given Philip eternal life...and that is real life!

2. Who really had life or death on his lips? Philip spoke the words of life to the proconsul, so he had the words of true life or death on his lips. But ultimately, Jesus was the one who had life or death on his lips. It is through Him only that we can be saved from the death we deserve and receive God's eternal life.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Not-Good-Enough Man**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Not-Good-Enough Man.**

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

- 1. Who was the Not-Good-Enough Man? What was he trying to be good enough for? How did he try to make himself good enough?**
- 2. Who did he come to know that was good enough? Why was this person good enough?**

(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 Not-Good-Enough Man? What was he trying to be good enough for? How did he try to make himself good enough? Martin Luther. He tried to do lots of good works and keep all of God's laws so God would accept him and save him from his sins.

2. Who did he come to know that was good enough? Why was this person good enough? Jesus. Jesus was the perfect Son of God. He was perfectly pleasing to His Father. He gives His righteousness to us when we repent of our sins and believe in Him. Martin Luther learned that it was by faith in Jesus rather than his own good works that he could be accepted by God.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 3****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the Great Revealing**

Daniel 9;

Matthew 2:1-12

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

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

- 1. What was revealed? Who revealed it?**
- 2. What was so great about it?**

(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. What was revealed? Who revealed it? God was sending His Son, Jesus into the world to save God's people and show us more of what He's like. The LORD revealed it to God's people through Daniel, as well as many other prophets.

2. What was so great about it? Before the time of Jesus, people could know God in their heart, could see His creations, could hear His words through the prophets and through the Bible; but now, with Jesus, God revealed what He is like more completely than ever before.

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.