



Unit 10
Bible Truth 4 Resources

BIBLE TRUTH 4 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." Ezekiel 36:26

Bible Truth 4 Concept: The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church

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God has always planned for the Holy Spirit to bring people from everywhere in the whole world to be part of His people, the Church. The Bible tells us that the Church will be made up of people from every single people group and language in the world.

Every week, groups of God's people meet together to worship God in gatherings all over the world. This is what we call going to church. But in heaven, the whole Church--all of God's people, from everywhere and every time--will gather together to worship God forever. What a gathering that will be! The Bible tells us that it will be so many people that we won't even be able to count them.

We can be part of God's Church--God's people--too, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Acts 9:31, NIV 1984

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the Builder of Your Church by Your Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need You to give us faith to believe in Jesus. We need Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- T** Thank You, God for calling people from every tribe, nation, and language to be Your people, the Church.
- 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 know and love You. and love Him. Build Your Church, in us and in people, all over the world!

Bible Truth 4 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Big, Brickless Building (Old Testament)

Genesis 1-3,9; Ephesians 1; Revelation 7, 19

Lesson 2: The Case of the Banana Leaf Carving (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Forbidden Soldier (New Testament)

Acts 2,10

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 ESV 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 ESV 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>
<p data-bbox="97 315 386 430">Big Question Under Investigation:</p> <p data-bbox="97 441 386 535">Big Question 10 and Songs</p>	<p data-bbox="394 315 1450 367">"Now it's time to turn today's Big Question Under Investigation.</p> <p data-bbox="394 378 1450 430">It's: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?</p> <p data-bbox="394 441 1450 640">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 data-bbox="394 651 1450 745">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 data-bbox="394 756 1450 808">"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s): <i>choose one or both</i></p> <p data-bbox="394 819 1450 882">Big Q & A 10 Song <i>PFI ESV Songs 10, Track 3</i></p> <p data-bbox="394 892 1450 924"><i>(adapted version of "Pop! Goes the Weasel)</i></p> <p data-bbox="394 934 1450 966">What does the Holy Spirit do inside of God's people?</p> <p data-bbox="394 976 1450 1008">What does the Holy Spirit do?</p> <p data-bbox="394 1018 1450 1050">He changes their heart!</p> <p data-bbox="394 1060 1450 1102">What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? <i>PFI ESV Songs 10, Track 4</i></p> <p data-bbox="394 1113 1450 1144"><i>Refrain</i></p> <p data-bbox="394 1155 1450 1186">What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?</p> <p data-bbox="394 1197 1450 1228">What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?</p> <p data-bbox="394 1239 1450 1270">He changes their hearts, He changes their hearts,</p> <p data-bbox="394 1281 1450 1312">He changes their hearts to be like Jesus!</p> <p data-bbox="394 1323 1450 1354">Verse 1</p> <p data-bbox="394 1365 1450 1396">He gives life to the hearts of God's people,</p> <p data-bbox="394 1407 1450 1438">He gives them the gifts of repentance and faith,</p> <p data-bbox="394 1449 1450 1480">He puts love in the hearts of God's people,</p> <p data-bbox="394 1491 1450 1522">He helps them love God and others always. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p data-bbox="394 1533 1450 1564">Verse 2</p> <p data-bbox="394 1575 1450 1606">God gives power to the hearts of people,</p> <p data-bbox="394 1617 1450 1648">He gives them the courage to live boldly for Him,</p> <p data-bbox="394 1659 1450 1690">He gives wisdom to the hearts of God's people.</p> <p data-bbox="394 1701 1450 1732">He reveals His Holy Word to them. <i>Refrain</i></p>

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

You may also enjoy these songs:

A New Heart:
Ezekiel 36:26, ESV
PFI ESV Songs 10,
Track 6

Within You:
Ezekiel 36:26, ESV
PFI ESV Songs 10,
Track 7

You Shall Be Clean:
Ezekiel 36:25-27, ESV
PFI ESV Songs 10,
Track 8

"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 ESV Songs 10, Track 5

Ezekiel 36:26

I will give you a new heart,
And a new spirit, I will put within you.
I will give you a new heart,
And a new spirit, I will 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 4**

"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 some already. Can you remember any of them? (The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People; The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage; and, the Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom.)

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

The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church.

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

Bible Truth 4 Hymn

You may also enjoy this extra song: God's One, Big Plan PFI ESV Songs 10, Track 26

"Long ago, a man named Joseph Gilmore was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote this hymn called "The Church's One Foundation." We're going to learn a verse from it."

The Church's One Foundation

PFI ESV Songs 10, Track 25

Verse 1

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation,
By Spirit and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride,
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Church is the Bible word for all of God's people. Jesus Christ is the Church's foundation because He is the only one who could save His people. Without Him, no one could ever be forgiven their sins and come to know God. He bought all of God's people by paying for their sins with His own blood when He died on the cross. The Holy Spirit works in each of God's people, helping them turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior when they hear God's Word.. He gives them a new heart that knows and loves God and want to serve Him. One day the whole Church will be together with Jesus. The Church will be like His bride whom He loves and delights in forever. And how the Church will love Jesus! Like a bride loves her new husband, but far, far more!

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse and Song

You might also enjoy this extra song: Behold, A Great Multitude: Revelation 7:9-10, ESV PFI ESV Songs 10, Track 28

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

Acts 9:31

"[The church] was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord."

The Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages God's people, the Church. He works in their hearts, giving people faith to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior as they hear God's Word. He fills their hearts and helps them to grow in understanding God's Word and in loving God. He helps them to live in the fear of the Lord-- that is, He helps them want to honor and obey God most of all.

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

The Church Was Strengthened

PFI ESV Songs 10, Track 27

The church was strengthened,
and encouraged,
By the Holy Spirit,
by the Holy Spirit,
It grew in numbers,
it grew in numbers,
Living in the fear of, the fear of the Lord.
Acts Nine, thirty-one.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the Big, Brickless Building**

Genesis 1-3,9;
Ephesians 1;
Revelation 7, 19

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Big, Brickless Building.**

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

1. Who planned the Brickless, Big Building? When did He plan it?

2. What did He make His building out of? How big is it to be?

(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 planned the Brickless, Big Building? When did He plan it? God is the planner. He planned it even before He created the world.

2. What did He make His building out of? How big is it to be? People. Only God knows. But it is so big that it is made up of more people than we can count.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Banana Leaf Carving**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Banana Leaf Carving.**

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

1. Who made the Banana Leaf Carvings? Where was she from? Where did she go to live?

2. For whom did she make the Banana Leaf Carvings? Why did she travel there to make the carvings for them?

(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 made the Banana Leaf Carvings? Where was she from? Where did she go to live?

Marilyn Laszlo. She was from Indiana and she went to Papua New Guinea, on the other side of the world.

2. For whom did she make the Banana Leaf Carvings? Why did she travel there to make the carvings for them? The Sepik Iwam people who spoke their language. Because she was part of God's plan to bring the good news of Jesus to this people group so they would be part of His Church, too.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 3****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Forbidden Soldier**
Acts 2,10

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

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

- 1. Who was the Forbidden Soldier? Who thought he was forbidden? Why?**
- 2. How did God show that he wasn't forbidden? What were God's plans for this soldier and others like him?**

(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 Forbidden Soldier? Who thought he was forbidden? Why?**

Cornelius. Peter and all the first believers. They were all of a Jewish background and mistakenly thought that God's people would all come from the Jews or people who first became Jews.

- 2. How did God show that he wasn't forbidden? What were God's plans for this soldier and others like him?**

God gave Peter a special vision and then explained to him what it meant when he met Cornelius. For them to be part of His people, too. His Church would come from every people, not just Jews. *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.