



Unit 12
Bible Truth 9 Resources

BIBLE TRUTH 9 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 9 Concept: God's People Think about Him

God made our bodies with daily needs. Each day our bodies need food, exercise, and sleep. Our bodies stay strong when we take care of them each day. God made our hearts with daily needs, too. God made us to need time with Him each day to stay close to Him, and to grow in knowing and loving Him. God's people know this. They try to take special time out each day to pray to God and read God's Word, the Bible. Through the rest of the day, they keep thinking about Him and how they can best please Him in whatever they are doing. Sometimes God's people find it hard to spend time with God each day. Sometimes it is because they get very busy, or because they are lazy, or they just don't feel like spending time with Him. They ask God to help them spend time with Him and to think about Him each day. They know that no matter how they feel or how busy they are, it is still very important to keep thinking about God and keep spending time with Him. They know that God uses the time they spend with Him to strengthen their faith in Him, their love for Him and their cheerful obedience to Him.

Bible Truth 9 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Psalm 63:3-6 NIV 1984

"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night."

Alternate Memory Version: Psalm 63:5,6 NIV 1984

"With singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night."

Bible Truth 9 ACTS Prayer

- A** Praise God for being perfectly good. He is so worthy of all our thoughts.
- C** Confess that many times we choose to not think about God. We choose not to read His Word or pray to Him. We just think about ourselves. We need a Savior to save us from our sins!
- T** Thank God for giving us His Word and for being able to pray to Him. Thank Him for giving us these ways to strengthen our faith in Him, grow our love for Him and cheerfully obey Him.
- S** Ask God to work in our hearts, helping us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our own Savior. Ask God to help us to have a special time each day to think about Him, and to help us to keep thinking about Him throughout the rest of the day. Ask Him to use our time reading His Word and in praying to Him to know, love and obey Him more.

Bible Truth 9 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Eavesdropping Cook (New Testament)

Luke 10:25-42

Lesson 2: The Case of the Sneakiest Sneaker (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Forgetful Fretters (Old Testament)

Exodus 14-15

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

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 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 9**

"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; God's People Do Good Works God Has Prepared for Them; and, God's People Read His Word, the Bible.)

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

God's People Think about Him

God made our bodies with daily needs. Each day our bodies need food, exercise, and sleep. Our bodies stay strong when we take care of them each day. God made our hearts with daily needs, too. God made us to need time with Him each day to stay close to Him, and to grow in knowing and loving Him. God's people know this. They try to take special time out each day to pray to God and read God's Word, the Bible. Through the rest of the day, they keep thinking about Him and how they can best please Him in whatever they are doing. Sometimes God's people find it hard to spend time with God each day. Sometimes it is because they get very busy, or because they are lazy, or they just don't feel like spending time with Him. They ask God to help them spend time with Him and to think about Him each day. They know that no matter how they feel or how busy they are, it is still very important to keep thinking about God and keep spending time with Him. They know that God uses the time they spend with Him to strengthen their faith in Him, their love for Him and their cheerful obedience to Him.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

Bible Truth 9 Hymn

“Long ago, a woman named Mary Byrne was thinking about this Bible truth, too. She translated from Irish into English 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 26

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision,
 O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me,
 save that Thou art:
 Thou my best thought,
 by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping,
 Thy presence my light.

God’s people want God to be their vision—the one they think about most of all, the one who is the best thing they can think of. They keep thinking about Him, both in a special time of praying and reading...and all through the rest of the day and night. They think about Him and know He is with them. His presence guides them, like a light in darkness. He lives inside their heart, giving them wisdom and showing them what He’s like.

Bible Truth 9 Bible Verse and Song

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

Psalms 63:3-6

“Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.”

These verses remind us that God’s people delight to think about Him. They cannot think of anything better than thinking about God and praising Him, whether it is during the day or during the night. This is because they know that He loves them so much and because there is no one more wonderful than God.

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

Your Love Is Better than Life

PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 27

Because your love is better than life,
 My lips will glorify you.
 I will praise you as long as I live,
 And in your name I will lift up my hands,
 Because your love is better than life,
 Because your love is better than life,
 Because your love is better than life.
 Psalm Sixty-three, three and four.

*You might also enjoy listening to:
 Let the Morning Bring Me
 Psalm 143:5,8
 PFI NIV Songs 12, Track 28*

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Eavesdropping Cook**

Luke 10:25-42

Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Eavesdropping Cook.**

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

- 1. Who was the eavesdropping cook?**
- 2. Who did she listen in on and why was that a good thing?**

(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 eavesdropping cook?** Mary.
- 2. Who did she listen in on and why was that a good thing?** Mary listened in on Jesus teaching His disciples. It was a good thing because it showed that she loved to think about God and wanted to know how to better love and live to please Him.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Sneakiest Sneaker**

Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Sneakiest Sneaker.**

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

- 1. Who was the sneakiest sneaker?**
- 2. How did God use his sneakiness to help others think about 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 was the sneakiest sneaker?**
Some would say Andy was. But perhaps it was the Lord. After all, he could make seeing eyes blind and sneak the Bibles past the border guards.
- 2. How did God use his sneakiness to help others think about God?**
God used Andy's sneakiest to sneak Bibles and other Christian books past border guards to give them to the Christians in Eastern Europe. These books would help the Christians think about God and tell others the good news of 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 Forgetful Fretter**
Exodus 14-15

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

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

- 1. Who were the forgetful fretters?**
- 2. What did they worry about? What did they forget? What difference would it had made if they had remembered what they chose to forget?**

(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 forgetful fretters?

The people of Israel.

2. What did they worry about? What did they forget? What difference would it had made if they had remembered what they chose to forget? They worried that they would die out in the wilderness because they had no food or water. They forget in just five days the amazing ways that the LORD had delivered them from the mighty Egyptians. If they had thought about the LORD and all He had done for them, they could have turned away from worrying and trusted that the LORD would take care of 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.

(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.