



Unit 12
Bible Truth 12 Resources

BIBLE TRUTH 12 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 12 Concept: God's People Suffer According to God's Good Plan

God has promised His people that though they will suffer in many ways here on earth, they will only suffer according to His good and perfect plan. God promises to only use their sufferings to do good to them and bring glory to His name. He will use their sufferings to make them holy and to strengthen their faith, their love and their dependence on Him. God's people don't like to suffer, but they trust in God's good purposes in allowing them to suffer and in His promise to use it for their good and His glory. They know that God's Holy Spirit will always give them the strength they need to endure the suffering He allows. God's people count it an honor to suffer for Jesus, the One who suffered most of all, when He took the punishment for their sins upon the cross. But, they also look forward with great excitement to the day when they will live with God and their sufferings and sadnesses will be gone forever.

Bible Truth 12 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: 1 Peter 1:6-7 NIV 1984

"...for a little while you may have suffered grief in all kinds of trials. These have come that your faith—which is of greater worth than gold which perishes though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."

Alternate Memory Version: 1 Peter 1:6,7 NIV 1984

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Bible Truth 12 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the perfect Planner of Your people's sufferings, according to Your good plans.
- C** We confess that many times we complain when we suffer instead of turning to You and trusting in You and Your good plans. We need a Savior to save us from our sins.
- T** Thank You, God, for always giving Your people the strength to endure the sufferings You has planned for them. Thank You for Jesus, who suffered for Your people's sins so they wouldn't have to.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Use our sufferings to strengthen our faith, love and dependence on You; and to result in the most praise, glory and honor for You that is possible.

Bible Truth 12 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Surprising Sufferer (Old Testament)

The Book of Job

Lesson 2: The Case of the Atheist Under Attack (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Suffering Speaker (New Testament)

Acts 9,18, 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

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 12, 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 12, 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 12 and Songs	<p>"Now it's time to turn today's Big Question Under Investigation.</p> <p>It's: How Should God's People Live?</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, 'How Should God's People Live? is: They Should Live Like Jesus!</p> <p>"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s): <i>choose one or both</i></p> <p>Big Q & A 12 Song <i>PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 3</i> <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>How Should God's People Live? <i>PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 4</i></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 12**

"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, God's People Say "No" to Temptation, and God's People Tell Others about Him.

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

God's People Suffer According to God's Good Plan.

God has promised His people that though they will suffer in many ways here on earth, they will only suffer according to His good and perfect plan. God promises to only use their sufferings to do good to them and bring glory to His name. He will use their sufferings to make them holy and to strengthen their faith, their love and their dependence on Him. God's people don't like to suffer, but they trust in God's good purposes in allowing them to suffer and in His promise to use it for their good and His glory. They know that God's Holy Spirit will always give them the strength they need to endure the suffering He allows. God's people count it an honor to suffer for Jesus, the One who suffered most of all, when He took the punishment for their sins upon the cross. But, they also look forward with great excitement to the day when they will live with God and their sufferings and sadnesses will be gone forever.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**Bible Truth 12
Hymn**

"Long ago, a man named John Rippon was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called "How Firm a Foundation" We're going to learn two verses from it."

How Firm a Foundation

PFI NIV Songs 12, Tracks 34,35

Verse 3

"When thro' fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Verse 4

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

"God's people may go through very hard, "fiery" trials, but they know that God is their firm foundation. They are "staid" on Jesus, trusting that He always be with them and only use their trials to "consume their dross"—make them holy—and bring glory to His name."

**Bible Truth 12
Bible Verse
and Song**

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

1 Peter 1:6-7 NIV 1984

"...for a little while you may have suffered grief in all kinds of trials. These have come that your faith—which is of greater worth than gold which perishes though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."

These verses remind us that God's people know that God will use their sufferings to prove their faith genuine and result in praise, glory and honor because He is the one who perfectly planned their sufferings and gave them the strength to do this.

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

*You might also enjoy
listening to:
Who Shall Separate Us?
Romans 8:31,32,35,38039,
NIV 1984
PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 37*

For a Little While

PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 36

For a little while you may have suffered grief in all kinds of trials.
These have come that your faith,
May be proved genuine, be proved genuine.

Refrain:

Faith! Faith!
Which is of greater worth than gold,
Which perishes though refined by fire.
Faith! Faith!
Which is of greater worth than gold,
Which perishes though refined by fire.

For a little while you may have had suffered grief in all kinds of trials.
These have come that your faith,
May result in praise, glory and honor. *Refrain*
First Peter One, six through seven.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY**

**Old Testament
Story:**

**The Case of the
Surprising Sufferer**
The Book of Job

Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of Surprising Sufferer.**

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

- 1. Who was the Surprising Sufferer? Why would people think it surprising that he suffered?**
- 2. What good plans of God were accomplished through his suffering?**

(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 Surprising Sufferer? Why would people think it surprising that he suffered? Job. Because he was so godly and many people in his day seemed to think only someone who had done something bad would suffer like Job did.

2. What good plans of God were accomplished through his suffering? God showed that His people only suffer in ways that He allows. He showed that He can help His people endure everything they must suffer. And, God has given us Job's story to encourage God's people that even if they don't know why they suffer, God has good reasons for it.

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

LESSON 2 STORY

Story of the Saints:

**The Case of the
Atheist Under
Attack**

Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Atheist Under Attack.**

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

- 1. Who was the Atheist Under Attack? Who did he refuse to confess as God?**
- 2. How did he show he suffered only according to God's good plan?**

(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 Atheist Under Attack? Who did he refuse to confess as God?

Polycarp. He refused to confess that the Roman king was God.

2. How did he show he suffered only according to God's good plan?

He had known God's faithfulness to him for many, many years. He knew God would only allow this suffering if it was for his good and God's glory.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 3****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Suffering Speaker**

Acts 9,18,
2 Corinthians
11:16-33

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

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

1. Who was the Suffering Speaker? What did he speak about and why did he suffer for it?

2. What helped him endure his sufferings?

(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 Suffering Speaker? What did he speak about and why did he suffer for it? Paul. He spoke the gospel of Jesus to both Jews and Gentiles. He suffered at the hands of many who wanted him to stop sharing that message.

2. What helped him endure his sufferings? He knew that his suffering would only be according to what God had chosen for his good and God's glory. He counted it an honor to suffer for Jesus, the one who died to save him.

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.