



BIBLE TRUTH 8 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 8 Concept: The LORD Is Faithful

Being faithful means doing what you promise you will do.

Many times people are not faithful to the promises they make to each other or to God. They do not do what they promised to do. But even though people are often unfaithful, God is always, completely faithful. He always keeps His promises, no matter what.

The Bible is full of God’s many promises. He promises to forgive the sins of all turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He promises to take care of them, to help them, and to only allow in their lives what will be for their good and His glory. He promises to work in their hearts so that they will love God and live for Him more and more. Best of all, God promises to bring these, His dearly-loved people, to live with Him in heaven to enjoy Him forever.

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Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Psalm 145:13,18-19

“The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all He has made...The Lord is near to all who call on Him...in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.”

Alternate Memory Version: Psalm 145:13

“The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all He has made.”

Bible Truth 8 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being always faithful to Your people and all Your promises.
- C** God, we confess that many times we grumble against You and we worry. We do not believe You will keep Your promises. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God for the way You have showed Your faithfulness to us even today. Thank You that You have let us hear of Your promises and encouraged us to trust in You. Thank You for Your faithfulness shown through Jesus, who long before we were even born, died to save sinners like us.
- S** God, Your promises tell us that You can make great changes in our hearts and our lives. Please, 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. Help us to trust in Your faithful care of us every day.

Bible Truth 8 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Difficulty Destroyer (Old Testament)

Numbers 13:28-14:10; Joshua 1-4

Lesson 2: The Case of the Needy Kneeler (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Snake Shaker (New Testament)

Deuteronomy 4,5,27-30,34; Jeremiah 1-2,4,11,25,36-28; Romans 1:8-13

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 4, 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 4, 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:	<p>"Now it's time to turn to today's Big Question Under Investigation.</p> <p>It's: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?</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, 'Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like?' is: He's Not Like Anyone Else!</p>
Big Question 4 and Songs	<p>"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s): <i>choose one or both</i></p> <p>Big Q & A 4 Song <i>PFI NIV Songs 4, Track 3</i> <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>Big Question 4 Song: Tell Me <i>PFI NIV Songs 4, Track 4</i> <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> <i>PFI NIV Songs 4, Track 5</i></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 8**

"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; the LORD Is Holy; and the LORD Is Omnipotent.)

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

The LORD Is Faithful.

Being faithful means doing what you promise you will do.

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

<p>Bible Truth 8 Hymn</p>	<p>“Long ago, a woman named Caroline Sandell-Berg was thinking about this Bible truth, too. She wrote the words to a hymn called “Day by Day.” We’re going to learn a verse from it.</p> <p>Day by Day <i>PFI NIV Songs 4, Track 23</i></p> <p>Verse 1 Day by day and with each passing moment, Strength I find to meet my trials here; Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment, I’ve no cause for worry or for fear. He whose heart is kind beyond all measure, Gives unto each day what He deems best, Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, Mingling toil with peace and rest.</p> <p>God’s people can testify to God’s faithfulness to take care of them, helping them and allowing only what is for their good and God’s glory, every hour of every day. He gives them strength to go through whatever trials (hard times) they must go through in their life. They may not like them. They may even wish they didn’t have to go through them. But, they know that the LORD is wise and powerful. And, if He has allowed them, then they are part of His wise bestowment (His perfectly good choices, even gifts) to them. They do not have to worry or fear. They can trust in their Heavenly Father who loves them so much. He is faithful to give them all they need in life, through all of life--the pleasure of each day and the pain of each day. Both peace and rest, and even one day. Perfect peace and rest with Him in heaven, forever.</p>
<p>Bible Truth 8 Bible Verse and Song</p>	<p>“The Bible verse we are going to be digging down into for this Bible Truth is:</p> <p>Psalms 145:13,18-19 “The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all He has made...The Lord is near to all who call on Him...in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.”</p> <p>God’s people are the people who fear Him. They know He promises to fulfill their desires with good things, that He hears their cries and will always save them. This is because they know that the LORD is always, completely faithful to all His promises.</p> <p>We’ve said our Bible verse, now let’s sing it!</p> <p>Faithful! He Is Faithful! <i>PFI NIV Songs 4, Track 24</i></p> <p>Faithful! He is faithful! The Lord is faithful to all His promises. Loving! He is loving! The Lord is loving toward all He has made. The Lord is near to all, To all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him, He hears their cries and saves them. Faithful! He is faithful! The Lord is faithful to all His promises. Loving! He is loving! The Lord is loving toward all He has made. Psalm One-forty-five, verses thirteen, eighteen, and nineteen.</p>

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

Numbers 13:28-14:10; Joshua 1-4

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

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

- 1. Who was the Difficulty Destroyer? What kinds of difficulties did he destroy?**
- 2. What did he show by destroying all the difficulties?**

(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 Difficulty Destroyer? What kinds of difficulties did he destroy? The LORD. Every difficulty they faced! He freed the Israelites from their powerful enemies the Egyptians with amazing miracles. He had feed them with manna from heaven every day out in the wilderness. He even kept their sandals from falling apart over forty years!

2. What did he show by destroying all the difficulties? That He was always faithful. They could always trust Him, no matter how big the difficulties they faced.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Needy Kneeler**

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

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

- 1. Who was the Kneeler? Why was he kneeling?**
- 2. What did he need? What did he hope to show others by kneeling to get his needs met?**

(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 Kneeler? Why was he kneeling? George Mueller. He was praying.

2. What did he need? What did he hope to show others by kneeling to get his needs met? He needed many things, most of them related to providing for the orphans in the city of Bristol. He hoped to show that God is faithful to meet all our needs that others might put their faith in Him, too.

Close in prayer.

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

Acts 27-28;
Romans 1:8-13

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

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

- 1. Who was the Snake Shaker? Why did he shake the snake?**
- 2. What did everyone think would happen to him? Why did he know it wouldn't happen?**

(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 Snake Shaker? Why did he shake the snake?**

Paul. It bit into him when he got firewood for the fire.

- 2. What did everyone think would happen to him? Why? Why did he know it wouldn't happen?** They thought he would die because the snake had a very poisonous bite. They believed the gods were punishing him for something bad he had done. Paul knew it would not kill him because God was unstoppably faithful and He had told Paul that he would go to Rome to appear before Caesar.

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)

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.