



## **BIBLE TRUTH 3 OVERVIEW**

### **Unit 11: The God Who Saves**

**Big Question and Answer:** "How Can We Be Saved? It Is God's Free Gift!"

**Bible Verse:** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
Romans 6:23

### **Bible Truth 3 Concept: We Must Trust Jesus as Our Savior and Obey Him as Our Lord**

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We need to confess to God that we are a sinner and ask His forgiveness for our sins. We need to believe that Jesus suffered and died on the cross as the perfect payment for our sins; and that three days later, He rose from the dead in victory over death. We need to turn our lives over to Him, asking Him to help us to love and live for Him in everything we do.

Trusting in Jesus to be our Savior is a wonderful work that God does by His Holy Spirit in the hearts of His people. He delights for us to ask Him to send the Holy Spirit to do this work in our heart.

When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, we also accept Him as our Lord. "Lord" is an old word used in the Bible that we don't use much anymore. It means someone who is in charge and who we are to obey. The sign of someone who truly trusts in Jesus as their Savior, is whether they also are trying to live to please God.

God's people want to obey Him in everything they do, but they can't do that on their own--and they don't have to. God gives believers His Holy Spirit to live inside them and help them to grow in love and in obedience to Him. God always gives us what we need to be His people, if we but ask!

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

#### ***Meditation Version: Romans 10:9-10***

"...if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

#### ***Alternate Memory/Games Version: Romans 10:9***

"...if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

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

**A** God, we praise You for being the Savior of sinners who trust in Jesus. We honor You as the wise and good Lord we all should obey.

**C** God, we confess that we are all sinners who need a Savior. We can never be acceptable to You on our own. We need Jesus to save us!

**T** Thank You, God for working in the hearts of sinners that they would trust in Jesus as their Savior and be saved.

**S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to confess our sins to You and repent of them. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to no longer live however we please, but now to live to please You.

### **Bible Truth 3 Stories**

#### **Lesson 1: The Case of the Transformed Tax-Man (New Testament)**

Mark 2:13-17; Matthew 9:9; Luke 5:27-32

#### **Lesson 2: The Case of the Talking Tea Chests (Story of the Saints)**

#### **Lesson 3: The Case of the Red Rope Ransom (Old Testament)**

Genesis 22:18; Isaiah 54:6; Acts 1

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

<p><b>Welcome</b></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><b>Praise Factory Theme Song</b></p>	<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 NIV Songs 11, 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>
<p><b>Classroom Rules Song</b></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><b>WoGoLOA Rules Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI NIV Songs 11, 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>  <b>Big Question 11 and Songs</b>	<p>"Now it's time to turn today's <b>Big Question Under Investigation</b>.</p> <p>It's: <b>How Can We Be Saved?</b></p> <p>We are all sinners who choose to disobey God. No matter how hard we try, we can never please God or earn eternal life on our own. We would have to live God's way perfectly to do that. That's why we need a Savior to save us from our sins, if we are to know God and become His people. Jesus, God's Son, is the Savior we need! He died on the cross to pay for the sins of God's people. He rose from the dead in victory! He alone can give us the gifts of knowing God and enjoying eternal life with Him. He promises to give these gifts to all who repent of their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.</p> <p>So the answer to our Big Question, '<b>How Can We Be Saved?</b>' is:  <b>It Is God's Free Gift!</b></p> <p>"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s): <span style="float: right;"><i>choose one or both</i></span></p> <p><b>Big Q &amp; A 11 Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI NIV Songs 11, Track 3</i></span>  <i>(adapted version of "Here We Go Looby-Looby")</i>  How can we be saved?  How can we be saved?  How can we be saved?  It is God's free gift!</p> <p><b>How Can We Be Saved?</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI NIV Songs 11, Track 4</i></span>  <i>Refrain</i>  How can we be saved? How can we be saved?  How can we be saved? It's God's free gift.  How can we be saved? How can we be saved?  How can we be saved? It's God's free gift through Christ.</p> <p>Verse 1  I disobey God, I need a Savior,  You disobey God, You need a Savior,  We all disobey God, We need a Savior.  To save us from our sins. <span style="float: right;"><i>Refrain</i></span></p> <p>Verse 2  Jesus, He paid the price, the perfect sacrifice,  On the cross, gave His life,  Bought us eternal life,  Takes away all our sin,  Makes our hearts clean within,  When we repent and believe in Him. <span style="float: right;"><i>Refrain</i></span></p>

**1. GETTING STARTED, continued****Unit 11  
Bible Verse**

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

Romans 6:23 tells us: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Big Question 11 Bible Verse Song  
The Gift of God: Romans 6:23**

*PFI NIV Songs 11, Track 5*

The gift of God is,  
The gift of God is,  
The gift of God is....what?  
The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus, through Jesus  
The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus. (repeat)  
Romans Six, twenty-three.

We all want to have eternal life, but the sad truth is that none of us deserve it. We have all turned away from God and His good ways. We all deserve God's punishment, not wonderful life with Him. But God in His amazing mercy sent His Son Jesus to live the perfect life we never have lived. He took the punishment we deserve. When we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, He gives us the free gift of eternal life. How good is God to sinners, like you and me!

**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 **FOUR** Bible Truths that all tell us something about the salvation God offers us. We have learned some already. Can you remember what they are? (God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins and Jesus Is the Only Way to Be Saved.)

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

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**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****Bible Truth 3  
Hymn**

"Long ago, a woman named Fanny Crosby was thinking about this Bible truth, too. She wrote the words a hymn called "To God Be the Glory" We're going to learn a verse from it.

**To God Be the Glory**

*PFI NIV Songs 11, Track 10*

**Verse 2**

O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood,  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

**Refrain:**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, thro' Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory,  
great things He hath done.

Everyone who trusts in Jesus as their own Savior knows God's forgiveness for their sins. Jesus has perfectly redeemed them. That is, He has paid for all their sins so they know God and enjoy eternal life with Him. How God's people praise God for sending Jesus to make the way for them to come to Him! If we trust in Jesus like this—even if we have been the worst of sinners—we can know that God will save us, just as He has promised. This will cause us to want to give God the glory for the great things He has done for us, too!

**Bible Truth 3  
Bible Verse  
and Song**

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

**Romans 10:9-10**

"...if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

To believe something in your heart is to think that something is true. To confess something to others is to tell them what you think is true. Christians are those who believe in their hearts that Jesus is the Son of God, who died on the cross to save God's people from their sins. They believe that He rose from the dead on the third day, showing that He had beaten sin and death for them. They love telling this good news to others that they might believe and be saved, too. We must believe in our own hearts that He is our Savior and be willing to confess to others that He is our Lord, if we are to be saved!

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

**If You Confess with Your Mouth**

*PFI NIV Songs 11, Track 11*

If you confess, with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"  
And believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,  
You will be save, you will be saved.  
For it is with your heart, that you believe and are justified.  
If you confess, with your mouth,  
"Jesus is Lord,"  
And believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,  
You will be save, you will be saved.  
For it is with your mouth, that you confess and are saved.  
Romans Ten: nine and ten.

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 1 STORY****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Transformed Tax-Man***Mark 2:13-17;**Matthew 9:9;**Luke 5:27-32*

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

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

**1. Who was the Tax-Man? Why did he need transforming?**

**2. Who transformed him? How?**

*(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 Tax-Man? Why did he need transforming?** Matthew was the Tax-Man. He loved money so much that he had been willing to do bad things--such bad things, that he was not even allowed to meet for worship in the synagogue or the Temple. He had chosen money over God.

**2. Who transformed him? How?** Jesus transformed him. He told him the truth about God and about himself. He offered Matthew forgiveness of sins and new life with God, if he would repent of his life and follow Him as his Lord.

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

**LESSON 2 STORY****Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Talking Tea Chests**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Talking Tea Chests.**

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

**1. Who had the tea chests? How did he make them talk?**

**2. Who did he want them to talk to? What did they do when they heard what the tea chests had to say?**

*(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 had the tea chests? How did he make them talk?** James Evans. He used the lead from the tea chests to make letters for printing part of the Bible in the Cree language.

**2. Who did he want them to talk to? What did he want them to say to these people?** The Cree Indians. James Evans left them this Bible portion to be able to know the good news of Jesus, trust in Him as their Savior and be saved. He wanted them to begin to live for 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 Red Rope Ransom**

Joshua 1-6;  
Exodus 13-14; Num-  
bers 21;  
Deuteronomy 2-3;  
Psalm 87:4;  
Hebrews 11:31;  
James 2:25

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Red Rope Ransom.**

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

- 1. Who put out the red rope? Why? Who was supposed to see it?**
- 2. A ransom is something paid to free someone. How was the owner of the red rope ransomed--paid and freed twice? How was she used as part of God's plan to ransom many?**

*(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 put out the red rope? Why? Who was supposed to see it?** Rahab put it out because the two Israelite spies told her to. The Israelites who attacked Jericho would see it and know that was where Rahab lived and were not to harm her.

**2. A ransom is something paid to free someone. How was the owner of the red rope ransomed--paid and freed twice? How was she used as part of God's plan to ransom many?** Rahab was ransomed from Jericho the first time, for her help with the two spies. But, she was ransomed from her sins by trusting in the LORD, becoming one of His people and obeying His laws. Through Rahab's family would come Jesus, the Savior, one day.

*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.*