



**Unit 12**  
**Bible Truth 6 Resources**

# BIBLE TRUTH 6 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 6 Concept: God's People Obey Him

Ever since Adam and Eve rebelled in the beginning, all people have chosen to disobey God and His good ways. This disobedience shows in our hearts. Many times, we think we know better than God. We tend to think about ourselves and what we want, most of all. This disobedience also shows up in our lives. We love to get our own way. We choose to say and do things that please us, even if they don't please God. Even if they hurt others.

But God's people seek to be different. They understand that they are sinners and deserve God's punishment. They confess their sins to God and desire to turn away from disobeying Him. (That's what it means to repent of our sins.) They trust in Jesus as their Savior. They want to start a new life of living to please God by obeying Him. God gives them faith in Him and forgives their sins. He gives them a new heart filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps them to love God and please Him. He helps them want to obey God in their heart. He helps them to love God and live to please Him with their lives.

The Bible tells us this is how we can know if we love God: if we are not just trusting in Jesus as our Savior, but are also seeking to obey Him as our Lord.

## Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse

*Meditation Version: John 14:23-24*

"Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching."

*Alternate Memory/Games Version: John 14:23,24*

"If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching...He who does not love me will not obey my teaching."

## Bible Truth 6 ACTS Prayer

**A** God, we praise You for being Perfectly Good and a Joy to Obey.

**C** God, we confess that many times we do not obey You as we should or as You deserve us to, as our King and God. Too many times we choose to do what we want to do instead of obeying You. We need a Savior to save us from our sins!

**T** Thank You, God for all showing how great is Your love for sinful people by sending Jesus to be the Savior of all those who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Him as their own Savior. Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to help us obey You.

**S** God, work in our hearts that we might turn away from our sinful disobedience and turn to You and Your good ways. Help us trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and help us obey You.

## Bible Truth 6 Stories

### Lesson 1: The Case of the Wise Man's Writings (Old Testament)

*Deuteronomy 17; 1 Kings 1-12; 2 Chronicles 1-10*

### Lesson 2: The Case of the Porcupine Roach (Story of the Saints)

### Lesson 3: The Case of the Lazy Listeners (New Testament)

*Matthew 4-7*

**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>	<p>"Now it's time to turn today's <b>Big Question Under Investigation.</b></p> <p><b>It's: How Should God's People Live?</b></p>
<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 6**

"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; God's People Trust Him; and, God's People Are Good Stewards of His Gifts.)

The Bible Truth we are going to be thinking about today is:  
**God's People Obey Him.**

Ever since Adam and Eve rebelled in the beginning, all people have chosen to disobey God and His good ways. This disobedience shows in our hearts. Many times, we think we know better than God. We tend to think about ourselves and what we want, most of all. This disobedience also shows up in our lives. We love to get our own way. We choose to say and do things that please us, even if they don't please God. Even if they hurt others.

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**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****Bible Truth 6  
Hymn**

"Long ago, a woman named Frances Havergal was thinking about this Bible truth, too. She wrote the words to a hymn called "Take My Life and Let It Be." We're going to learn a verse from it.

**Take My Life and Let It Be***PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 18***Verse 4**

Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Obedience to God means choosing to have our wills and our hearts be guided by God's good ways instead of following our own sinful ways. This is not something we can do in our own strength. We have to turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. We must ask Him to take our wills and our hearts and make them want to joyfully obey His good ways. God delights to answer prayers like these! He promises to answer them!

**Bible Truth 6  
Bible Verse  
and Song**

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

**John 14:23-24**

"Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching."

In these verses, Jesus teaches that love for God is more than just a good feeling in our hearts or saying that we love Him. True love for God shows itself by obeying Him. This is the kind of person who gets to know the wonderful fellowship of God through His Holy Spirit living in their heart.

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

**Jesus Replied***PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 19*

Jesus replied, "If anybody loves me,  
he will obey my teaching," Jesus replied,  
Jesus replied, "My Father will love him and we will come,  
And make our home with him," Jesus replied.

*But that's not all Jesus said....*

Jesus replied, He who doesn't love me,  
Will not obey my teaching," Jesus replied,  
John Fourteen, twenty-three and twenty-four.

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

**Old Testament Story:**

**The Case of the Wise Man's Writings**

*Deuteronomy 17;  
1 Kings 1-12;  
2 Chronicles 1-10*

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Wise Man's Writings.**  
**As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:**  
**1. Who was the wise man? Why did he want to be wise? How did he become wise?**  
**2. Where are his wise words written down? Who did his wise words not help? Why?**  
*(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 wise man? Why did he want to be wise? How did he become wise?**  
 Solomon. He wanted to be wise to be a good king. The LORD gave him great wisdom when he asked Him for it.  
**2. Where are his wise words written down? Who did his wise words not help? Why?**  
 In the Bible. His wise words didn't help him because he did not obey them or the LORD's others words to him and turned away to do what he wanted to do.

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

**LESSON 2 STORY**

**Story of the Saints:**

**The Case of the Porcupine Roach**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Porcupine Roach.**  
**As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:**  
**1. What was a porcupine roach? Who had one? What did it mean when it was picked up?**  
**2. Who chose to put down his porcupine roach when he wanted to pick it up? What happened? Why did he choose to put it down instead?**  
*(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 a porcupine roach? Who had one? What did it mean when he picked it up?** A porcupine roach was a special headdress made of porcupine quills that the Cree Indians. When it was picked up and put on, it meant they were going to battle to kill an enemy.  
**2. Who chose to put down his porcupine roach when he wanted to pick it up? What happened? Why did he choose to put it down instead?** Maskipaton chose to put his down. A soldier came and cruelly killed his father, the chief, and many others in his village for no reason. He put it down and chose to forgive, because he had become a Christian. He wanted to obey God, even more than he wanted to get revenge.

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

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 3**

**New Testament Story:**

**The Case of the Lazy Listeners**  
Matthew 4-7

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

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

**1. Who were the lazy listeners? Who were they listening to? How were they lazy?**

**2. What did they need to do if they were to truly follow 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 were the lazy listeners? Who were they listening to? How were they lazy?**

Some of people in the crowds who followed Jesus. They were listening to Jesus. They liked to hear what He had to say, but did not necessarily obey God's Word.

**2. What did they need to do if they were to truly follow God?**

They needed to remember God's Word and obey it, not just listen to it and forget it.

*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.