



## **BIBLE TRUTH 1 OVERVIEW**

### **Unit 7: The Law-Giving God**

**Big Question and Answer:** "What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect!"

**Bible Verse:** "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward."

Psalm 19:7,9,11

### **Bible Truth 1 Concept: God's Laws Are Written in the Bible**

A law is something we are told to do or not to do by someone in authority over us. God is our maker and the king over everything. He has authority over all. He has given us all His laws to obey. They show us how to live lives that please Him: lives that show His holiness and are filled with love for Him and for each other.

God gave the Ten Commandments and many other laws through Moses. Some of those laws were special laws God gave to the Israelites to follow until Jesus came. But many of them were laws that God gave to all people, in all places and all times to obey. Later, God gave us more commandments to live by through His prophets, through Jesus and through Jesus' first followers, the apostles.

We should all learn God's laws. They are written in the Bible, God's perfect Word, for us to learn and obey. God's laws are unlike any other rules. They are always perfect and good. They always show us the best, most loving and God-pleasing way to live.

God's laws are perfect, but we are not! We are sinners. No matter how hard we try, we will never keep God's laws perfectly. We can never please God with just our good works--only Jesus could do that. That's why God offers us forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus, when we turn from our sins and trust in Him as our own Savior.

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

**Meditation Version: Deuteronomy 5:1,6-21**

"Hear, O Israel, the decrees and laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them...I am the LORD, your God...You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything...You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God...Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy... Honor your father and your mother...You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet ...anything that belongs to your neighbor."

**Alternate Memory Version: Deuteronomy 5:1**

"Hear, O Israel, the decrees and laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them..."

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

- A** God, we praise You for being the God who gives us Your laws to show us how You want us to live.
- C** We confess that none of us have chosen not to obey Your laws as we should. We deserve Your punishment! We need Jesus to be our Savior!
- T** God, thank You for Your laws that tell us how we should live. Thank You for sending Jesus, who kept Your laws perfectly and offers to save us as His free gift to all who turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior.
- S** Work in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to obey Your laws.

### **Bible Truth 1 Stories**

**Lesson 1: The Case of the Invisible Hand (Old Testament)**

*Genesis 15:12-19; Exodus 19-24*

**Lesson 2: The Case of the Clever Cloth Cloister (Story of the Saints)**

**Lesson 3: The Case of the Lousy Little Laws (New Testament)**

*Matthew 14-15; Mark 7*

**LESSON PLAN: BIBLE TRUTH 1** (1 Lesson Plan for ALL 3 Lessons) **P.1**

**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 NIV Songs 7, 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 7, 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 7 and Songs</b>	<p>"Now it's time to turn to today's <b>Big Question Under Investigation</b>.</p> <p>It's: <b>What Are God's Laws Like?</b></p> <p>God is our Creator and our king. He gave us good laws to live by. God commands us to keep His laws. They are how He wants us to live because they reflect His righteousness: His perfect love, goodness and fairness. And, they are the best way for us to live. God's laws are wonderful, but none of us obey them as we should since we are all sinners. We will always need a Savior to please God. We will never be able to do it by keeping God's laws on our own.</p> <p>So the answer to our Big Question, '<b>What Are God's Laws Like?</b>' is:  <b>God's Laws Are Perfect!</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 7 Song</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 3</i></span>  <i>(adapted version of "The Farmer in the Dell")</i>  What are God's laws like?  What are God's laws like?  What are God's laws like?  God's laws are perfect!</p> <p><b>What Are God's Laws Like?</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 4</i></span>  <i>Refrain:</i>  What are God's laws like?  What are they like?  God's laws are perfect!  God's laws are perfect!  What are God's laws like?  What are they like?  God's laws are like Him,  They are good and just.</p> <p>Verse 1  God is our creator,  He's in charge of the whole world.  He gave us laws to live by,  They are written in His Word. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Verse 2  God's laws are the best way,  For us all to live,  God calls us to obey them,  To reflect His righteousness. <i>Refrain</i></p>

**1. GETTING STARTED, continued****Unit 7  
Bible Verse**

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

Psalm 19:7,9,11 tells us:

"The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**Big Question 7 Bible Verse Song  
The Law of the LORD: Psalm 19:7**

*PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 5*

The law of the LORD is perfect,  
The law of the LORD is perfect,  
The law of the LORD is perfect,  
Psalm Nineteen, seven. (repeat)

"We should always obey the LORD's laws because they are perfect! They are always good. They always show us how to love God and others."

**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 **FIVE** Bible Truths that all tell us something about God's perfect laws. Today we are going to learn the first one.

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

**God's Laws Are Written in the Bible.**

A law is something we are told to do or not to do by someone in authority over us. God is our maker and the king over everything. He has authority over all. He has given us all His laws to obey. They show us how to live lives that please Him: lives that show His holiness and are filled with love for Him and for each other.

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**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**

<b>Bible Truth 1 Hymn</b>	<p>“Long ago, a man named Daniel ben Judah Dayyan was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote this hymn based on an ancient Hebrew song of praise. He called it “The God of Abraham Praise.” We’re going to learn a verse from it.”</p> <p><b>The God of Abraham Praise</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 6</i></span></p> <p><b>Verse 2</b></p> <p>His Spirit floweth free, High surging where it will: In prophet’s word He spoke of old, He speaketh still. Established is His law, And changeless it shall stand, Deep writ upon the human heart, On sea or land.</p> <p>God’s Holy Spirit works powerfully, doing everything God wants Him to do. Long ago, in the days of the prophets, God’s Spirit spoke to them and gave them His words to speak to God’s people. The prophets spoke them to the people, but also, they wrote them down in the Bible. Sometimes, God’s words were laws He wanted His people to keep. Sometimes they were words of comfort or warning. Other times, they were words about the future. God’s Holy Spirit helped the prophets say God’s words just right...and He helped them write them down just right. Even now, we can read God’s words that the prophets wrote down when we read the Bible. God can use them to “write” His truth deep upon our hearts. That is, He can use them to teach us His ways and how He wants us to live. He can use them to help us to know Him and obey Him.</p>
<b>Bible Truth 1 Bible Verse and Song</b>	<p>“The Bible verse we are going to be digging down into for this Bible Truth is:</p> <p><b>Deuteronomy 5:1,6-21</b></p> <p>“Hear, O Israel, the decrees and laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them... You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything... You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God... Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy... Honor your father and your mother... You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet ... anything that belongs to your neighbor.”</p> <p>Long ago, the LORD gave the 10 Commandments and many other good laws to the people of Israel. The Israelites agreed to keep them. He would be their God; they would be His people. He would bless them and take care of them. These verses are the Ten Commandments (laws) that God gave them. But even though God gave them to the people of Israel that day, they are laws for all of us to keep. They tell us how God wants us all to live.</p> <p>We’ve said our Bible verse, now let’s sing it!</p> <p><b>Hear, O Israel</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>PFI NIV Songs 7, Tracks 7,8</i></span></p> <p>Refrain: Hear, O Israel, the decrees and the laws I declare, Learn them and be sure to follow them, be sure to follow them.</p> <p>You shall have no gods before Me, You shall not make an idol, You shall not misuse the name of the LORD, Observe the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy, Honor your father and your mother. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not give false testimony, You shall not covet anything. <i>Refrain</i> Deuteronomy Five, Verses one, six through twenty-one.</p>

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 1 STORY****Old Testament:****The Case of the Invisible Hand**

*Genesis 15:12-19;  
Exodus 19-24*

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

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

- 1. Whose hand was invisible?**
- 2. What did the invisible hand do and what did that have to do with the Israelites and what does that have to do with us?**

*(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 hand was invisible?** The LORD's hand.
- 2. What did the invisible hand do and what does that have to do with us?** He wrote down the Ten Commandments of His law. Those laws were for the Israelites to obey, but they are also for us all to obey. They tell us how God wants us all to live.

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

**LESSON 2 STORY****Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Clever Cloth Cloister**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Clever Cloth Cloister.**

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

- 1. A cloister is a word we use for a place that is hidden away from sight. How was cloth used as a cloister?**
- 2. Who used came up with the idea to use the cloth as a hiding place? What very important thing did it hide? What did God use the hidden things to do?**

*(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. A cloister is a word we use for a place that is hidden away from sight. How was cloth used as a cloister?**  
Bundles of cloth were used to hide copies of the New Testament that were being smuggled into England.

- 2. Who used came up with the idea to use the cloth as a hiding place? What did God use the hidden things to do?** William Tyndale. God used these New Testament to give the people of England a Bible they could read and learn themselves.

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

**2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued****LESSON 3****New Testament Story:**

**The Case of the Lousy, Little Laws**  
 Matthew 14-15;  
 Mark 7

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Lousy, Little Laws.**

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

- 1. Who loved the lousy, little laws? Who did not?**
- 2. How were the laws different from God's laws?**

*(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 loved the lousy, little laws? Who did not?**

The teachers of the law loved the little laws. Jesus did not.

- 2. How were these laws different from God's laws?**

These laws were made up by men, instead of by God. These laws weighed down people and did not point them to God or help them love Him. These laws only made it harder to follow God's good and right ways. But God's laws DO point people to God and help them love and obey Him. They are God's good and right ways to live.

*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.*