



BIBLE TRUTH 2 OVERVIEW

Unit 10: The Holy Spirit, The Indwelling God

Big Question and Answer: "What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!"

Bible Verse: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."

Bible Truth 2 Concept: The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage

God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do difficult things. God does not expect His people to do these things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do.

God's Holy Spirit helps God's people do things they would never have the courage to do on their own. He gives them the courage to tell others the good news of salvation. He gives them the courage to obey Him, even when they are tempted not to. He gives them courage to keep trusting in God and to joyfully endure any hard things God may have them go through. He even gives them courage to boldly face their enemies who want to hurt or kill them.

Not only does God's Holy Spirit give them the courage to do whatever God calls them to, but He also reminds them of God's promises to use everything that happens to them for their good and God's glory. And, He reminds them that one day God will bring them home to live with Him in heaven, where there will be only joy and happiness in God's presence forever.

God's Holy Spirit can give us courage to live for God, too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Acts 4:29,31

"Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness...After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

Alternate Memory Version: Acts 4: 29,31

"After they prayed...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the Giver of Courage to Your People through the Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that many times we fear instead of trusting You to give us courage by the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, God for giving Your people the Holy Spirit to give them courage to do everything You call them to do.
- S** God, work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts that we might live courageously for You. Help us to boldly do everything You want us to do, no matter how hard it is.

Bible Truth 2 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Rock Man (New Testament)

Matthew 16:13-20; Acts 2-4

Lesson 2: The Case of the Gardener and the Gunpowder (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Small Man with the Big, Secret Weapon (Old Testament)

1 Samuel 17

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 10, 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 10, 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: Big Question 10 and Songs	<p>"Now it's time to turn today's Big Question Under Investigation.</p> <p>It's: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?</p> <p>The Bible tells us that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is three Persons, but just one God. God, the Holy Spirit, carries out God's plans--especially God's plans to work inside His people and change their hearts. The Holy Spirit is God's wonderful gift to His people! He is their helper and their comforter. He helps them know and love God. He helps them live for Him.</p> <p>So the answer to our Big Question, 'What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? is: He Changes Their Hearts to Be Like Jesus!'</p> <p>"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s): <i>choose one or both</i></p> <p>Big Q & A 10 Song <i>PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 3</i> <i>(adapted version of "Pop! Goes the Weasel)</i> What does the Holy Spirit do inside of God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do? He changes their heart!</p> <p>What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? <i>PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 4</i></p> <p><i>Refrain</i> What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people? He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!</p> <p>Verse 1 He gives life to the hearts of God's people, He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith, He puts love in the hearts of God's people, He helps them love God and others always. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Verse 2 God gives power to the hearts of people, He gives them the courage to live boldly for Him, He gives wisdom to the hearts of God's people. He reveals His Holy Word to them. <i>Refrain</i></p>

1. GETTING STARTED, continued**Unit 10
Bible Verse**

*You might also enjoy this version:
A New Heart: Ezekiel 36:26,
NIV
PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 6*

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

Ezekiel 36:36 tells us: “I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.”

Big Question 10 Bible Verse Song

PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 5

I Will Give You a New Heart: Ezekiel 36:26

I will give you a new heart,
A new spirit I'll put within you,
I will give you a new heart, a new heart,
A new spirit I'll put within you,
Ezekiel Thirty-six, twenty-six.

When we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we become God's people. Not does He save His people from the punishment they deserved from their sins, but He changes them. He gives them a new heart--one that knows Him and loves Him. One that wants to please Him. God's Holy Spirit, Himself, comes to live inside them in this new heart. He is the one who brings about the wonderful changes in God's people. He helps them to know and love God. He helps them understand what God wants them to do and helps them to do it. He comforts them and reminds them of God's promises to them. His life in their heart is just a tiny taste of the wonderful life they enjoy with God when they go to live with Him in heaven forever.

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

“It's time for us to dig down deeper for answers to our Big Question. We're learning **FOUR** Bible Truths that all tell us something about the Holy Spirit. We have learned one already. Can you remember what it is? (The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People)

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

The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage.

God gives His people many good things to enjoy, but He also calls them to do difficult things. God does not expect His people to do these things on their own. He gives them His Holy Spirit, to live inside of them and help them do everything He calls them to do.

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**Bible Truth 2
Hymn**

“Long ago, a man named Martin Luther was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words a hymn called “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” We’re going to learn two verse from it.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

PFI NIV Songs 10, Tracks 12,13

Verse 3

And though this world with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us.
We will not fear for God has willed,
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
For lo’ his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

Verse 4

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them abideth,
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
Through Him who with us sideth,
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also,
The body they may kill,
God’s truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

We do not have to look very far to see signs that God’s good world and good ways are challenged by a powerful enemy called Satan. He and other angels rebelled against God long ago. No wonder his nickname is the “Prince of Darkness” and these rebel angels are called demons! They love to oppose God. These enemies also want to cause trouble for God’s people. This may sound very scary. No one wants to have powerful enemies like these. But the good news is that they are not even close to a match for God. He is so much more powerful than they are. He will always win over any of their wicked plans. And thanks to Jesus, God gives His people powerful gifts to fight these enemies, too. He puts His Holy Spirit in their heart to make them bold. He gives them other abilities that help them fight, too. Yes, with Jesus on the side of God’s people, it doesn’t matter what Satan might have planned. God will always win. His kingdom is forever.

**Bible Truth 2
Bible Verse
and Song**

“The Bible verse we are going to be digging down into for this Bible Truth is:

Acts 4:29,31

“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness....After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

These words are a prayer of some of God’s people that’s in the Bible. There are times when the enemy they face is too powerful for them, on their own. But, they know that they never have to face anything on their own. God has given them His Holy Spirit to work in their hearts and help them be bold to do whatever He wants them to do. He delights to answer this prayer!

We’ve said our Bible verse, now let’s sing it!

PFI NIV Songs 10, Track 14

Now, Lord Consider Their Threats

Now, Lord, consider their threats,
Enable your servants to speak Your word,
Now, Lord, consider their threats,
Enable your servants to speak Your word,
With great boldness,
With great boldness.

After they prayed,
The place where they were meeting
was shaken,
And they were all filled,
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,
And they spoke boldly,
And they spoke boldly,
And they were all filled,
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Rock Man**

Matthew 16:13-20;
Acts 2-4

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

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

- 1. Who was the Rock Man? Who gave him this nickname? What did it mean?**
- 2. How did Rock Man not live up to his nickname? Who changed him to fit his nickname?**

(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 Rock Man? Who gave him this nickname? What did it mean? Jesus nicknamed Cephas "Peter," which means "Rock." Jesus meant that upon the faith like that which God gave Peter in Jesus, would the church of God's people be built.

2. How did Rock Man not live up to his nickname? Who changed him to fit his nickname? Peter's faith crumpled when Jesus was arrested. He chose to deny he even knew Jesus rather than risk getting arrested, too. But after Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead, He forgave Peter. When the Holy Spirit came upon all the believers, He filled Peter's heart, too, making his faith strong like a rock so that he boldly told all that Jesus was the Christ.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Gardener and the Gunpowder**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Gardener and the Gunpowder.**

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

- 1. Who tried to scare the gardener? What did they want to take from him?**
- 2. What did the gardener use as gunpowder? Who helped the gardener with the thieves and then helped the thieves?**

(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 tried to scare the gardener? What did they want to take from him?

Some boys tried to scare the gardener and take the money for the church building.

2. What did the gardener use as gunpowder? Who helped the gardener with the thieves and then helped the thieves? Rapeseed that looked like gunpowder in the darkness. The Holy Spirit living in the gardener's heart gave him courage to face the thieves and to encourage them towards the Lord. The Holy Spirit later worked in the boys' hearts. They turned away from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 3****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the Small Man with the Big, Secret Weapon***1 Samuel 17*

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Small Man with the Big, Secret Weapon.**

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

1. Who was the Small Man? Who thought he was too small to fight?

2. What was the Small Man's big, secret weapon? What difference did this make?

(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 Small Man? Who thought he was too small to fight? David was the Small Man. Everyone! Goliath, his brothers, King Saul.

2. What was the Small Man's big, secret weapon? What difference did this make?

The Holy Spirit working in David's heart, helping him have faith in the LORD to speak out against Goliath and to proclaim Him as the one, true, God, full of greatness and power. It made all the difference! He might have been too small to defeat giant Goliath alone, but the LORD gave him courage to stand up to Goliath and He helped David defeat him. Everyone could see how great the LORD was!

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.