



## **BIBLE TRUTH 3 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 3 Concept: All People Are Born Sinful, All People Need God's Mercy**

Adam and Eve did not just disobey God once and stop. They had become sinners with sinful hearts that rebelled against God again and again. But sin didn't stop with Adam and Eve. They passed down the consequences of their sin to all their children.

Each and every one of us come from Adam and Eve's family--we are all their children. And because we are their children, we are all born sinners with sinful hearts and with bodies that will suffer and die. And also like Adam and Eve, we all deserve eternal punishment for our sins, too.

Yet God, in His great mercy, always planned to send His Son Jesus to save His sinful people by taking the punishment for their sins upon Himself. Jesus did this when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead, showing He had beaten sin and death.

God promises to forgive all who confess their sins to Him and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will give them each a new heart, filled with His Holy Spirit--a heart that knows and loves Him more and more. And one day, when they die, they will not receive the eternal punishment they deserve for their sins, but eternal life with God forever. How great is God's mercy through Jesus to sinful people like us!

### **Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse**

#### ***Meditation Version: Romans 5:17***

"For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ."

### **Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer**

**A** God, we praise You for being so loving and merciful! You sent Your own Son, Jesus, to suffer and die in the place of sinful people like us!

**C** God, we confess that even this week we have sinned against You! We see that we disobey You in what we do, what we say and what we think. Our very hearts are sinful! We are children of Adam and Eve! 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 3 Stories**

#### **Lesson 1: The Case of the Gift No One Wanted (Old Testament)**

*Genesis 4; Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:12*

#### **Lesson 2: The Case of the Unsinkable Message (Story of the Saints)**

#### **Lesson 3: The Case of the Show and Tellers (New Testament)**

*Joel 2:28-32; Mark 16; Luke 24:36-49; Acts 1,2, 8,9,14,19, 28*

**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 3**

"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 two already. Can you remember what they are? (Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning; and, God Treated the First Sinners with Justice and Mercy.)

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

**All People Are Born Sinful, All People Need God's Mercy.**

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Each and every one of us come from Adam and Eve's family--we are all their children. And because we are their children, we are all born sinners with sinful hearts and with bodies that will suffer and die. And also like Adam and Eve, we all deserve eternal punishment for our sins, too.

Yet God, in His great mercy, always planned to send His Son Jesus to save His sinful people by taking the punishment for their sins upon Himself. Jesus did this when He suffered and died on the cross. On the third day, He rose from the dead, showing He had beaten sin and death.

God promises to forgive all who confess their sins to Him and trust in Jesus as their Savior. He will give them each a new heart, filled with His Holy Spirit--a heart that knows and loves Him more and more. And one day, when they die, they will not receive the eternal punishment they deserve for their sins, but eternal life with God forever. How great is God's mercy through Jesus to sinful people like us!

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****Bible Truth 3  
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 11***Verse 3**

Come ye weary, heavy-laden,  
Lost and ruined by the Fall;  
If you tarry till you're better,  
You will never come at all.

**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.

From Adam and Eve on down to us, we are all are weary and heavy-laden with sin. Try as hard as we might, we can never get rid of our sin on our own. And, we can never make ourselves acceptable to God on our own. But God, in His great mercy, offers all who are ruined by the Fall to find forgiveness of sins and eternal life through Jesus. We don't have to wait until we are less sinful to come to Jesus. He will take us as we are. And there, we came find not only forgiveness for our sins and rest for our souls, weary with sin. We can find wonderful fellowship with God. And that is better than even ten thousand things that charm us (that we think are delightful.)

**Bible Truth 3  
Bible Verse  
and Song****Romans 5:17**

"For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ."

Adam and Eve passed on their sinful hearts to their children--all of us! That means that we all are born sinners. How terrible! But God promised to show mercy to all who look in faith to the Savior who would crush Satan's power. Yes! All who turn from their sins and trust in Jesus are saved from the punishment they deserve from God for their sins. Sin came through one man, Adam. But Jesus, the Son of God and the son of man, gives His grace and perfect righteousness--everything they need to be saved!

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

**For If by the Trespass***PFI NIV Songs 6, Track 12*

"For if, by the trespass of the one man,  
death reigned through one man,  
For if, by the trespass of the one man,  
death reigned through one man,  
Then how much more will those who receive  
God's abundant grace and righteousness  
Reign in life, Reign in life,  
Through one man, Jesus Christ."  
Romans Five, seventeen.

*You might  
also enjoy  
listening to:  
The LORD  
Looks Down:  
Psalm 14:2-3  
PFI NIV Songs 6,  
Track 13*

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 1 STORY****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the Gift No One Wanted***Genesis 4; Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:12*

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Gift No One Wanted.**

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

- 1. What was the gift no one wanted? Who gave it? Who received it?**
- 2. What did Jesus do to get rid of 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 gift no one wanted? Who gave it? Who received it?** Sin! Adam and Eve passed it down to all their children. That's all of us!

**2. What did Jesus do to get rid of it?** Jesus, the Son of God, came to be our Savior. He was human, but He never sinned. He lived a perfect life and offered it up as the perfect payment for the sins of all who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Him. He suffered and died on the cross and rose from the dead on the third day in victory. Because of Him, we can be saved from our sins even now. And when we die, we can be free from sin and live in God's presence forever!

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

**LESSON 2 STORY****Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Unsinkable Message**

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

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

- 1. Who told the unsinkable message? Why did he tell this message even as he sank?**
- 2. What was the unsinkable message? What difference did it make?**

*(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 told the unsinkable message? What happened to him?** John Harper. He drowned when the Titanic sank.

**2. What was the unsinkable message? What difference did it make?** The good news of salvation through faith in Jesus. All those people on the ship were facing death, yet they would receive eternal life if they repented of their sins and believed in Jesus that very night.

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



**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 3****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Show and Tellers***Joel 2:28-32;**Mark 16;**Luke 24:36-49;**Acts 1,2, 8,9,14,19, 28*

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Show and Tellers.**

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

**1. Who were the show and tellers?**

**2. How did they show? What did they tell? 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 were the show and tellers?**

The believers in Jesus who went out from Jerusalem.

**2. How did they show? What did they tell? Why?**

God did amazing miracles through them, healing the sick and even raising the dead. He gave them great love for each other. All these things helped point to the truth of their good news: repent and believe in Jesus and be saved! They knew all people are sinners in need of a Savior. They wanted all to know this and be saved.

*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.*