



Unit 12
Bible Truth 13 Resources

BIBLE TRUTH 13 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 13 Concept: God's People Know Heaven Is Their Home

Jesus is God's Son. He left His home in heaven to come to earth to save God's people. He lived a perfect life and offered it up as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people, so they could be His forever. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day then went back to heaven to reign. He is preparing a place for God's people to come and live with Him. There is nothing better than living with God and enjoying Him forever. The Bible tells us that we can't even imagine how wonderful it will be. There are many hard things that God's people may have to endure here on earth, but they look forward to the day when they go home to heaven and suffer no more. There are also many good things that God's people enjoy here on earth, but they know that none of them can compare to the good things they will enjoy in heaven in God's presence. Every day, God's people try to please God with whatever happens in their lives, but they are always looking forward to that wonderful day when they will go home to be with Him forever.

Bible Truth 13 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Philippians 3:18-20 NIV 1984

"I have often told you before and now way again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Alternate Memory Version: Philippians 3:18,19,20 NIV 1984

"...many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction...Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Bible Truth 13 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the Preparer of Your people's wonderful home in heaven.
- C** We confess that many times we grasp for the best things in life here on earth and grumble when we don't get them. We forget about You. We forget that we can one day live with You in heaven which will be far better than anything we can imagine.
- T** Thank You, God, for being willing to forgive all our sins through Jesus so that we can have eternal life and be with You forever in heaven.
- S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to desire to be with You in heaven, most of all. Prepare our hearts by helping us love and obey You more today.

Bible Truth 13 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Homebound Hero (New Testament)

Matthew 6:14-16; Luke 7, 23; John 6:1-15, 7:31, 40; Acts 7: 20-43; Hebrews 12:1-3

Lesson 2: The Case of the Prisoner's Paradise (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Locked Out Leader (Old Testament)

Exodus 2-3; Numbers 20,27:12-23; Deuteronomy 32:44-52, 34; Acts 7: 20-43; Hebrews 11:16,23-27

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>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 13**

"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, God's People Tell Others about Him and God's People Suffer According to God's Good Plan.)

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

God's People Know Heaven Is Their Home.

Jesus is God's Son. He left His home in heaven to come to earth to save God's people. He lived a perfect life and offered it up as the perfect payment for the sins of God's people, so they could be His forever. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day then went back to heaven to reign. He is preparing a place for God's people to come and live with Him. There is nothing better than living with God and enjoying Him forever. The Bible tells us that we can't even imagine how wonderful it will be. There are many hard things that God's people may have to endure here on earth, but they look forward to the day when they go home to heaven and suffer no more. There are also many good things that God's people enjoy here on earth, but they know that none of them can compare to the good things they will enjoy in heaven in God's presence. Every day, God's people try to please God with whatever happens in their lives, but they are always looking forward to that wonderful day when they will go home to be with Him forever.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

**Bible Truth 13
Hymn**

“Long ago, a woman named Anne Cousins was thinking about this Bible truth, too. She wrote the words to a hymn called “The Sands of Time Are Sinking.” We’re going to learn some of it.”

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

PFI NIV Songs 12, Tracks 38-41

Verse 1

The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of Heaven breaks,
The summer morn I’ve sighed for,
The fair, sweet morn awakes;
Dark, dark hath been the midnight,
But dayspring is at hand.
And glory, glory dwelleth,
In Immanuel’s land.

Verse 3

O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, deep well of love,
The streams of earth I’ve tasted,
More deep I’ll drink above,
There to an ocean fullness,
His mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth,
In Immanuel’s land.

Verse 2

The King, there in his beauty,
Without a veil is seen,
It were a well-spent journey,
Though sev’n deaths lay between;
The Lamb with his fair army,
Doth mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth,
In Immanuel’s land.

Verse 4

With mercy and with judgment,
My web of time He wove,
And aye the dewes of sorrow,
Were lusted with His love,
I’ll bless the hand that guideth,
I’ll bless the heart that planned,
When throned where glory dwelleth,
In Immanuel’s land.

People used to tell time with a hourglass. It would take exactly one hour for the sand to sink from the top of the glass to the bottom. God’s people know that the sands of time are sinking...that the day when they will go to live at home with God in heaven is coming closer and closer. They will live out every day of their life, according to God’s perfectly good plan. Then, they will go to be with Him in heaven. God’s people are so excited for the day when they will live with God forever! At last they will get to see Him, their King, who gave up His life as the “Lamb of God”--the perfect sacrifice for their sins. Life here on earth may be difficult sometimes. There may be times of sorrow. But God’s people trust in God’s good plan for them every day they live here on earth; and, they happily look forward to getting to live in heaven--the glorious Land of Immanuel, which means God with us. There, they will at last live at home with their God... and there’s no place as wonderful as home, especially this home.

**Bible Truth 13
Bible Verse
and Song**

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

Philippians 3:18-20 NIV 1984

“I have often told you before and now way again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

These verses remind us that God’s people know heaven in their home. They look forward to the day when their troubles here are over and they will get to live with God forever in that wonderful place.

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

Many Live As Enemies *PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 42*

Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ,
Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ,
Their destiny is destruction,
Their mind’s on earthly things,
Their mind’s on earthly things
But what about God’s people?

But our citizenship is in heav’n,
Yes, our citizenship is in heav’n,
And we eagerly, we eagerly,
Await a Savior from there.
Philippians Three,
eighteen through twenty.

*You might also
want to learn:
You Were Publicly
Exposed:
Hebrews 10:32-36
PFI NIV Songs 12,
Track 43*

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

Matthew 6:14-16;
 Luke 7, 23;
 John 6:1-15, 7:31,
 40; Acts 7: 20-43;
 Hebrews 12:1-3

Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of Homebound Hero.**

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

- 1. Who was the Homebound Hero? Where was His home and what was it like?**
- 2. What did He do before He went home that made Him a hero? Why did He do this?**

(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 Homebound Hero? Where was His home and what was it like?**

Jesus. His home was heaven. It was perfect, without any sin, suffering or death. It was where He enjoyed the Perfect Wonderfulness of fellowship with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

- 2. What did He do before He went home that made Him a hero?** He suffered and died on the cross to save God's people from their sins. He did this so they could be God's people and also come live in heaven, enjoying the Perfect Wonderfulness of close fellowship with God forever, too.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Prisoner's Paradise**

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

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

- 1. Who was the prisoner? What was his punishment and why did he deserve it?**
- 2. Why was this prisoner so different from the others who faced the same punishment?**

(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 prisoner? What was his punishment and why did he deserve it?**

Tokichi Ishii. He was sentenced to be hung to death for being a robber and a murderer.

- 2. Why was this prisoner so different from the others who faced the same punishment?**

Unlike the other men who were sentenced to death, Ishii didn't dread dying. He knew he would be going home to be with Jesus and was delighted about that.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 3****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the Locked-Out Leader**

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

Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Locked-Out Leader.**

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

- 1. Who was the Locked out leader?**
- 2. Where was he locked out of? Where did he get to go that was even better?**

(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 Locked out Leader? Moses.**
- 2. Where was he locked out of? Why? Where did he get to go that was even better?**
He was not allowed to enter the Promised Land with the Israelites because of how he sinned against the LORD. The LORD took Moses home to be with Him in heaven.
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.