



**Unit 12**  
**Bible Truth 11 Resources**

## **BIBLE TRUTH II 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 11 Concept: God's People Tell Others about Him**

We've all rebelled against God and deserve His just and eternal punishment for our sins. But God, in His great love for sinners, chose to send His Son, Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus came and lived the perfect life that pleases God. On the cross, He offered it up as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had conquered sin and death, once and for all! Now all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior are forgiven and receive eternal life with God. This good news is what Christians call the gospel--and everyone needs to hear it! God calls His people to tell it to everyone, in every part of the world. Jesus promises to come back after the gospel has been taken to every people on earth, all according to God's good plan.

### **Bible Truth 11 Bible Verse**

**Meditation Version: Romans 10:13-15 NIV 1984**

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

**Alternate Memory Version: Romans 10:13-15 NIV 1984**

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' ...[H]ow can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? ...'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

### **Bible Truth 11 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being so gracious and compassionate that You chose to save sinners from every people on earth.
- C** God, we confess that many times we do not tell others about salvation through Jesus when we could. We confess that we are sinners who need to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior, too.
- T** Thank You, God for sending people to tell us the good news of Jesus that we might be saved.
- S** God, work to work in our hearts that we might turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Help Your people to bravely tell the peoples of the world about salvation through Jesus. Help us tell the good news of Jesus, too. Bring many people to know and love You.

### **Bible Truth 11 Stories**

**Lesson 1: The Case of the Homecoming Heralds (New Testament)**

Acts 13:1-12

**Lesson 2: The Case of the Man Who Wouldn't Give Up (Story of the Saints)**

**Lesson 3: The Case of the Reluctant Messenger (Old Testament)**

Jonah 1-3

**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**

<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<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><i>Verse 1:</i>          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><i>Verse 2:</i>          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 11**

“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 shows Himself to us. Can you remember any we’ve learned so far?

*(The Holy Spirit Helps God’s People, God’s People Love Him with All of Themselves, God’s People Love Others, God’s People Trust Him, God’s People Are Good Stewards of His Gifts, God’s People Obey Him God’s People Do Works He Has Prepared for Them, God’s People Read His Word, the Bible, God’s People Think about Him, and God’s People Say “No” to Temptation.)*

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

**God’s People Tell Others about Him.**

We’ve all rebelled against God and deserve His just and eternal punishment for our sins. But God, in His great love for sinners, chose to send His Son, Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus came and lived the perfect life that pleases God. On the cross, He offered it up as the perfect payment for the sins of God’s people. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in victory. He had conquered sin and death, once and for all! Now all who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior are forgiven and receive eternal life with God. This good news is what Christians call the gospel--and everyone needs to hear it! God calls His people to tell it to everyone, in every part of the world. Jesus promises to come back after the gospel has been taken to every people on earth, all according to God’s good plan.

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****Bible Truth  
11  
Hymn**

*You might also  
enjoy  
listening to:  
God's One Big  
Plan  
PFI NIV Songs 12,  
Track 32*

"Long ago, a man named Joseph Hart was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy." We're going to learn a verse from it."

**Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy***PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 31***Verse 1**

Come ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

**Refrain:**

I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.

"All people suffer the effects of their sinful rebellion against God. Everyone is poor and in need of a Savior. Everyone is weak and weary, sick and sore from sin. God, in His great mercy, chose to send Jesus to save sinners. Yes, Jesus paid for the sins of all who would ever turn and trust in Him. He welcomes them tenderly to come to Him and know the ten thousand charms of His love. If we do this, He will welcome us as our dear Savior, too."

**Bible Truth  
11  
Bible Verse  
and Song**

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

**Romans 10:13-15 NIV 1984**

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

This verse reminds us that God has chosen for others to hear the good news of salvation by sending His people to tell others about Him. They must go, if others are to hear.

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

**How Beautiful: Romans 10:13-15 NIV 1984***PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 33*

How beautiful! How beautiful!  
How beautiful are the feet,  
How beautiful! How beautiful!  
Are the feet that bring good news.  
Ev'ryone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.  
How then can they call on the one they've not believed in?  
And how can they believe in the one they have not heard?  
How can they hear without someone preaching?  
How can they preach unless they are sent?  
How beautiful! How beautiful!  
How beautiful are the feet,  
How beautiful! How beautiful!  
Are the feet that bring good news.  
Romans Ten, thirteen through fifteen.

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

Acts 13:1-12

Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of Homecoming Heralds.**

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

- 1. Who were the homecoming heralds? Who went with them?**
- 2. What did they come home to do?**

*(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 were the homecoming heralds?** Barnabas and John Mark.
- 2. Who went with them?** Paul.
- 3. What did they come home to do?** They went home to tell the people of Cyprus the good news of Jesus that they might believe and be saved.

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

**LESSON 2 STORY****Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Man Who Wouldn't Quit**

Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Man Who Wouldn't Quit.**

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

- 1. Who was the man? What happened to him that would make him want to quit?**
- 2. What wouldn't he quit doing? Why did he think it was so important?**

*(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 man? What happened to him that would make him want to quit?** Apolo was the man who wouldn't quit. He was hurt terribly and left for dead.

- 2. What wouldn't he quit doing? Why did he think it was so important?**

He wouldn't quit telling the people of his tribe the good news of Jesus. He knew they would die in their sins, if they didn't hear and believe the good news of 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 Reluctant Messenger**  
*Jonah 1-3*

Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Reluctant Messenger.**

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

- 1. Who was the Reluctant Messenger?**
- 2. What was he reluctant to do? Why did God want him to do it anyway?**

*(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 Reluctant Messenger?**

Jonah.

**2. What was he reluctant to do? Why was it wrong for him to be reluctant?** He was reluctant to tell the people of Nineveh to repent of their sins and avoid the LORD's punishment because they were enemies of Israel. None of us are good enough to deserve to receive God's mercy.

*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.*