



## **BIBLE TRUTH 2 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 entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned." Romans 5:12

### **Bible Truth 2 Concept: God Treated the First Sinners with Justice and Mercy**

When Adam and Eve rebelled against God, they received the terrible consequences of their sins, just as God had warned them they would. They had enjoyed a life without sin. Now all that changed. Their hearts used to be full of peace and love. Now they were afraid and selfish. Their work used to be a complete pleasure. Now it became frustrating and unsatisfying, filled with troubles. Their bodies had been full of health and life. Now they grew weak and sick. One day they would die. Worst of all, they used to enjoy wonderful fellowship with God, and now that fellowship was broken. This is what the Bible calls being dead in sin. How Adam and Eve and all God's creation groaned under sin!

Adam and Eve deserved no relief from their punishment, but God treated them better than they deserved. He gave them hope, even that day. He promised them that a son of Eve's would come to defeat Satan and bring salvation.

Who was that son? Jesus, the Son of God! He would live the perfect life that Adam and Eve should have lived, but did not. On the cross, He would offer it up as the perfect payment for the sins of all those who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God, Himself, would satisfy His justice so that He could show us mercy!

### **Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse**

**Meditation Version: Romans 6:23**

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

### **Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer**

- A** God, we praise You for hating sin and being perfectly just. And yet, also very merciful to sinners.
- C** God, we confess that we, like Adam and Eve, hide our sins and blame others for things that are our fault. We deserve Your punishment, too! We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You, God for not just treating us as our sins deserve, but sending us a Savior, Your Son Jesus, to save us.
- S** God, help us to be honest before You and others about our sins. Work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Have mercy on us!

### **Bible Truth 2 Stories**

**Lesson 1: The Case of the Horrible Hiders (Old Testament)** Genesis 2,3

**Lesson 2: The Case of the Chief's Eyes (Story of the Saints)**

**Lesson 3: The Case of the Happy Homecoming (New Testament)**

Genesis 2,3; Ezekiel 47:12; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 59:15-16; 65:17-25; Daniel 9:25;  
John 10:15-18; 11:25; 14:2-3; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54; Revelation 2:7; 20:7ff; 22:1-5

**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 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 NIV 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 12 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 NIV 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 NIV 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**

"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 Entered the World: Romans 5:12**

*PFI NIV Songs 6, Track 5*

*You might also enjoy  
listening to:  
You Must Not  
Eat, Eat, Eat,  
Genesis 2-3  
PFI NIV Songs 6, Track 6*

Sin, sin, sin,  
Sin, sin, sin.  
Entered the world,  
Through one man,  
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 2**

"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 have learned one already. Can you remember what it is? (Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning.)

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

**God Treated the First Sinners with Justice and Mercy.**

When Adam and Eve rebelled against God, they received the terrible consequences of their sins, just as God had warned them they would. They had enjoyed a life without sin. Now all that changed. Their hearts used to be full of peace and love. Now they were afraid and selfish. Their work used to be a complete pleasure. Now it became frustrating and unsatisfying, filled with troubles. Their bodies had been full of health and life. Now they grew weak and sick. One day they would die. Worst of all, they used to enjoy wonderful fellowship with God, and now that fellowship was broken. This is what the Bible calls being dead in sin. How Adam and Eve and all God's creation groaned under sin!

Adam and Eve deserved no relief from their punishment, but God treated them better than they deserved. He gave them hope, even that day. He promised them that a son of Eve's would come to defeat Satan and bring salvation.

Who was that son? Jesus, the Son of God! He would live the perfect life that Adam and Eve should have lived, but did not. On the cross, He would offer it up as the perfect payment for the sins of all those who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. God, Himself, would satisfy His justice so that He could show us mercy!

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

"Long ago, a man named Joseph Hart was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" We're going to learn a verse from it.

**Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy***PFI NIV Songs 6, Track 9***Verse 1**

Come ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

**Refrain**

I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.

Adam and Eve--and all people after them-- suffer the consequences of their sinful rebellion. Everyone is poor and in need of a Savior. Everyone is weak and weary, sick and sore from sin. God, in His great mercy, promised Adam and Eve that one day He would send a Savior to crush Satan. Jesus paid for the sins of all who would ever turn and trust in Him. He welcomes them tenderly to come to Him and know the ten thousand charms of His love.

**Bible Truth 2  
Bible Verse  
and Song**

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

**Romans 6:23**

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Because God is good and just, He punishes sin. When Adam and Eve rebelled against God, He punished their sin. What is the punishment for sin? It is death--separation from God and all His good ways. Adam and Eve knew some of that separation from God that very day. When their bodies died they deserved to know complete separation from Him. But God is so very merciful. He treats sinners who repent of their sins and trust in Him so much better than they deserve! That same day God gave Adam and Eve the punishment for their sins, He also gave them the promise of eternal life through Jesus, the son of Eve who would crush Satan once and for all.

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

**For the Wages of Sin Is Death***PFI NIV Songs 6, Track 10*

For the wages of sin is death,  
But the gift of God is eternal life,  
Through Christ Jesus our Lord.  
For the wages of sin is death,  
But the gift of God is eternal life,  
Through Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Romans Six, twenty-three.

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 1 STORY**

**Old Testament Story:**

**The Case of the Horrible Hiders**  
Genesis 2,3

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

- 1. Who were the Hiders? What made their hiding horrible?**
- 2. What hope did the horrible hiders receive?**

*(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 were the Hiders? What made their hiding horrible?** Adam and Eve. They had become sinners and now were afraid of God.

**2. What hope did the horrible hiders get?** That while they now would suffer under sin and death because of their disobedience, God, in His mercy, promised that one of Eve's children would be the Savior who would come and crush Satan: Jesus!

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

**LESSON 2 STORY**

**Story of the Saints:**

**The Case of the Dead Eyes**

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

- 1. Whose eyes were sick? Why were these such hard eyes for a doctor to heal?**
- 2. What did God use the dead eyes to help many new people see?**

*(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. Whose eyes were dead? Why were these such hard eyes for a doctor to heal?**

The lights on the chief's truck. He call them eyes. The doctor wasn't trained in fixing cars.

**2. What did God use the dead eyes to help many new people see?** The doctor fixed the truck's lights and then was allowed to tell Bible stories so that the tribe's people could hear the good news of Jesus for the first time. At last they could "see" (understand) what God was like and how they could be saved.

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

Genesis 2,3;  
 Ezekiel 47:12;  
 Isaiah 7:14; 9:6;  
 59:15-16; 65:17-25;  
 Daniel 9:25;  
 John 10:15-18;  
 11:25;14:2-3;  
 1 Corinthians 15:50-54;  
 Revelation 2:7;20:7ff; 22:1-5

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

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

- 1. Who was shut out of their home? Why?**
- 2. What was the happy new home? How would they get there?**

*(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 shut out of their home? Why?** Adam and Eve, and all of us with them.

When they rebelled against God, they were driven out of Eden and lost their home of perfect fellowship with God. This was the consequences of their sinful disobedience. Through them, all of us lost our home of perfect fellowship with God.

**2. What was the happy new home? How would they get there?**

The happy new home is life with God in the new heaven and earth God will create at the end of time when Satan is completely defeated. All who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior will enjoy this happy home. He made the way for us to live there when He paid for our sins on the cross.

*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.

*(VIPP 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.*