



Unit 12
Bible Truth 4 Resources

BIBLE TRUTH 4 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 4 Concept: God's People Trust Him

Trusting God means resting joyfully in God's care and plans. God's people trust God because they know that He is completely powerful, wise, and good. They know His plans are perfect and they are always for their good and His glory. They know that God always takes care of them and helps them do whatever He wants them to do, even if it is very hard.

God's people know that they won't trust God perfectly while they live on earth. God has forgiven them of their sins, but they are still sinners. And so here, they will sometimes struggle to trust God, even though they know He has never failed them. They are grateful for God's Holy Spirit, working in their hearts. He can help them to trust God more and more here on earth. They are even more grateful for the day when they will go to live with God in heaven forever. There, they will know and trust Him perfectly.

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being completely trustworthy.
- C** God, we confess that many times we do not love You as we should and as You deserve. We love ourselves better. We need a Savior to save us from our sins!
- T** Thank You, God for ways we have seen Your trustworthiness to us, even this week. Thank You for giving us Jesus to trust in as our Savior.
- S** God, work in our hearts! Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Send Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts, that we might take joy in Your trustworthiness and cheerfully trust You, even when it is very hard to understand what good thing You are doing.

Bible Truth 4 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Wedding that Almost Wasn't (New Testament)

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-56

Lesson 2: The Case of the Impossible Task (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Put-off Promise (Old Testament)

Genesis 11:26-12:9; Joshua 24:2; Acts 7:2-5; Hebrews 11:8; Daniel 1,6

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

<p>Opening Prayer</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>Big Question Under Investigation:</p> <p>Big Question 12 and Songs</p>	<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 4**

"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; God's People Love Him with All of Themselves; and, God's People Love Others.)

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

God's People Trust Him

Trusting God means resting joyfully in God's care and plans. God's people trust God because they know that He is completely powerful, wise, and good. They know His plans are perfect and they are always for their good and His glory. They know that God always takes care of them and helps them do whatever He wants them to do, even if it is very hard.

God's people know that they won't trust God perfectly while they live on earth. God has forgiven them of their sins, but they are still sinners. And so here, they will sometimes struggle to trust God, even though they know He has never failed them. They are grateful for God's Holy Spirit, working in their hearts. He can help them to trust God more and more here on earth. They are even more grateful for the day when they will go to live with God in heaven forever. There, they will know and trust Him perfectly.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

Bible Truth 4 Hymn

“Long ago, a man named Daniel B. Towner was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called “Trust and Obey.” We’re going to learn a verse from it.

Trust and Obey

PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 12

Verse 2

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey,
For there’s no other way,
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

This song is about how we can trust God all the time, even when very hard things happen that we don’t understand. It reminds us that those who trust in Jesus can be happy, even in times when it’s hard to understand, because God is that good. He will always bless His people--those who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior! They can count on that. They can just go ahead and obey Him. They can trust that it will all turn out for our good and His glory. We can be happy in Jesus, trusting and obeying Him, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus, too.

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse and Song

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

Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

This verse reminds us that we can always trust the LORD and His good plans, even when we don’t understand what He is doing. He wants us not to depend on ourselves and what we see, but on Him, His Word and His good plans. And when we do, we can know that He will show us what He wants us to do, every day of our lives.

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

Trust in the LORD

PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 14

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.
Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
Trust in the LORD with all your heart.
Trust in the LORD with all your heart.
Trust in the LORD with all your heart.
Proverbs Three, verses five and six.

You might also enjoy listening to: May the God of Hope: Romans 16:13, NIV 1984 PFI ESV Songs 12, Track 15

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

The Case of the Wedding that Almost Wasn't
 Matthew 1:18-25;
 Luke 1:26-56

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Wedding that Almost Wasn't.** **As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:**

- 1. Whose wedding almost didn't happen? Why?**
- 2. Who had to trust God in order for it to take place after all? How did God bless their trust in Him?**

(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. Whose wedding almost didn't happen? Why? Mary and Joseph's. Because Mary was pregnant and they weren't married.

2. Who had to trust God in order for it to take place after all? How did God bless their trust in Him? Both Mary and Joseph had to trust God. God gave them the honor of raising Jesus, the Son of Mary, the Son of God, who would save God's people from their sins.

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

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

The Case of the Impossible Task

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Impossible Task.** **As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:**

- 1. What was the Impossible Task? Who tried to do it?**
- 2. Who did she have to depend on to do it? Did he come through and help her do it?**

(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 was the Impossible Task? Who tried to do it? To take the gospel to the gangs in Dundee, Scotland; and, especially to go to Calabar and take the gospel to the inland tribes and survive. Mary Slessor.

2. Who did she have to depend on to do it? Did he come through and help her do it? The Lord. Yes, He did! He gave her courage and wisdom to stand up to the gang members and tell them about Jesus. And, He gave her courage to travel up the river and to tell many people about Jesus. Not only did they not kill her, but they greatly honored her and listened to 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 Put-off Promise
Genesis 11:26-12:9;
Joshua 24:2;
Acts 7:2-5;
Hebrews 11:8

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Put-off Promise.**

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

- 1. Who was given big promises? What were these promises?**
- 2. What did the man do when the promises were put-off? Did the promises ever come true?**

(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 given big promises? What were these promises?**

Abram. That he and his family after him would be given the land of Canaan. That through his family, the whole world would be blessed.

- 2. What did the man do when the promises were put-off? Did the promises ever come true?**

Abram kept believing that God would answer these promises. Abram did not receive any of the land as his own while he lived. He did not see the great blessing that would come to all the world through his family, either. But, both of these promises did come true. His family grew to become the nation of Israel and they lived in Canaan. And through Abram's family came Jesus, the Savior of all of God's people.

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.