



## BIBLE TRUTH 7 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.” 1 King 8:23

### Bible Truth 7 Concept: The LORD Is Omnipotent

“Omnipotent” means “all” (omni) “powerful” (potens). The LORD is all powerful. There are no limits on God’s power to do what He wants to do. God uses His omnipotent power to carry out all His holy will and rule perfectly over all His creation.

In the beginning, God used His omnipotent power to create everything He wanted to create, just the way He wanted it created. By His omnipotent power, He sustains everything He’s made so that it keeps on living as He wants it to and to carry out His wonderful plans.

This doesn’t mean that we have no control over the things we do. God created all living creatures with a will. They make decisions and carry them out. This is especially true of people, to whom God has given a spirit to know Him and to know what is right and wrong. We are each responsible for our own actions. And yet at the same time, God uses His omnipotent power to work in and through all His creations so that His good plans are perfectly fulfilled.

God is all-powerful, yet there is something He will not and cannot do. He will not use His omnipotent power to do anything that is evil. He always acts according to the perfectly holy way He is.

### Bible Truth 7 Bible Verse

#### **Meditation Version: Psalm 135:5-6**

“I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. The LORD does whatever pleases Him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.”

#### **Alternate Memory Version: Psalm 135:5,6**

“I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. The LORD does whatever pleases Him.”

### Bible Truth 7 ACTS Prayer

**A** God, we praise You for being more powerful than anyone else. We praise You for always being able to do whatever You want to do.

**C** God, we confess that many times we want to rebel against You and do things our own way. We confess that many times when we’re in trouble, we doubt that You really are powerful enough to help us. We need a Savior to forgive us!

**T** Thank You, God for being so powerful that You can always rescue those who turn from their sins and depend upon You. Thank You for all Your promises You give us in the Bible and for always having the power to fulfill them.

**S** God, use Your almighty power to work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and live for You.

### Bible Truth 7 Stories

#### **Lesson 1: The Case of the King’s Eye (Old Testament)**

Esther 1-9

#### **Lesson 2: The Case of the Heavenly Hopeful Boy (Story of the Saints)**

#### **Lesson 3: The Case of the Forbidden Visitor (New Testament)**

Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

**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 NIV 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 NIV 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 NIV 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>  <b>Tell Me</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI NIV Songs 4, Track 4</i></span>  <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 NIV Songs 4, Track 5</i></span></p>

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

"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***PFI NIV Songs 4, Track 6***O, O LORD: 1 Kings 8:23**

O, O LORD, there is no, no God like You,

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O, O LORD, there is no God like You!

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 7**

"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 LORD is Everywhere, All the Time; the LORD Knows Everything There Is to Know; The LORD Is Three Persons, But Just One God--Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and the LORD Is Holy.)

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

**The LORD Is Omnipotent.**

"Omnipotent" means "all" (omni) "powerful" (potens). The LORD is all powerful. There are no limits on God's power to do what He wants to do. God uses His omnipotent power to carry out all His holy will and rule perfectly over all His creation.

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This doesn't mean that we have no control over the things we do. God created all living creatures with a will. They make decisions and carry them out. This is especially true of people, to whom God has given a spirit to know Him and to know what is right and wrong. We are each responsible for our own actions. And yet at the same time, God uses His omnipotent power to work in and through all His creations so that His good plans are perfectly fulfilled.

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**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****Bible Truth 7  
Hymn**

"Long ago, a man named Malthie Babcock was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called "This Is My Father's World." We're going to learn a verse from it.

**This Is My Father's World***PFI NIV Songs 4, Track 21***Verse 3**

This is my Father's world,  
O let me ne'er forget,  
That though the wrong  
Seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world.  
The battle is not done.  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heaven be one.

This world belongs to God, because in His omnipotence He created it all, just as He desired; and He sustains it and all the creations in it by His omnipotent power. While sin and death are still allowed for now, one day, He will accomplish all He has planned for this world and will bring an end all that is evil. He will win the battle once and for all, at just the perfect time He has planned.

**Bible Truth 7  
Bible Verse  
and Song**

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

**Psalm 135:5-6**

"I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. The LORD does whatever pleases Him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths."

Omnipotent means all powerful. The LORD is all powerful. He is greater than all gods. He is all powerful over all His creation. That is why in the heavens, the earth, and the seas, He will always do whatever pleases Him.

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

**I Know that the LORD is Great***PFI NIV Songs 4, Track 22*

I know that the LORD is great,  
That our Lord is greater than all gods.  
The LORD does whatever pleases him.  
In the heavens and on the earth,  
In the seas and all their depths,  
In the heavens and on the earth,  
In the seas and all their depths.  
The LORD does whatever pleases Him.  
Psalm One-thirty-five, five and six.

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 1 STORY****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the King's Eye**  
Esther 1-9

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

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

- 1. Who was the King's Eye? What made him so powerful?**
- 2. Who was more powerful than the King's Eye? How did he show that?**

*(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 King's Eye? What made him so powerful?** Haman. The Persian king made him his most powerful servant. He was also powerful because he was deceitful. He used the king's trust in his to (try to) fulfill his own evil plans.
- 2. Who was more powerful than the King's Eye? How did he show that?** The LORD. He overruled Haman's evil plans and worked His own, good plans out of them instead.

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

**LESSON 2 STORY****Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Heavenly Hopeful Boy**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Heavenly Hopeful Boy.**

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

- 1. Who was the Heavenly Hopeful Boy? What did it mean that he was heavenly hopeful?**
- 2. Why was he so heavenly hopeful? What kinds of things did heaven provide?**

*(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 Heavenly Hopeful Boy? What did it mean that he was heavenly hopeful?** Little Peter. It mean that he depended upon God to take care of his needs.
- 2. Why was he so heavenly hopeful? What kinds of things did heaven provide?** He had no father or mother. He had learned from an early age to ask God to provide for his needs and God had always answered him. The Lord provided him with food, with a job, with help in times of trouble, and even with a new father and good life.

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

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

Matthew 8:5-13;

Luke 7:1-10

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

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

- 1. Who was the forbidden visitor? Who forbid him to do something?**
- 2. What was he forbidden to do? 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 forbidden visitor? Who forbid him to do something?**

Jesus. The centurion with the sick servant.

**2. What was he forbidden to do? Why?** He was forbidden to come to enter the centurion's house to see his sick servant. Because the centurion believed it was too great of an honor for Jesus, the Messiah, to enter his house. And, because he believed that Jesus had complete power over sickness and death. He did not even need to come to his house to heal his servant. He only needed to speak the word and it would happen.

*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.*