



**Unit 12**  
**Bible Truth 3 Resources**

## BIBLE TRUTH 3 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:** "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1-2

### Bible Truth 3 Concept: God's People Love Others

God calls His people to love Him with all their heart, mind, soul and strength-- and, oh, they want to do this! Why wouldn't they? Didn't God love them before they loved Him? Didn't He freely give His own Son as the sacrifice for their sins? And doesn't He promise to always love them and do what is best for them? Why wouldn't they want to love God most of all, in everything they do?

But loving God and living for Him is not something God's people will ever do perfectly here on earth. Yes, their sins have all been forgiven by God and they will be God's people forever, but they still struggle with sin. Their hearts are still tempted to love other things. Their lives show that they still want to live for themselves. It will be this way until they go to live with God in heaven. There, God will make them perfect; and at last, they will live and love perfectly.

Until then, God's Holy Spirit lives in their hearts and helps them love God more and more. He grows love in their hearts for God and His good ways. He works in their minds to understand God better and to delight in His ways. He gives them strength to act out their love for God and fulfill His good plans in all that they do.

God's people are grateful to God for helping them live for Him now, but they look forward to the day when they go to heaven and will truly love Him with all of themselves.

### Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse

**Meditation Version: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13**

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

**Alternate Memory/Games Version: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast... It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love...endures all things. Love never ends."

### Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

**A** God, we praise You for being a God of love. You show Your love to all people, especially by offering to save them from their sins through Your Son, Jesus.

**C** God, we confess that we have not loved others as You have called us to.. We need a Savior to save us from our sins!

**T** Thank You, God for giving us people who love us. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit who helps Your people love others as You want them to.

**S** God, work in our hearts! Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Make us Your people! Send Your Holy Spirit to live inside of us. Help us to love others like You have loved us.

### Bible Truth 3 Stories

**Lesson 1: The Case of the Man Who Needed to Multiply (New Testament)**

*Matthew 18:21-35*

**Lesson 2: The Case of the Needy Newborn (Story of the Saints)**

**Lesson 3: The Case of the Friend Who Didn't Fail (Old Testament)**

*1 Samuel 17-20; 2 Samuel 9; Daniel 1,6*

**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 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><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 ESV 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 ESV 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 ESV 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 ESV 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: "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

**Big Question 12 Bible Verse Song  
Walk in Love: Ephesians 5:1-2**

*PFI ESV Songs 12, Track 5*

*You might also enjoy  
listening to:  
Let Everyone Who  
Names the Name  
2 Timothy 2:19,22, ESV  
PFI ESV Songs 12, Track 6*

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,  
And walk in love, as Christ love us,  
Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,  
And walk in love, as Christ love us,  
Walk, walk, walk in love, walk in love as Christ loved us,  
Walk, walk, walk in love, walk in love as Christ loved us.  
Ephesians Five, one and two.

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 3**

"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 have learned some already. Can you remember any of them? (God's People Grow to Be More Like Jesus; and, God's People Love Him with All of Themselves.)

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

**God's People Love Others**

God is loving toward all people, even His enemies. He created them and gave them life. He shows them patience, love and kindness. He takes care of their needs. Best of all, He offers forgiveness of sins to all who confess their sins to Him, turn away from them, and trust in Jesus as their Savior. This is how they can become His people, adopted into His family forever.

God wants His people to treat people—even their enemies-- in the same loving way as He does. He wants them to treat everyone with patience, love and kindness. He wants them to care about their needs, especially their need to hear the good news of salvation through Jesus.

While God treats all people with love, He has a special love for His people. Through Jesus, He has adopted them to be in His family. They will live with Him and with each other forever in heaven.

God wants His people to love each other like sisters and brothers, since they are all in His special family of people. Jesus said that when God's people love each other as He has loved them, others will know that they really are His people. God's Holy Spirit, working in their hearts, helps God's people to love others as He wants them to.

**LESSON PLAN: BIBLE TRUTH 3** (1 Lesson Plan for ALL 3 Lessons) **P.4**

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**

**Bible Truth 3 Hymn**

“Long ago, a man named John Fawcett was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” We’re going to learn it.

**Blest Be the Tie that Binds**

*PFI ESV Songs 12, Track 11*

**Verse 1**

Blest be the tie that binds,  
our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds,  
is like to that above.

**Verse 3**

We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows,  
the sympathizing tear.

**Refrain:**

Blest be the tie, Blest be the tie,  
Blest be the tie that binds,  
Blest be the tie, Blest be the tie,  
Blest be the tie that binds.

**Verse 4**

When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.

**Verse 2**

Before our Father’s throne,  
we pour our ardent pray’rs;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

Just like a tie (string) tied around a bundle of things hold them together, there is a special fellowship that binds God’s people together. They know who God is and love Him. They love sharing about Him together. In their hearts they each have His Spirit at work, helping them to love Him and each other more. God’s people are to love everyone, but they have a special love for each other, since they are like brothers and sisters in God’s family. They show this love by praying for each other, listening and caring about each others problems, and looking forward to meeting together again when they part This is a fellowship of love and each other that holds them together as part of God’s family here on earth. It is a little taste of the perfect fellowship and love they will know up above in heaven one day.

**Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse and Song**

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

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

“Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

These verses tell us how God wants His people to love others. This is how He has treated them through Jesus. He wants them to be like Him and go and love others this way, too. God’s Holy Spirit helps them love in these ways. He helps them love even when it is very hard.

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

**Love**

*PFI ESV Songs 12, Track 12*

Love is patient, love is kind, love does not envy or boast,  
It is not arrogant or rude, Does not insist on its own way,  
It is not irritable, It is not rude,  
Does not rejoice in wrong-doing, but with the truth.  
Love bears all things, believes all things,  
Hopes and endures all things,  
Faith, hope and love abide these three, but the greatest is love.  
Love never ends, love never ends, love never ends.  
Faith, hope and love abide these three, but the greatest is love.  
First Corinthians Thirteen, four through eight, and thirteen.

*You might also enjoy listening to:  
Love Is Patient,  
1 Corinthians 13:4-8,  
ESV  
PFI ESV Songs 12,  
Track 13*

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

**The Case of the Man Who Needed to Multiply**  
Matthew 18:21-35

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Man Who Needed to Multiply.**

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

**1. To multiply means to make something get a lot bigger, just like in math we multiply numbers together to get big numbers quickly. Who was the Man who needed to multiply? What did he need to multiply?**

**2. Who told him to multiply? How many times? Why was this 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. To multiply means to make something get a lot bigger, just like in math we multiply numbers together to get big numbers quickly. Who was the Man who needed to multiply? What did he need to multiply?** Peter. He was to multiply (greatly increase) the number of times he forgave someone who wronged him.

**2. Who told him to multiply? How many times? Why was this so important?** Jesus told Peter to forgive someone seventy-seven times, not just seven. He meant to not stop forgiving someone. He said that we need to forgive others, if we want God to forgive us.

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

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

**The Case of the Needy Newborn**

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

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

**1. Who was the Needy Newborn? What did she need? Why?**

**2. How did God give the Newborn what she needed? How did He use His people to give her 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 Needy Newborn? What did she need? Why?** A little baby girl who was born too early and who had no parents anymore. She would easily die if she was not taken care of carefully and kept very warm.

**2. How did God give the Newborn what she needed? How did He use His people to give her this?** He kept her alive. He sent the water bottle from England and timed it to get to Africa at just the right time. He used the love of His people to pray and care for her.

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

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 3****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the Friend Who Didn't Fail**

1 Samuel 17-20; 2 Samuel 9

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Friend Who Didn't Fail.**

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

- 1. Who was the Friend Who Didn't Fail? Who did he love so well?**
- 2. What was so selfless about his love for his friend? Who helped him love 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 Friend Who Didn't Fail? Who did he love so well?**

Jonathan was the friend who didn't fail David.

- 2. What was so selfless about his love for his friend? Who helped him love this way?**

If David became king, it would be instead of him. Most men would not want to help someone else become king instead of themselves. The LORD helped Jonathan His good plan to make David king. He helped Jonathan love David and protect his life.

*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.*