



## **BIBLE TRUTH 1 OVERVIEW**

### **Unit 6: God, the Just and Merciful**

**Big Question and Answer:** "How did bad things come to God's good world? Bad things came through sin!"

**Bible Verse:** "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned." Romans 5:12

### **Bible Truth 1 Concept: Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning**

God made the world perfectly good, but it did not stay that way. In heaven, a mighty angel named Satan led a rebellion of angels against God. Nothing sinful can ever remain in God's holy presence. These rebellious angels, called demons, were cast out of heaven and thrown into hell.

Satan continued his rebellion against God by tempting Adam and Eve to rebel against God, too. Their disobedience brought sin and death into the perfect world God created.

There are many things we cannot understand about Satan, evil and sin, or why God allowed them. However, we do know that God is perfectly good, powerful and wise. His ways are perfect and are so much more than our small minds can understand.

God hates sin and will do away with it. He sent Jesus to break the power of sin and death for all who trust in Him as their Savior. And one day Jesus will return again to rid the world of sin and death, Satan and his demons forever. What a wonderful day that will be!

### **Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse**

#### ***Meditation Version: 1 John 3:8***

"Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."

### **Bible Truth 1 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for being completely good, hating sin, yet being so merciful to sinners who turn to You.
- C** God, we confess that like Adam and Eve, we have chosen to give in to Satan's temptations and rebel against You. We deserve Your punishment, too! We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God for sending Your Son Jesus to save from their sins all who trust in Him.
- S** God, help us to resist the temptation to sin. Help us to be satisfied in You, trusting that Your good ways are always best--even when we don't understand them. Help us to choose to obey You rather than rebel against You. Work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

### **Bible Truth 1 Stories**

#### **Lesson 1: The Case of the Great Rebellion (Old Testament)**

Genesis 3:1-9; Jude 6:2; 2 Peter 2:4

#### **Lesson 2: The Case of the Rotten Wretch (Story of the Saints)**

#### **Lesson 3: The Case of the Man Who Refused to Give In (New Testament)**

Matthew 2,4,16,27; Luke 2:1-20; 4:22; 22:1-5;27-24; Revelation 20:10,14

**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’re 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 ESV Songs 6, 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 ESV Songs 6, 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>  <b>Big Question 6 and Songs</b>	<p>"Now it's time to turn to today's <b>Big Question Under Investigation</b>.</p> <p>It's: <b>How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?</b></p> <p>When God created the world in the beginning, He created all things good. But now there are many terrible things in God's good world. All these bad things came through sin when we rebelled against God.</p> <p>So the answer to our Big Question, '<b>How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?</b>' is: <b>Bad Things Came through Sin!</b></p> <p>"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s): <span style="float: right;"><i>choose one or both</i></span></p> <p><b>Big Question 6 Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 3</i></span>  <i>(adapted version of "Frere Jacques?")</i></p> <p>How did bad things,  How did bad things,  Come to God's good world?  Come to God's good world?  Bad things came through sin,  Bad things came through sin,  That's how bad things came,  That's how bad things came.</p> <p><b>Bad Things</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 4</i></span></p> <p><i>Refrain:</i>  Bad things, bad things,  How did bad things come to God's good world?  Bad things, bad things,  Bad things came through sin.</p> <p>Sin is saying "no" to God,  When we should say, "Yes,"  Satan said "no" to God,  And so began the me-ee-me-ee-ess. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Adam and Eve said "no" to God,  And so sin came to men,  It spread to all of God's good world,  And down to their children-ee-en-ee-en. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>We all deserve God's punishment,  Death is the wages of sin,  But there's eternal life through Jesus Christ,  For all who believe in Him-ee-im-ee-im. <i>Refrain</i></p>

**1. GETTING STARTED, continued****Unit 6  
Bible Verse**

*You might also enjoy listening to:  
Sin Came Into the World (version 2)  
Romans 5:12, ESV  
PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 6  
and  
You Must Not Eat, Eat, Eat,  
Genesis 2-3, HCSB  
PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 7*

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

Romans 5:12 tells us:

"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned."

**Big Question 6 Bible Verse Song  
Sin Came into the World: Romans 5:12**

*PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 5*

Sin came into the world,  
Through one man,  
And death through sin,  
And so death spread to all.  
Death spread to all men,  
Because all sinned.  
Sin came into the world,  
Through one man.  
Romans Five, twelve.

"Sin is how bad things entered the world. Sin is disobeying God and His good ways. It entered the world through one man and his wife--Adam and Eve, but it has spread to us all. We are all sinners who all face God's punishment. How very, very sad! Oh, how we need a Savior!

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN: Key Concept and Story (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related story)****Bible Truth 1**

"It's time for us to dig down deeper for answers to our Big Question. We're learning **THREE** Bible Truths that all tell us something about how sin entered the world and what our just and merciful God has done. We are learning the first one today.

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

**Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning.**

God made the world perfectly good, but it did not stay that way. In heaven, a mighty angel named Satan led a rebellion of angels against God. Nothing sinful can ever remain in God's holy presence. These rebellious angels, called demons, were cast out of heaven and thrown into hell.

Satan continued his rebellion against God by tempting Adam and Eve to rebel against God, too. Their disobedience brought sin and death into the perfect world God created.

There are many things we cannot understand about Satan, evil and sin, or why God allowed them. However, we do know that God is perfectly good, powerful and wise. His ways are perfect and are so much more than our small minds can understand.

God hates sin and will do away with it. He sent Jesus to break the power of sin and death for all who trust in Him as their Savior. And one day Jesus will return again to rid the world of sin and death, Satan and his demons forever. What a wonderful day that will be!

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****Bible Truth 1  
Hymn**

"Long ago, a man named Malthie Babcock was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote words 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 ESV Songs 6, Track 8*

**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.

The wrong in this world that often seems so strong is sin. It came into the world when Adam and Eve believed Satan's tempting lies and rebelled against God. Oh, what terrible suffering and death into God's perfect creation that day! Yet, God is still the ruler of the world, not Satan. He will fight and win over Satan, sin and death! God sent Jesus, just as He promised, to break the power of sin and death, when He died on the cross. And at the end of time, Jesus will come back and bring an end to Satan, his demons and all that is evil, once and for all. God is the Ruler yet. God's people take joy in this. They know that God, their heavenly Father, will do all that He has promised to do.

**Bible Truth 1  
Bible Verse  
and Song**

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

**1 John 3:8**

"Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."

Satan was the first to sin. He was sinning from the beginning of creation. Adam and Eve became "of the devil" when they chose to rebel against God. They no longer wanted to keep on loving and pleasing God. But oh, how wonderful that God sent His Son Jesus! Jesus was the Savior who came to rescue sinners from God's punishment that they deserved. Jesus destroyed the devil's work, when He suffered and died on the cross, then rose on the third day in victory! Now all who repent of their sins and trust in Him will be saved.

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

**Whoever Makes a Practice of Sinning**

*PFI ESV Songs 6, Track 9*

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil,  
for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.

*But wait! There's good news!*

But the reason the Son of God appeared,  
Was to destroy, destroy the devil's works.  
But the reason the Son of God appeared,  
Was to destroy, destroy the devil's works.  
(And He did it!)  
First John Three, verse eight.

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

Genesis 3:1-9;  
Jude 6:2;  
2 Peter 2:4

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

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

**1. Who was first to rebel in the Great Rebellion? What happened to him and what will happen to him?**

**2. Who did that first rebel tempt to rebel also? What happened to them and who promised to rescue 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. Who was first to rebel in the Great Rebellion? What happened to him and what will happen to him?** The mighty angel, Satan (and other angels with him.) He was cast out of heaven and allowed limited power. God will completely destroy Satan's works and will put him away to be punished forever when Jesus comes back.

**2. Who did that first rebel tempt to rebel also? What happened to them and who promised to rescue them?** Adam and Eve, the first people. When lost their perfect fellowship with God and brought sin and death into the world. God gave the first of many promises to send a Savior to defeat Satan and to save all who would turn away from their sins and trust in Him to save them.

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

**LESSON 2 STORY****Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Rotten Wretch**

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

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

**1. Who was the rotten wretch? What was so rotten about him?**

**2. How did he change from being a wretch?**

*(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 rotten wretch? What was so rotten about him?** John Newton. He turned away from the good news of Jesus he learned as a boy and became someone who loved to curse God and do many bad things.

**2. How did he change from being a wretch?** The Lord, in His great mercy, let him feel the awfulness of his sins and the punishment he deserved, then reminded him of the good news of Jesus and helped him to repent of his sins and trust in Jesus as his Savior.

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

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 3****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Man Who Refused to Give In**

Matthew 2,4,16,27;  
 Luke 2:1-20; 4:22;  
 22:1-5;27-24;  
 Revelation 20:10,14

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Man Who Refused to Give In.**

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

- 1. Who was the man who refused to give in?**
- 2. What did he refuse to give in to? Why was this so important?**

*(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 man who refused to give in?** Jesus.
- 2. What did he refuse to give in to? Why was this so important?**

Jesus refused to give in to temptation and sin. Because He was without sin, He could be the perfect payment for the sins of God's people and save them all.

*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.*