



## **BIBLE TRUTH 4 OVERVIEW**

### **Unit 4: The God Who Reveals Himself**

**Big Question and Answer:** "Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!"

**Bible Verse:** "O LORD...there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath." 1 King 8:23

### **Bible Truth 3 Concept: The LORD Is Everywhere, All the Time**

The LORD made people finite. That means they have things they can do and things they can't do. People can only be at one place at one time. They have to travel to move from one place to another. They have a time to live and a time to die.

The LORD is very different from people. He is infinite—He is everywhere, all the time. He never began and He will never end. There never was a time when the LORD was not alive. There will never be a time when He will stop living. He knows and plans what happens, even before something has begun. He sees everything in all times and in all places, all at the same time.

Because the LORD is everywhere, all the time, He is able to hear and answer all of His people's prayers at the same time. He is able to protect them and help them, no matter where they are. He works out everything with perfect timing, according to His perfect will.

### **Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse**

#### ***Meditation Version: Psalm 139:1-3,7-10***

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

#### ***Alternate Memory Version: Psalm 139: 7,9-10***

"Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

### **Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being the only true God, worthy of all our worship.
- C** God, we confess that we act like You aren't everywhere, all the time. We forget You see as we disobey Your good laws. We don't trust You will take care of us. We worry about others too far away for us to help, forgetting to ask You to help them. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God for always being near. Thank You for being able to hear and answer all of our prayers at the same time. Thank You for working out everything with perfect timing, according to Your perfect will.
- S** God, help us to remember that You are with us, wherever we are. Work out everything in our lives for our good and Your glory. Work in our hearts and in those who live far away. Help us all to trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### **Bible Truth 3 Stories**

#### **Lesson 1: The Case of the Worshipful Wife-picker (Old Testament)**

Genesis 24

#### **Lesson 2: The Case of the Stony Speech (Story of the Saints)**

#### **Lesson 3: The Case of the Not-So-Abandoned Ship (New Testament)**

Acts 27

**1. GETTING STARTED: Welcome and Opening Songs** (*introduce unit and get kids moving with these songs*)

<p><b>Welcome</b></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><b>Praise Factory Theme Song</b></p>	<p>“Let’s sing our Praise Factory Investigator’s theme song.”</p> <p><b>PFI: Praise Factory Investigators</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 1</i></span></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><b>Classroom Rules Song</b></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><b>WoGoLOA Rules Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 2</i></span></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**

<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 to today's <b>Big Question Under Investigation</b>.</p> <p>It's: <b>Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?</b></p> <p>"There are many gods that people worship, but none are like the LORD. He is the one, true God. He's not like anyone else! He's always been alive--and He will never die. He's completely good and loving. He's all-powerful and all-wise. And that's just the beginning of what the LORD is like. He is so great! There will always be more of Him to know.</p> <p>So the answer to our Big Question, '<b>Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?</b>' is: <b>He's Not Like Anyone Else!</b></p>
<b>Big Question 4 and Songs</b>	<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 4 Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 3</i></span>  <i>(adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie?")</i>  Can anybody tell me,  Tell me, tell me,  Can anybody tell me,  What the LORD is like?  He's not like anyone else,  Anyone else, anyone else,  He's not like anyone else,  That's what the LORD is like.</p> <p><b>Big Question 4 Song:</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 4</i></span>  <b>Tell Me</b>  <i>Refrain:</i>  Tell me, can anybody tell me,  Tell me, what the LORD is like?  Tell me, can anybody tell me,  Tell me, what the LORD is like?  He's not like anyone else,  He's not like anyone else,  He's not like anyone else,  He's not like anyone else,</p> <p>He's Omniscient! <i>(He knows all things)</i>  Omnipresent! <i>(He's everywhere you can be)</i>  Omni-benevolent! <i>(He's always good!)</i>  and Omnipotent! <i>(He can do all things!)</i> <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>He's Immutable! <i>(He never changes!)</i>  He's Infallible! <i>(He makes no mistakes!)</i>  He's Infinite! <i>(There's always more of Him to know!)</i>  And purely Righteous! <i>(He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!)</i> <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><i>You may also enjoy singing Inspector Graff's ABC's of God</i> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 5</i></span></p>

**1. GETTING STARTED, continued****Unit 4  
Bible Verse**

You may also enjoy these other versions of this verse:  
 In Heaven Above (short version)  
 PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 7  
 In Heaven Above and Earth Beneath  
 PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 8  
 O, O LORD  
 PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 9  
 I Am God  
 PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 10

"How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

1 Kings 8:23 tells us: "O LORD there is no God like you."

**Big Question 4 Bible Verse Song  
In Heaven Above 1 Kings 8:23**

*PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 6*

O LORD, there is no God like you.  
 In heaven above or on earth beneath,  
 O LORD, there is no God like you.  
 In heaven above or on earth beneath. (repeat)

In heaven above or on earth beneath,  
 There is no God like you.  
 In heaven above or on earth beneath,  
 There is no God like you. (repeat)

First Kings Eight, twenty-three.

"There may be many gods that people worship, but none is like the LORD. Why? Because He is the one, true God."

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN: Key Concept and Story** (*introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related story*)**Bible Truth 3**

"It's time for us to dig down deeper for answers to our Big Question. We're learning **NINE** Bible Truths that all tell us something about what the LORD is like. Can you tell me which ones we have already learned? (The LORD Is a Glorious Spirit; The LORD Is the Only, True God)

The Bible Truth we are going to be thinking about today is:  
**The LORD Is Everywhere, All the Time.**

The LORD made people finite. That means they have things they can do and things they can't do. People can only be at one place at one time. They have to travel to move from one place to another. They have a time to live and a time to die.

The LORD is very different from people. He is infinite—He is everywhere, all the time. He never began and He will never end. There never was a time when the LORD was not alive. There will never be a time when He will stop living. He knows and plans what happens, even before something has begun. He sees everything in all times and in all places, all at the same time.

Because the LORD is everywhere, all the time, He is able to hear and answer all of His people's prayers at the same time. He is able to protect them and help them, no matter where they are. He works out everything with perfect timing, according to His perfect will.

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****Bible Truth 3  
Hymn**

"Long ago, a man named Arthur Ainger was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote this hymn about it called "God Is Working His Purpose Out." We're going to learn a verse from it."

**God Is Working His Purpose Out  
Verse 1**

*PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 19*

God is working his purpose out  
As year succeeds to year:  
God is working his purpose out,  
And the time is drawing near;  
Nearer and nearer draws the time,  
The time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea.

God is everywhere, all the time. He not only sees everything that happens, but He is in control over it and is using it all for His perfect purposes. Yes, the best and good things that happen in this world. And, yes, even the sad and awful things, will all be used perfectly, for His absolutely amazing, glorious purposes. It may be hard for us to see these now, sometimes, but nonetheless it is true. Year comes after another and everything is being fulfilled, until at last God's full plan will be done. All of God's people will be gathered together safely home with God. And all of God's plan will be seen as good and perfect. It will all show God's goodness and greatness--it will all bring God glory.

**Bible Truth 3  
Bible Verse  
and Song**

You may also enjoy another version of this verse:  
Where Can I Go?  
PFI ESV Songs 4,  
Track 21

and this other Bible verse song:  
The LORD Looks Down from Heaven: Psalm 33:13-14, HCSB  
PFI ESV Songs 4,  
Track 22

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

**Psalm 139:1-3,7-10**

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

These verses tell us that God is everywhere, all the time. There is no where we can flee from God's Spirit. Everywhere we are, He is, too. God knows us inside and out. He hears all of our prayers. He will help and protect those who trust in Him, no matter where they are. He will always be guiding them according to His perfect plans.

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

**O LORD, You Have Searched Me  
Verse 1:**

*PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 20*

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
You discern my thoughts, My thoughts from afar.  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
And are acquainted with all my ways.

**Verse 2:**

If I take the wings of the morning  
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
Even there your hand shall lead me,  
Your right hand shall hold me. Refrain  
You are there!  
Psalm One-thirty-nine,  
verses one through three,  
and seven through ten.

**Refrain:** Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

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

**Old Testament  
Story:**

**The Case of the  
Worshipful  
Wife-Picker**  
Genesis 24

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Worshipful Wife-Picker.**

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

- 1. Who was the Wife-Picker? Who did he pick a wife for?**
- 2. Who did he worship and 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 Wife-Picker? Who did he pick a wife for?** Abraham's most trusted servant was the wife-picker. He picked a wife for Isaac, Abraham's son.

**2. Who did he worship and why?** He worshiped the LORD who was everywhere, all the time. He had guided the servant to the right young woman, all according to His perfect plan and timing.

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

**LESSON 2 STORY**

**Story of the Saints:**

**The Case of the  
Stony Speech**

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

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

- 1. Who made a speech? What did he tell in his speech?**
- 2. What was stony about his speech? Why did he trust that the Lord would take care of him?**

*(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 made a speech? What did he tell in his speech?** Jacob Chamberlain. He shared the good news of Jesus.

**2. What was stony about his speech? Why did he trust that the Lord would take care of him?** The people in the great, walled city picked up stones and prepared to kill Jacob and his friends for sharing the good news of Jesus. Jacob knew the Lord had promised to be with His people everywhere they went. He would be with him there in that city, too.

*Close in prayer.*

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**

<b>LESSON 3</b>	
<p><b>New Testament Story:</b></p> <p><b>The Case of the Not-So-Abandoned Ship</b> Acts 27</p>	<p>"Now it's time for today's story called: <b>The Case of the Not-So-Abandoned Ship.</b></p> <p><b>As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Why did the ship seem like it was abandoned?</b></li> <li><b>2. Who showed them that it wasn't really abandoned? Why did he know they weren't abandoned?</b></li> </ol> <p><i>(If desired, write these questions on a sheet of paper to refer to when the story is finished.)</i></p> <p><i>Read story.</i></p> <p><i>After reading story, ask for the children's answers to the questions.</i></p> <p><b>1. Why did the ship seem like it was abandoned?</b> Because the sailors were in a terrible storm that was breaking up the ship and seemed certain to be the death of them all.</p> <p><b>2. Who showed them that it wasn't really abandoned? Why did he know they weren't abandoned?</b> Paul. He knew the Lord was with him no matter where he was. He believed the Lord's promise that he would appear before Caesar in Rome, so he wouldn't die in that storm. An angel spoke to him, telling him what would happen and what they should do.</p> <p><i>Close in prayer. (prayer suggestions included at end of story)</i></p>

**3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities** *(choose from among these activities)*

<p><b>Response Activities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ACTS Prayer Activity:</b> Add your own prayer requests to the ACTS prayer</li> <li>• <b>Sneaky Snack:</b> Story-related snack</li> <li>• <b>Bible Truth Review Activity:</b> Game with questions related to the Bible Truth</li> <li>• <b>Bible Truth Hymn:</b> Music activities to learn a portion of a Bible Truth-related hymn</li> <li>• <b>Bible Verse Review Activity:</b> Game with questions related to Bible Truth Bible verse</li> <li>• <b>Bible Verse Song:</b> Music activities to learn the Bible Verse song</li> <li>• <b>Story Review Activity:</b> Game with questions related to the Bible Truth and Case</li> <li>• <b>Case RePlay, Jr. and Sr.:</b> Two drama activities that review the story: one for younger children, one for older children.</li> <li>• <b>Craft:</b> Story-related craft</li> <li>• <b>VIPP (Very Important Prayer Person):</b> Game and a coloring activity to help children learn about people in your church and how to pray for them.</li> </ul> <p><i>(VIP resources: found online or at back of this book)</i></p>
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**4. TAKING IT TO OTHERS** *Optional presentations for the last few minutes of class*

<p><b>Presenting to Other Children</b></p>	<p><i>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.</i></p>
<p><b>Presenting to Parents</b></p>	<p><i>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.</i></p>

**5. TAKING IT HOME** *(Take Home Sheet)*

<p><b>PFI Pronto</b></p>	<p><i>Give out the PFI Pronto for the case story as well as any other materials as the children are dismissed.</i></p>
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