



BIBLE TRUTH 3 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 3 Concept: God Created the World to Praise and Glorify Him

God did not create the world because He was lonely or bored. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have always been perfectly happy, enjoying each other in perfect fellowship. He had no need for anyone or anything else to be happy. God created the world because He wanted to. He created it all as a display of His glory (who He is).

Everything God created praises and glorifies Him by being little pictures of what He is like. Because God made people in His image, we have the greatest ability to praise and glorify Him. To people alone, of all the earthly creatures, did God give a spirit to know and love Him. Only we can understand how His creations tell us about Him as we look at them.

God placed us in this wonderful world of His creation to enjoy it, and for the pleasure of praising, glorifying and enjoying God, as we see what it shows us about Him.

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Psalm 148:7-10

"Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens."

Alternate Memory Version: Psalm 148:7,9,10,11

"Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures ...you mountains and trees, wild animals...and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations. Let them praise the name of the LORD."

Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise for being our great Creator who is worthy of all our praise. His glory is in all the earth!
- C** We confess we often forget You and do not praise You as we should. We too often are trying to get other people to glorify us for good things we do, instead of You. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God for making us in Your image so that we, more than any other creature, can have the pleasure of enjoying and praising You.
- S** God, help us to look at Your creation and know You, praise You and glorify You. Work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 3 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the King Who Would Not Praise (Old Testament)

2 Kings 20-21, 2 Chronicles 32-33

Lesson 2: The Case of the De Beata Vitae (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Great Day of Praise (New Testament)

Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:1-17; Ephesians 1; 1 Peter 1:19-20; Revelation 5:11-13

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 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 3**

"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 some. Can you remember any of them? (God Created All Things Good in the Beginning, God Created People Perfectly Good in the Beginning).

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

God Created the World to Praise and Glorify Him

God did not create the world because He was lonely or bored. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have always been perfectly happy, enjoying each other in perfect fellowship. He had no need for anyone or anything else to be happy. God created the world because He wanted to. He created it all as a display of His glory (who He is).

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

<p>Bible Truth 3 Hymn</p>	<p>“Long ago, a man named Thomas Ken was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn that we call the Doxology. We’re going to learn it.”</p> <p>Doxology <i>PFI NIV Songs 5, Track 13</i></p> <p>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures, here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</p> <p>“This hymn reminds us that all creatures here below on the earth and all the heavenly host above in heaven should praise God. He is their Creator and He made them to praise and glorify Him. All the good blessings they enjoy come from Him.</p>
<p>Bible Truth 3 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 148:7-10: “Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.”</p> <p>The Bible tells us that everything God created praises God in its own way. They all display His glory and remind us of something about the wonderful God who created them. But of all God’s earthly creations, it is people--young and old, men and maidens, kings and humble people--who are made in God’s image and have a special ability to see God’s splendor in His creations and praise and glorify Him for who He is.</p> <p>We’ve said our Bible verse, now let’s sing it!</p> <p>Praise the LORD, from the Earth <i>PFI NIV Songs 5, Track 14</i></p> <p>Praise the Lord, from the earth, All you creatures of the sea, and all ocean depths, lightning, hail, snow and clouds, Stormy winds that do his bidding. Praise the Lord, from the earth, Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, from the earth, Praise the Lord.</p> <p>Praise the Lord, from the earth, you mountains and all hills, you fruit trees and cedars, animals, flying birds, kings and rulers, men and maidens, Praise the Lord, from the earth, Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, from the earth, Praise the Lord.</p>

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the King Who Would Not Praise**

2 Kings 20-21, 2 Chronicles 32-33

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the King Who Would Not Praise.**

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

- 1. Who was the king? Who would he not praise?**
- 2. How did he change? 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 king? Who did he praise and who would he not praise? King Manasseh. He would praise terrible idols instead of the LORD.

2. How did he change? Why? He repented of his sins and turned to worship the LORD after he was put in prison in Assyria. The LORD forgave him, had him released and Manasseh went home and got rid of the idols.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the De Beata Vitae**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the De Beata Vitae.**

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

- 1. What was the De Beata Vitae? Who wanted it?**
- 2. Where did he look for it and where did he find it?**

(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 De Beata Vitae? Who wanted it?

The good life. Augustine wanted it.

2. Where did he look for it and where did he find it?

He looked for it in pleasure--in doing whatever he wanted to do. He found it in knowing and enjoying God.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 3****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Great Day of Praise**

Matthew 21:1-11;

Mark 11:1-11;

Luke 19:28-44;

John 12:1-17;

Ephesians 1;

1 Peter 1:19-20;

Revelation 5:11-13

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Great Day of Praise.**

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

- 1. Who was waiting for the Great Day of Praise? What would happen on that day?**
- 2. When did they think it had come? When will the Great Day of Praise really come?**

(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 waiting for the Great Day of Praise? What would happen on that day?

The people of Israel were waiting for the Great Day of Praise. God's Messiah would save them from their enemies and bring God's kingdom where they would live happily forever.

2. When did they think it had come? When will the Great Day of Praise really come?

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on the donkey. They thought He was coming to get rid of their enemies and become their Messiah-king. It will come at the end of time when Jesus comes back. Then, He will put an end to sin and death and bring God's kingdom forever.

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.