



Unit 12
Bible Truth 5 Resources

BIBLE TRUTH 5 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 5 Concept: God's People Are Good Stewards of His Gifts

God is the Creator of all things and all things belong to Him. There is nothing that we have that God did not give to us: our bodies, our belongings, our money, our lives. Yes, everything is a gift from God to us.

What does God want us to do with all these good gifts He have given us? He wants us to be good stewards of them. What is a steward? A steward is someone who takes care of someone else's things.

God tells us in His Word how He wants His people to be good stewards of His gifts to them. He wants them to serve Him with their bodies—with their hands, their mouths and all of their strength. He wants them to freely share what they have with others. He wants them to use their money generously to take care of their families, to help others and to spread the good news of salvation through Jesus.

In heaven, God promises to reward each of His people according to how they stewarded His gifts during their lives on earth. God's people know that they can't be good stewards of God's gifts on their own. They know that it is the Holy Spirit, working in their hearts, who helps them be the good stewards He wants them to be. We can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: 1 Peter 4:10-11

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

Alternate Memory/Games Version: 1 Peter 4:10

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others."

Bible Truth 5 ACTS Prayer

A God, we praise You for being the Giver of all the good things and gifts we enjoy.

C God, we confess that many times we are selfish with what You have given us. We forget that You call us to be good stewards of Your gifts. You want us to bring praise to Your name and to help others know and love You by the way we use them.

T Thank You, God for the many gifts You have given us. Thank You most of all, for the offer of salvation through Jesus to all who repent of their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.

S God, work in our hearts! Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to remember that we are all stewards of the gifts You have given us. Send Your Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and help us to be good stewards of Your gifts. Help us to use them to bring praise to Your name; to help take care of the needs of others; and, to help them know and love You.

Bible Truth 5 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the People Who Wouldn't Stop (Old Testament)

Exodus 3,5,11,12,15,19-40

Lesson 2: The Case of the Bulging Box (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Treasure Seekers (New Testament)

Luke 11:13-34

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><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 5**

"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; God's People Love Others; and God's People Trust Him.)

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

God's People Are Good Stewards of His Gifts

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**Bible Truth 5
Hymn**

"Long ago, a woman named Mary Byrne was thinking about this Bible truth, too. She wrote the words to a hymn called "Be Thou My Vision." We're going to learn a verse from it.

Be Thou My Vision*PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 16***Verse 2**

Be Thou my Wisdom,
And Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father,
I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling,
And I with Thee one.

God's people want God to be their Wisdom, that they would know how to use their lives to please Him. They want Him to be their true Word, that they might believe His Word and obey all it tells them about how to use the good gifts He's given them. They want His Holy Spirit to be dwelling in them so that even in their hearts they might have the wonderful fellowship with God He created them to have. They want Him to ever be with them, so that everything in their lives, from the thoughts of their hearts to their words and their actions, please Him and might be used as He wants them to be used. This is how they can be good stewards of all the gifts God has given them.

**Bible Truth 5
Bible Verse
and Song**

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

1 Peter 4:10-11

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

This verse reminds us God is the one who gives us everything we are and have. He wants us to be good stewards of them. He wants us to use these gifts to help and encourage others; and, to bring praise to His name. He gives us the strength to do this, through His Holy Spirit, when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

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

Each of Us Should Use*PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 17*

Each of us should use whatever gift,
Gift he has received, to serve others.
Faithfully administering God's grace,
In its various forms.
First Peter Four, ten and eleven.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY****New Testament Story:****The Case of the People Who Wouldn't Stop***Exodus**3,5,11,12,15,19-40*

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the People Who Wouldn't Stop.**

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

- 1. Who were the people who wouldn't stop? What wouldn't they stop doing?**
- 2. How were they showing that they knew they were stewards? How were they being good stewards of what God had given 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. Who were the people who wouldn't stop? What wouldn't they stop doing? The people of Israel. They wouldn't stop giving things to be used to build the tabernacle.

2. How were they showing that they knew they were stewards? How were they being good stewards of what God had given them? They did not hold onto the things given to them. They wanted them to be used to do whatever the LORD wanted them to be used for.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Bulging Box**

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

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

- 1. What was the box for? What did it bulge with?**
- 2. What came out of the box besides money? What did he mean?**

(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 box for? What did it bulge with? To help missionaries who had gone overseas to tell others about Jesus. Money.

2. What came out of the box besides money? What did he mean? Money to care for the missionaries came out of the box, but also Cyrus did! He didn't really come out of the box. He meant that because of that box and the money he gave, God gave him a heart to want to go tell people in faraway places about Jesus, too.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 3****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the Treasure Seekers***Luke 11:13-34*

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

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

- 1. Who came to Jesus seeking treasure? How did he want Jesus to help?**
- 2. What treasure did Jesus tell him (and the others) to seek? How could they get this kind of treasure?**

(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 came to Jesus seeking treasure? How did he want Jesus to help?**

A man whose father had died and he wanted Jesus to tell his brother to share his inheritance (the money and things that had belonged to his father) with him.

- 2. What treasure did Jesus tell him (and the others) to seek? What was it? How could they get this kind of treasure?**

Jesus told them to seek heavenly treasure. Heavenly treasure is seeking to know and love God most of all. They would have heavenly treasure as they used everything God had given them to love God and to love others.

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.