

BIBLE TRUTH 5 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 4 Concept: The LORD Knows Everything There Is to Know

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Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Daniel 2:20-22, ESV

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

Alternate Memory Version: Daniel 2:20,21,22

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Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

- A God, we praise You for being the only One who knows all things and makes perfect plans.
- **C** God, we confess that many times we doubt Your wisdom and Your plans, even though we know that You know all things. We need a Savior!
- **T** Thank You, God for choosing to use all Your great wisdom and knowledge to fulfill all Your perfect plans. Thank You for sending Jesus as part of that perfect plan.
- **S** God, search our hearts and help us to see the things we do that displease Him that we can't or don't want to see. Work in our hearts, that we would turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to trust Your good plans, made in Your perfect knowledge of all things.

Bible Truth 4 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Impossible Answer (Old Testament)

Lesson 2: The Case of the Million Mile Man (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Rich Basillikos (New Testament)Deuteronomy 4,5,27-30,34; Jeremiah 1-2,4,11,25,36

LESSON PLAN: BIBLE TRUTH 5

(1 Lesson Plan for ALL 3 Lessons)

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

Welcome

"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."

Praise Factory Theme Song

"Let's sing our Praise Factory Investigator's theme song."

PFI: Praise Factory Investigators

PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 1

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.

Classroom Rules Song

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."

WoGoLOA Rules Song

PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 2

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. (Refrain)

LOA means "Love One Another."

Sound off, 1,2,3,

Be kind,

Be encouraging,

Help others, help others. (Refrain twice)

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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." *Pray*.

Big Question Under Investigation:

"Now it's time to turn to today's **Big Question Under Investigation**.

It's: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?

"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.

So the answer to our Big Question, 'Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?" is: He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Big Question 4 and Songs

"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s): choose one or both

Big Q & A 4 Song

Song PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 3

(adapted version of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie?")
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,

Big Question 4 Song: Tell Me

That's what the LORD is like.

PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 4

Refrain:

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,

He's Omniscient! (He knows all things)
Omnipresent! (He's everywhere you can be)
Omni-benevolent! (He's always good!)
and Omnipotent! (He can do all things!) Refrain

He's Immutable! (He never changes!)
He's Infallible! (He makes no mistakes!)
He's Infinite! (There's always more of Him to know!)

And purely Righteous! (He has no sin! Not even a teeny, tiny speck!) Refrain

LESSON PLAN: BIBLE TRUTH 5

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 4

"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; and the LORD is Everywhere, All the Time.)

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

The LORD Knows Everything There Is to Know.

God gave people minds to think and to learn with. From birth, people begin to learn things and they keep on learning their whole lives. But still, they die still not knowing many things.

God is very different from people. God knows everything in the whole universe and more. He knows everything about us, even what we are thinking in our hearts or do when no one else can see. He knows all of the past, the present, and even the future. No one has ever taught God anything. He just knows it. God is "omniscient"—all knowing. He works out everything with perfect timing, according to His perfect will.

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

Bible Truth 4 Hymn

"Long ago, a man named Walter Chalmers Smith was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called "Immortal, Invisible." We're going to learn a verse from it.

Immortal, Invisible Verse 1

PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 23

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible, Hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, The Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

The LORD is the Ancient of Days—He has always lived. He has always known what has happened, everywhere in the whole universe and beyond.. He is Immortal—He will never die, but always live to know everything. He is only wise—He always knows what is best and always does what is best. Because He is almighty and victorious, everything in the past, present and future always will be the working out of His perfect will."

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse and Song

You may also enjoy another version of this verse: May the Name of God Be Praised, Daniel 2:20-22, HCSB PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 25 "The Bible verse we are going to be digging down into for this Bible Truth is:

Daniel 2:20-22

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

These verses tell us that the LORD is the God who knows everything there is to know. He is completely wise. There is nothing that can be hidden from Him. He is the one who gives wisdom to make wise people wise.

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

Blessed Be the Name of God

PFI ESV Songs 4, Track 24

Refrain

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,

To whom belong wisdom and might, To whom belong wisdom and might.

He changes times and seasons; He gives wisdom to the wise, He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what in the darkness lies, And the light dwells with him, And the light dwells with him, To you, O God of my fathers, To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, I give thanks and praise. *Refrain*

Daniel Chapter Two, verses twenty through twenty-three.

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

LESSON 1 STORY

Old Testament Story:

"Now it's time for today's story called: The Case of the Impossible Answer.

The Case of the Impossible Answer Daniel 1-2

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

- 1. What was the impossible answer and who wanted it?
- 2. Who gave the impossible answer? Why was he able to give it when no one else could?

(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 the impossible answer and who wanted it?** To tell the king his dream and its meaning. The king wanted it.
- 2. Who gave the impossible answer? Why was he able to give it when no one else could? Belteshazzar. Because the LORD, the one, true God who knows everything there is to know, revealed it to him.

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

LESSON 2 STORY

Story of the Saints:

"Now it's time for today's story called: The Case of the Million Mile Man.

The Case of the Million Mile Man

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

- 1. Who was the Million Mile Man? Why was it so surprising he traveled so much?
- 2. Who was sure that he couldn't do this? Why did he know that he could?

(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 Million Mile Man? Why was it so surprising he traveled so much?** Sheldon Jackson. He had health problems that should have kept him from doing them.
- **2. Who was sure that he couldn't do this? Why did he know that he could?** The Foreign Mission Board. If the Lord who knew all things was calling him to be a missionary, then surely he would be able to do whatever was required.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

LESSON 3

New Testament Story:

The Case of the

Rich Basillikos

Deuteronomy 4,5,27-30,34; Jeremiah 1-2,4,11,25,36 "Now it's time for today's story called: The Case of the Rich Basilikos.

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

- 1. What is a Basilikos? What made him rich? How was he really poor?
- 2. Who gave him true riches? What were they? What amazing powers did this person show?

(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 is a Basilikos? What made him rich? How was he really poor?

He was a Jew who worked in King Herod Antipas' royal city. He was rich in money. He was poor because he didn't know God or even seem to care about Him.

2. Who gave him true riches? What were they? What amazing powers did this person show? Jesus gave him true riches of salvation through faith in Him. He showed He knew and could do things that only God could do.

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.

PFI Pronto

Give out the PFI Pronto for the case story as well as any other materials as the children are dismissed.