



Unit 12
Bible Truth 8 Resources

BIBLE TRUTH 8 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 8 Concept: God's People Read His Word, the Bible

The Bible is God's Word. It tells us about God and His wonderful plans. It tells us about this world, about who we are and what Jesus has done for us. God's Word is very different from our words. His Word is perfectly true. It tells us everything we need to know to live the way God wants us to live. And, it doesn't just tell us what we need to know, it can change us, too. The Holy Spirit works in God's people when they read the Bible. He gives them wisdom and helps them to know, love and obey God. He uses it to help their faith keep growing strong.

Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Psalm 119:11,15-16

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you...I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."

Alternate Memory Version: Psalm 119:11

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Bible Truth 8 ACTS Prayer

- A** Praise God for being the Giver of His Word, the Bible.
- C** Confess that many times we do not want to read His Word. We would rather do other things.
Confess that we don't love or follow His Word as we should. We need a Savior to save us from our sins!
- T** Thank God for His Word that tells us what He is like and how He wants us to live. Thank Him for His Holy Spirit who helps us understand it and uses it to change us.
- S** Ask God to use His Word to help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Ask God to help us read the Bible more. Ask God to use it to help us know, love and obey Him. Ask Him to use to grow our faith in Him.

Bible Truth 8 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Missing Words (Old Testament)

Deuteronomy 6,9,31; Ezra; Nehemiah 8-10

Lesson 2: The Case of the Sly Soap-Makers (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Synagogue Stalkers (New Testament)

Psalm 119:11,15-16

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 8**

"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; God's People Obey Him; and, God's People Do Good Works God Has Prepared for Them.)

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

God's People Read His Word, the Bible

The Bible is God's Word. It tells us about God and His wonderful plans. It tells us about this world, about who we are and what Jesus has done for us. God's Word is very different from our words. His Word is perfectly true. It tells us everything we need to know to live the way God wants us to live. And, it doesn't just tell us what we need to know, it can change us, too. The Holy Spirit works in God's people when they read the Bible. He gives them wisdom and helps them to know, love and obey God. He uses it to help their faith keep growing strong."

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**Bible Truth 8
Hymn**

"Long ago, a man named John Sammis 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 24***Verse 1**

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way!
Let us do His good will;
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

God's people read the Bible so that they can "walk in the light of His Word", living their life in loving obedience to Him. There are times when they may not understand completely why they should obey what God's Word says, but they have known God long enough to trust Him, even when they don't understand. They know that He is perfectly wise and good. He loves them and knows what is best. They know that they glorify Him when they live this way; and, that this is the happiest way to live.

**Bible Truth 8
Bible Verse
and Song**

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

Psalms 119:11,15-16

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you...I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."

These verses remind us that God's people delight in God's Word, the Bible. It is full of God's precepts and statutes (His good laws). It tells of His ways (what God is like). They meditate on God's Word ((think about); and, even hide it in their hearts (memorize it) so that they might not sin against God. They know that God's Word is not just true. It is powerful to change them to be more like Jesus. They don't want to neglect it, because they want to know God and please Him more than anything else in life.

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

I Have Hidden Your Word*PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 25*

Refrain:

I have hidden your word in my heart,
That I might not sin against you,
I have hidden your word in my heart,
That I might not sin against you.

I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.
I delight in your decrees,
I will not neglect your word, *Refrain*

Psalms One-nineteen, eleven through sixteen.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the Missing Words**

Deuteronomy
6,9,31; Ezra;
Nehemiah 8-10

Now it's time for today's story called: The Case of the Missing Words.

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

- 1. What were the missing words? Why did they go missing?**
- 2. Why was it so important that these words be found?**

(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 were the missing words? Why did they go missing? God's Word. The Israelites chose to ignore and forget them. They didn't teach them to their children.

2. Why was it so important that these words be found? The Israelites needed God's Word to know who God is and how He wanted them to live. They needed to know God's Word if they were to be His people.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Sly Soap-Makers**

Now it's time for today's story called: The Case of the Sly Soap Makers.

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

- 1. Who were the soap makers and why were they sly?**
- 2. What were they really doing and why was that 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. Who were the soap makers and why were they sly?

They were missionaries who had come to bring God's Word to the people of Madagascar that they might believe the good news of Jesus and be saved. They were sly because they were only making the soap so the queen wouldn't kick them out of the country and destroy the Bible they were printing.

2. What were they really doing and why was that so important?

They were translating the Bible into Malagasy so the people of Madagascar could have it to read in their own language. This was so important because only the Bible is God's Word. And, it would mean the people could continue to learn about God even when the queen got rid of the missionaries.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 3****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Synagogue Stalkers**

Acts 17; 1 and 2 Thessalonians

Now it's time for today's story called: The Case of the Synagogue Stalkers.

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

- 1. Who were the Synagogue Stalkers? What was their message?**
- 2. What was so special about the synagogues that they always told their message there first?**

*(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 Synagogue Stalkers? What was their message?**

Paul, Silas and Timothy were the Synagogue Stalkers. Their message was the good news of salvation through Jesus.

- 2. What was so special about the synagogues that they always told their message there first?** The synagogues were usually the only place in a city where the Bible was read and explained. God would use His Word to give faith to those the good news of Jesus, as proclaimed in the Bible.

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.