



Unit 12
Bible Truth 7 Resources

BIBLE TRUTH 7 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, ESV

Bible Truth 7 Concept: God's People Do Good Works God Has Prepared for Them

God created all people to be busy at work. He made them with bodies, minds and hearts that are active, like to create and want to be at work. They all have different talents and abilities that they can use. God wants people to use all of these gifts to do good works. That is, to better know, love and obey Him; and, to love and serve others. And, to explore, use and delight in the world He has made, for our good and His glory.

The Bible tells us that ahead of time, God prepared special good works of these kinds for each of His people He wove their good works into His great and glorious plans for the world. God even has work for children to do. He wants them to obey their parents, and love and serve others. He wants them to turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He wants them to take time to know Him through reading His Word, the Bible and through praying. He wants them to learn about Him and the world He has made.

God has prepared special good works for each of His people. No two will do exactly the same things. But, no matter what the work God has prepared for them, He wants them to do it all as if they are doing it for Him.

God promises to reward His people for whatever good they do. God's people know that they cannot do the good works God has prepared for them on their own. They know that God sends the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts and help them do the good works He has planned for them to do.

Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Ephesians 2:10; 6:6-8

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do...do[ing] the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does..."

Alternate Memory/Games Version: Ephesians 2:10

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Bible Truth 7 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God, for being the Planner of Good Works for Your People and the One Who Helps them do them.
- C** We confess that we have been lazy and haven't done a good job doing the work You have given us, such as obeying our parents, loving and serving others, learning about You and Your world. We need You to save us from our sins!
- T** Thank You, God for giving Your Holy Spirit to Your people to help them do the good works You have prepared for them to do. Thank You, God, for sending Your Son, Jesus, the One who did everything God gave Him to do perfectly, so He could be our Savior.
- S** Work in our hearts, God. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, who can help us to know and to do the good works You want us to do.

Bible Truth 7 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Barley and the Bitter Woman (Old Testament)

Ruth 1-4

Lesson 2: The Case of the Greene Girl's Dream (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of Peter and the Dead Gazelle (New Testament)

Luke 24:47; Mark 16:17-28; Acts 9:32-43

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’re 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 ESV 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 ESV 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

Opening Prayer	"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>
Big Question Under Investigation: Big Question 12 and Songs	<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 ESV 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 ESV 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: "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,
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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 7**

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

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

God's People Do Good Works God Has Prepared for Them.

God created all people to be busy at work. He made them with bodies, minds and hearts that are active, like to create and want to be at work. They all have different talents and abilities that they can use. God wants people to use all of these gifts to do good works. That is, to better know, love and obey Him; and, to love and serve others. And, to explore, use and delight in the world He has made, for our good and His glory.

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**Bible Truth 7
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 some verses of it."

Take My Life and Let It Be

PFI ESV Songs 12, Tracks 25-27

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love,
At the impulse of Thy love.

Verse 3

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 2

Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King,
Always, only for my King.

To consecrate something means to set something apart for a special purpose. Asking God to take your life and consecrating it to Him means to have Him use your life to do something special just for Him. God's people ask God to use their whole lives for His good and perfect purposes. With their feet and hands, they want to serve Him. With all of their silver and gold (their money), they want to do whatever He wants them to do with it. Not a mite of it--not a bit of it--do they want to use for anything other than what He wants. They want every moment, every day of their lives to be lived for Him. And, because they know He has planned good works for them to do, they trust that He will help them do this, giving them the strength they need, by His Holy Spirit at work inside of them.

**Bible Truth 7
Bible Verse
and Song**

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

Ephesians 2:10; 6:6-8

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do...do[ing] the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does..."

This verse reminds us that God has prepared good works in advance for His people to do. It also tells us that God's people are God's workmanship. That means that He is the one that is at work in them, making them like Jesus and helping them to do the good works God prepared for them to do."

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

For We Are God's Workmanship

PFI ESV Songs 12, Track 28

Refrain

For we are, For we are,
For we are God's workmanship.
Created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
Which God prepared in advance for us to do.

For we are, For we are,
For we are God's workmanship.
Created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
Ephesians Two, ten; Six, seven and eight.

For we are, for we are,
For we are God's workmanship,
Serve wholeheartedly,
As if you were serving the Lord, not men,
The Lord will reward ev'ryone for the good he does.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY****Old Testament
Story:****The Case of the
Barley
and the Bitter
Woman**
Ruth 1-4

"Now it's time for today's story called: The Case of the Barley and the Bitter Woman.

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

- 1. Who was the bitter woman? Why?**
- 2. What good works did God plan to do through the barley?**

(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 bitter woman? Why?

Naomi. She was bitter because she lost her husband and sons and thought God had turned against her.

2. What good works did God plan to do through the barley?

God planned to provide food for Ruth and Naomi as well as a husband/son-in-law to take care of them. Through this family, Jesus would even come many years later.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the
Greene Girl's
Dream**

"Now it's time for today's story called: The Case of the Greene Girl's Dream.

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

- 1. Who was the Greene girl?**
- 2. What was her dream? What good works did God plan for her to do because of the dream?**

(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 Greene girl? Betty Greene.

2. What was her dream? What good works did God plan for her to do because of the dream?

Betty's dream was to use her flying skills to someone help spread the good news of Jesus to unreached peoples around the world. God used Betty to start the Christian Airmen's Missionary Fellowship, a group of pilots who helped missionaries who took the good news of Jesus to faraway, hard-to-reach places. He used her to fly on hundreds of expeditions, helping missionaries.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 3****New Testament Story:****The Case of Peter and the Dead Gazelle**

Luke 24:47; Mark 16:17-28; Acts 9:32-43

"Now it's time for today's story called: The Case of Peter and the Dead Gazelle.

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

1. What changed Peter into a bold man for God? What good works did God use him to do?

2. Who was the dead gazelle? What good works did God use her to do?

(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 changed Peter into a bold man for God? What good works did God use him to do?

The Holy Spirit changed Peter's heart and gave him boldness. Peter spoke to huge crowds about Jesus; by God's power, he healed many sick people; he joyfully suffered persecution from Jesus' enemies.

2. Who was the dead gazelle? What good works did God use her to do? Tabitha. Her name means gazelle. Tabitha served many in her quiet way. She especially helped widows by making food and clothes for them.

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.