



BIBLE TRUTH 2 OVERVIEW

Unit 5: God, the Good Creator

Big Question and Answer: "Can You Tell Me What God Made? God Made All Things Good!"

Bible Verse: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth...God saw all that He had made, and it was very good." Genesis 1:1,31 NIV 1984

Bible Truth 2 Concept: God Created People Perfectly Good in the Beginning

People were God's last creation when He created the world. In some ways, God made people like the other earthly creatures. He gave them wonderful, perfect bodies. They were just right for all He wanted them to do and to be--just like He had done for the other creatures.

But in another way, God made people very different from everything else. You see, God created the other creatures after their own kind, but God chose to make people in His own image.

They were to be a one-of-a-kind reflection of who He is. So God gave to them alone a mind that could learn about the world and see how it showed what He was like--a bit like His great mind. And, He gave them alone a everlasting spirit that could know and love Him and each other--a bit like His Spirit. And because God created them good, they could know and love Him and each other without any sin or sadness. How wonderful that must have been!

God put these first people He made--Adam and Eve-- in charge of the earth. They and their children were to enjoy it, care for the creatures in it, explore it and fill it with people until they made all of it their home.

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Genesis 1:26-28

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Alternate Memory Version: Genesis 1:26-27

"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise for being our good Creator.
- C** We confess that though we are made in Your image, with a spirit to know and love You, we often choose to not know or love You. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God for making us in Your image that we can know and love You. This is a special gift that You gave to none other of the earthly creations.
- S** God, work in our hearts that we might love, know and obey You, as You created us to, know Him and obey Him as we were created to. Work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 2 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Definitely Different Design (Old Testament)

Genesis 1-2; John 1:3

Lesson 2: The Case of the Mixed Up Man (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Twelve-year-old Troubles (New Testament)

Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 4-8; John 1:3

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 5, 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 5, 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	"When we keep the WoGoLOA rules, we help each other worship God and love one another today. 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:	"Now it's time to turn to today's Big Question Under Investigation . It's: Can You Tell Me What God Made?
Big Question 5 and Songs	<p>In the beginning, God created everything. And when He did, He created all things good and for His glory.</p> <p>So the answer to our Big Question, 'Can You Tell Me What God Made?' is: God Made All Things Good!</p> <p>"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s): <i>choose one or both</i></p> <p>Big Question 5 Song <i>PFI NIV Songs 5, Track 3</i> <i>(adapted version of "London Bridge Is Falling Down")</i> Can you tell me what God made? What God made, what God made? Can you tell me what God made? God made all things good!</p> <p>Can You Tell Me What God Made? <i>PFI NIV Songs 5, Track 4</i> Refrain: Can you tell me what God made? Can you tell me what God made? Can you tell me what God made? God made all things good, God made all things good (through Jesus/for His glory)! God made all things good, God made all things good!</p> <p>Verse 1 Manatees, bumblebees, the air we breathe, Orca whales, bunny tails and slimy snails, Furry yaks, yummy snacks, bumpy camel backs, God made all things good! Cookatoos, kangaroos, the sky so blue, Sparkly gems, cherubim and monkey limbs, Thunder clouds, peacocks proud, the lion bit and loud! God made all things good! <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Verse 2 Frogs that leap, woolly sheep, the shank's big teeth, Tiny gnats, rivers fast, and chloroplasts, Mountains high, octopi, the starts up in the sky, God made all things good! Sandy dunes, sun and moon, doves that coo, Flying fish, rhinocerish, the bugs we squish! Apple trees, the wavy seas, yes, even you and me! God made all things good! <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><i>Extra Unit 5 Song: The Days of Creation</i> <i>PFI NIV Songs 5, Track 5</i></p>

1. GETTING STARTED, continued**Unit 5
Bible Verse**

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

Genesis 1:1,31 tells us: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth... God saw all that He had made, and it was very good."

Big Question 5 Bible Verse Song*PFI NIV Songs 5, Track 6***God Saw All that He Had Made: Genesis 1:31 NIV 1984**

God saw all that He had made,
 God saw all that He had ma-ee-ay-ee-ade,
 God saw all that He had made,
 God saw all that He had made,
 And it was very good.
 Genesis One, thirty-one.

"God made everything in our whole world, long ago in the beginning. of time. He looked at it all and called it very good. That's because He made it all just right!"

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

"It's time for us to dig down deeper for answers to our Big Question. We're learning **FOUR** Bible Truths that all tell us something about what good things God made in the beginning. We've already learned one. Can you remember what it was? (God Created All Things Good in the Beginning).

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

God Created People Perfectly Good in the Beginning

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But in another way, God made people very different from everything else. You see, God created the other creatures after their own kind, but God chose to make people in His own image.

They were to be a one-of-a-kind reflection of who He is. So God gave to them alone a mind that could learn about the world and see how it showed what He was like--a bit like His great mind. And, He gave them alone a everlasting spirit that could know and love Him and each other--a bit like His Spirit. And because God created them good, they could know and love Him and each other without any sin or sadness. How wonderful that must have been!

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

<p>Bible Truth 2 Hymn</p>	<p>“Long ago, a man named William Kethes was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called “All People that on Earth Do Dwell.” We’re going to learn a couple verses from it.”</p> <p>All People that on Earth Do Dwell <i>PFI NIV Songs 5, Tracks 10,11</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Verse 1 All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Verse 2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, Without our aid He did us make; We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>“This hymn reminds us that we, along with peoples of the earth, should serve and praise the Lord because He is our Creator. He made us to know Him and worship Him. Of all people, God’s people, have reason to rejoice in God, their Creator. He saved them through Jesus. He has made them His very own, special people, who He takes special care of.</p>	<p>Verse 1 All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.</p>	<p>Verse 2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, Without our aid He did us make; We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.</p>
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<p>Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse and Song</p>	<p>“The Bible verse we are going to be digging down into for this Bible Truth is:</p> <p>Genesis 1:26-28: “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”</p> <p>The Bible tells us God made people in the beginning. He made them in His image, that means, they reflect Him in a very special way. Of all the earthly creatures, they alone were created with a spirit, like God’s Spirit, that can know and love God. God created people to be able to see God’s glory in everything He made. And, He created them to care for the world He created as caretakers under Him.</p> <p>We’ve said our Bible verse, now let’s sing it!</p> <p>Then God Said <i>PFI NIV Songs 5, Track 12</i></p> <p>Then God said, “Let us make man, Let us make man in our own image.” Then God said, “Let us make man, Let us make man in our own image.” Male and female, He created them, Male and female, He created them.</p> <p>Then God said, “Let us make man, Let us make man in our own image.” Then God said, “Let us make man, Let us make man in our own image.” Genesis One, twenty-six and seven.</p>		

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the Definitely Different Design**Genesis 1-2;
John 1:3

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Definitely Different Design.** **As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:**

- 1. Who was designed differently?**
- 2. What made them definitely different from everything else?**

(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 designed differently?** People.
- 2. What made them definitely different from everything else?** What did this difference mean they could do? God made them with a spirit that lives forever. With this spirit, they could know and love God in a way nothing else could.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Mixed Up Man**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Mixed Up Man.** **As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:**

- 1. Who was the Mixed Up Man? What was he mixed up about?**
- 2. Who helped him not be mixed up anymore? What did he learn?**

(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 Mixed Up Man? What was he mixed up about?** Sam. He was mixed up about people. He thought they were animals, no different from the other mammals.
- 2. Who helped him not be mixed up anymore? What did he learn?** The Nduga people. When he saw the great change God's Holy Spirit did inside their hearts, God worked in his heart, too, helping him see that people are made in God's image. They are not just animals. He began to seek God, too.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 3****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Twelve-year-old Troubles**

Matthew 9:18-26;
Mark 5:21-43;
Luke 4-8; John 1:3

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Twelve Year Old Troubles.**

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

- 1. What were the twelve-year-old troubles? Why did they seem impossible to fix?**
- 2. Who fixed the troubles and why could he fix them?**

(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 were the twelve-year-old troubles? Why did they seem impossible to fix?

A woman had been bleeding for 12 years and no one could heal her. Jairus' 12-year-old daughter was dead. Who could possibly fix that?!

2. Who fixed the troubles and why could he fix them? Jesus. He could heal the woman and raise the little girl to life because all things were created through Him, even people.

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.