



**Unit 12**  
**Bible Truth 1 Resources**

## **BIBLE TRUTH 1 OVERVIEW**

### **Unit 12: God's People Live for Him**

**Big Question and Answer:** "How Should God's People Live Each Day? They Should Live Like Jesus!"

**Bible Verse:** "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1-2

### **Bible Truth 1 Concept: God's People Grow to Be More Like Jesus**

When someone turns away from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior, they become one of God's people. Not only does God forgive their sins, but He puts His Holy Spirit in their heart to live.

The Holy Spirit works powerfully inside of God's people. He gives them wisdom and helps them understand God's Word. He helps them want to love and please God. He helps them continue to turn away from their old ways of living. He helps them to grow more like Jesus in how they think, speak and act. He is their Helper, their Comforter, their Guide, who will always be with them, at work on the inside.

None of God's people will ever be perfect here on earth. But God, by the power of His Holy Spirit, is growing them and transforming them, bit by bit, for their good and His glory. This is how God helps them to live for Him on earth and prepares them to live with Him in heaven one day.

### **Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse**

**Meditation Version: 2 Corinthians 3:18**

"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

### **Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the Changer of Your People through Your Holy Spirit.
- C** God, we confess that many times we do not live or love like Jesus. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God for Your promise to change Your people to love You and live for You. None who trust in Jesus ever need to feel hopeless about their sins!
- S** God, work in our hearts! Send Your Holy Spirit to live inside of us. Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Make us more like Jesus in how we live and love.

### **Bible Truth 1 Stories**

**Lesson 1: The Case of the Sneak-Away Slave (New Testament)**

*The Book of Philemon*

**Lesson 2: The Case of the Drunken Soldier (Story of the Saints)**

**Lesson 3: The Case of the Boy Who Did What Men Did Not (Old Testament)**

*1 Samuel 1-3*

**LESSON PLAN: BIBLE TRUTH 1** (1 Lesson Plan for ALL 3 Lessons) **P.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’re 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 12, 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 12, 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**

<p><b>Opening Prayer</b></p>	<p>"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>
<p><b>Big Question Under Investigation:</b></p> <p><b>Big Question 12 and Songs</b></p>	<p>"Now it's time to turn today's <b>Big Question Under Investigation</b>.</p> <p>It's: <b>How Should God's People Live?</b></p> <p>We become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. That is the end of the punishment for our sins that we deserved from God, but it's the beginning of a whole new way to live. God's people want to honor God with their whole lives like Jesus did. They seek to love God most of all and love all people, too.</p> <p>So the answer to our Big Question, '<b>How Should God's People Live?</b> is: <b>They Should Live Like Jesus!</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 12 Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 3</i></span>  <i>(adapted version of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")</i>          How should God's people live each day?          They should live like Jesus!          How should God's people live each day?          How should God's people live each day?          How should God's people live each day?          They should live like Jesus!</p> <p><b>How Should God's People Live?</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 4</i></span></p> <p><i>Refrain:</i>          How should God's people live?          How should God's people live?          How should God's people live?          They should live like Jesus!</p> <p>Verse 1:          Jesus loved God most of all,          He loved all people, too,          In all that He did and said and thought,          He loved them thru and thru. <i>(Refrain)</i></p> <p>Verse 2:          God's people should love God most of all,          They should love others, too,          And God the Holy Spirit,          Will help them in all they do. <i>(Refrain)</i></p>

**1. GETTING STARTED, continued****Unit 12  
Bible Verse**

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

Ephesians 5:1-2 tells us: ""Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

**Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song  
Live a Life of Love: Ephesians 5:2**

*PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 5*

Live a life of love just as Christ loved you.  
Live a life of love just as Christ loved you.  
Live a life of love, Live a life of love,  
Live a life of love,  
Just as Christ loved you.  
Ephesians Five, Two. O-le!

God's people have been loved by God through Jesus Christ in the deepest way imaginable. What more could He have done than to offer up His life as the full payment for their sins so they could be God's people. The Bible tells us that He did this even while we were still His enemies. He loved us before we loved Him! But Jesus did this not just because of His love for God's people, but even more so, for His love for God, His Father. He always delighted to do whatever His Father wanted Him to do. God calls His people to live like Jesus, loving others and loving Him, in everything they do. God promises to help them to live this way.

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN: Key Concept and Story (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related story)****Bible Truth 1**

"It's time for us to dig down deeper for answers to our Big Question. We're learning **FOURTEEN** Bible Truths that all tell us something about how God's people live. We are learning the first one today.

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

**God's People Grow to Be More Like Jesus.**

When someone when turns away from their sins and trusts in Jesus as their Savior, they become one of God's people. Not only does God forgive their sins, but He puts His Holy Spirit in their heart to live.

The Holy Spirit works powerfully inside of God's people. He gives them wisdom and helps them understand God's Word. He helps them want to love and please God. He helps them continue to turn away from their old ways of living. He helps them to grow more like Jesus in how they think, speak and act. He is their Helper, their Comforter, their Guide, who will always be with them, at work on the inside.

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**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****Bible Truth 1  
Hymn**

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

**The Church's One Foundation***PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 6***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 1  
Bible Verse  
and Song**

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

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

Long ago, Moses met with the LORD and sometimes would actually glow with God's glory. Sometimes he would wear a veil that would cover up God's glory when he was with the people. Moses' face may have sometimes shown with God's glory, but God's people have His Holy Spirit inside them. God doesn't want them to hide His glory--they are not to veil His work in their lives, but show it to all. The Holy Spirit works inside them and transforms them. He helps them to love God and live holy lives that reflect Him.

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

**We Who Reflect the Lord's Glory***PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 7*

We who reflect the Lord's glory,  
Are being transformed into His likeness,  
Which comes from the Lord,  
With ever-increasing glory,  
Which comes from the Lord,  
The Lord who's the Spirit,  
Who is the Spirit,  
Who is the Spirit.  
Second Corinthians Three, eighteen.

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 1 STORY****New Testament:**

**The Case of the Sneak-Away Slave**  
The Book of Philemon

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Sneak-Away Slave.**

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

**1. Who was Sneak-Away Slave? Why did he sneak away?**

**2. What happened that caused him to go back?**

*(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 Sneak-Away Slave? Why did he sneak away?** Onesimus. He did not want to be a slave.

**2. What happened that caused him to go back?** Paul shared the gospel with him and he became a Christian. He went back home because as he grew as a Christian, he knew this was the right thing to do.

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

**LESSON 2 STORY****Story of the Saints:**

**The Case of the Drunken Soldier**

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

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

**1. Who was the Drunken Soldier? What problems did his drunkenness cause?**

**2. What changed him? How did this change show?**

*(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 Drunken Soldier? What problems did his drunkenness cause?**

John Lees. He spent his family's money on drink instead of spending it on food and other things they needed.

**2. What changed him? How did this show?** John became a Christian. The Holy Spirit came to live in his heart. John read God's Word and prayed. The Holy Spirit used these things to change him. He left behind his drink. He was a good and godly father and husband. He worked hard to tell others about Jesus.

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

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 3****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the Boy Who Did What Men Did Not**  
*1 Samuel 1-3*

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Boy Who Did What Men Did Not.**

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

**1. Who was the boy? Who were the men who didn't do what the boy did?**

**2. What did the boy do that the men did not? Who helped the boy live this way?**

*(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 boy? Who were the men who didn't do what the boy did?**

Samuel. Phineas and Hophni, the sons of the high priest, Eli.

**2. What did the boy do that the men did not? Who helped the boy live this way?**

Samuel worshiped the LORD and offered the people's sacrifices the right way. Eli taught Samuel how God wanted him to serve. Samuel listened to God when He spoke and wanted to obey. The Holy Spirit worked in Samuel's heart, helping him obey.

*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.*