



**Unit 12**  
**Bible Truth 14 Resources**

# BIBLE TRUTH 14 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 14 Concept: God's People Delight in God's Glory

God's people know there is no one as great as God is. They know how great His love has been for them by giving up His own Son, Jesus, to pay for their sins. They know how perfectly wise His plans are for them and all of creation. They know how mighty is His power to do His will and to care for them. They know how satisfying is His Spirit's fellowship in their hearts. More than anything else, God's people desire for these wonderful ways of God to be known and celebrated by everyone. So they talk about Him and His wonderful ways with other believers. They tell people who aren't believers about Him so that they might join in knowing and celebrating Him, too. They want to live in ways that show how great God is, knowing this is how they can glorify Him with their lives. They do all these things because they delight in God's glory.

## Bible Truth 14 Bible Verse

### **Meditation Version: Psalm 66:1-3,5,8,16 NIV 1984**

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name; make his praise glorious! Say to God, 'How awesome are Your deeds!' Come and see what God has done, how awesome His works in man's behalf! Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard...Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what He has done for me."

### **Alternate Memory Version: Psalm 66:1-2,5 NIV 1984**

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name; make his praise glorious! ...Come and see what God has done, how awesome His works in man's behalf!"

## Bible Truth 14 ACTS Prayer

**A** God, we praise You for being worthy of all glory for Your infinite love, wisdom, power and goodness.

**C** We confess that many times we don't delight in Your glory, but think of making a big deal of ourselves or others. We need Jesus to save us!

**T** Thank You, God, for letting us get to know how delightful You are. Thank You for letting us show others how great You are. Thank You for ways we have seen Your love, wisdom, power and goodness in our lives.

**S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to bring greater glory to Your name by talking about Your great ways, living our lives to reflect Your goodness and love; and, by telling others about You, that they would know and praise You, too.

## Bible Truth 14 Stories

### **Lesson 1: The Case of the Rejected Riches (Old Testament)**

Genesis 12-14

### **Lesson 2: The Case of the Bent-Bodied Boy (Story of the Saints)**

### **Lesson 3: The Case of the Slandered Servant (New Testament)**

Acts 6-7

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

<b>Welcome</b>	"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."
<b>Praise Factory Theme Song</b>	<p>"Let's sing our Praise Factory Investigator's theme song."</p> <p><b>PFI: Praise Factory Investigators</b></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>
<b>Classroom Rules Song</b>	<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></p> <p>Refrain:    WoGoLOA means "Worship God and love one another,"    WoGoLOA means "Worship God and love one another."      WoGo means "Worship God."    Sound off, 1,2,3,    Joyfully take part,    Listen to others,    Obey your teachers. <i>(Refrain)</i>      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>	"Now it's time to turn today's <b>Big Question Under Investigation.</b>  <b>It's: How Should God's People Live?</b>
<b>Big Question 12 and Songs</b>	<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 14**

"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, God's People Suffer According to God's Good Plan, and God's People Know Heaven Is Their Home.)*

The Bible Truth we are going to be thinking about today is:  
**God's People Delight in God's Glory.**

God's people know there is no one as great as God is. They know how great His love has been for them by giving up His own Son, Jesus, to pay for their sins. They know how perfectly wise His plans are for them and all of creation. They know how mighty is His power to do His will and to care for them. They know how satisfying is His Spirit's fellowship in their hearts. More than anything else, God's people desire for these wonderful ways of God to be known and celebrated by everyone. So they talk about Him and His wonderful ways with other believers. They tell people who aren't believers about Him so that they might join in knowing and celebrating Him, too. They want to live in ways that show how great God is, knowing this is how they can glorify Him with their lives. They do all these things because they delight in God's glory.

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****Bible Truth  
14  
Hymn**

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

**To God Be the Glory**

*PFI NIV Songs 12, Tracks 44,45*

**Verse 1**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

**Verse 3**

Great things He hath taught us,  
great things He hath done;  
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son,  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our vict'ry, when Jesus we see.

**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.

"We give glory to God for giving us His Son to be the payment for sins. Sinners could never pay for their sins. Only by Jesus giving up His life in the place of sinners could there ever be a way for them to come to the Father."

**Bible Truth  
14  
Bible Verse  
and Song**

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

**Psalm 66:1-3,5,8,16**

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name; make his praise glorious! Say to God, 'How awesome are Your deeds!' Come and see what God has done, how awesome His works in man's behalf! Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of His praise be heard...Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what He has done for me."

This verse reminds us that God's People Delight in God's Glory. They want to tell others who have not heard about His awesome deeds. They want to tell each other what they have seen Him do in their lives. They want to do whatever they can to make His praise glorious, with their mouths and with their lives.

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

**Shout with Joy to God**

*PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 46*

Shout! Shout! Shout with joy!  
Shout with joy to God all the earth!  
Sing! Sing! Sing the glory!  
Sing the glory of His name!  
Say! Say! Say to God!  
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds."  
Come, Come, Come and see,  
Come and see what God has done!  
Let me tell you what He has done for me!  
Psalm Sixty-six, one through three, five, nine, sixteen.

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

**Old Testament Story:**

**The Case of the Rejected Riches**  
Genesis 12-14

Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of Rejected Riches.**

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

- 1. What were the rejected riches?**
- 2. Who rejected the riches and what did he instead of them?**

*(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. What were the rejected riches?**

The riches of the five kingdoms that Abraham and his men defeated.

**2. Who rejected the riches and what did he instead of them?** Abraham rejected them so that he might be a display of God's glory, showing that God, alone, is the one who is his God, his provider and his deliverer.

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

**LESSON 2 STORY**

**Story of the Saints:**

**The Case of the Bent-Bodied Boy**

Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Bent-Bodied Boy.**

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

- 1. Who was the Bent-bodied Boy? How did people treat him?**
- 2. How did he use his bent-body to bring glory to God?**

*(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 Bent-bodied Boy? How did people treat him?**

Bill Cutts. Most people made fun of him and refused to let him do things others were allowed to do.

- 2. How did God use this bent-body to bring glory to Himself?**

The Moni people were amazed that someone with such difficulty walking would love them enough to travel through mountains and jungles just to tell them about Jesus. Bill's love and sacrifice for them helped them to understand and believe God's love and sacrifice for sinful people like themselves.

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

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 3****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Slandered Servant**  
Acts 6-7

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

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

1. Who was the Slandered Servant and why were they spreading lies about him?
2. How did glorify God even though he was slandered?

(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 Slandered Servant and why were lies being spread about him?

Stephen. Angry Jews were trying to get rid of Stephen for preaching that Jesus was God's Son, the Messiah, come to save God's people.

2. How did glorify God even though he was slandered? He proved from the Bible that Jesus was the Savior. He didn't stop preaching, even when he faced death. He trusted God with his life and even forgave his enemies as they were killing 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.
- (VIPP 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.