



BIBLE TRUTH 2 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 2 Concept: God Created Us Perfect Law-Keepers, But We Are All Lawbreakers

God created Adam and Eve without sin. They kept God's laws perfectly. They loved Him as they should; and, they loved each other as they should. They pleased God with their "works." That is, they pleased God with how they lived because they loved Him perfectly in their hearts, and they obeyed Him and His good laws perfectly in their lives.

But when Adam and Eve rebelled against God, their hearts and lives became sinful. No longer could they please God with their works, because no longer could they live perfectly. They were spoiled with sin.

Sin didn't stop there. It spread down to all of Adam and Eve's children, too. It even spreads down to us, too. Yes, just like Adam and Eve, we have sinful hearts. We break God's good laws with our thoughts, words, and actions.

God is good and He hates sin. God would not be good if He did not hate it. But, oh, how terrible is God fair punishment for breaking His laws! It is death: separation from Him and His good ways forever! This is what we all deserve.

Yet, God is so merciful to sinners like us! He sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life here on earth and offer it up as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Because of Jesus, our sins can be forgiven and we can have eternal life with God!

Bible Truth 2 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Psalm 14:2-3

"The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one."

Alternate Memory/Games Version: Psalm 14:3

"All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one."

Bible Truth 2 ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being our Creator who created us to enjoy You and keep Your perfect laws. We praise You for being so merciful to sinful lawbreakers like us.
- C** God, we confess that we, like all people before us and after us, have become law breakers. Our sins grieve You. We deserve Your punishment! We need Jesus to save us!
- T** Thank You, God, for bearing with sinful, law-breaking people like us with patience. Thank You for showing us mercy and offering to save us through Jesus.
- S** God, send Your Holy Spirit to work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to keep Your good laws.

Bible Truth 2 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Great Griever (Old Testament)

Genesis 1-2, 6-9; Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 17:26; Hebrews 11:7; 1 Peter 3:10; 2 Peter 3:3,4

Lesson 2: The Case of the Hole Under the Stairs (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Tiny Terror (New Testament)

Luke 18:35-19:11

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 7, 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 7, 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	"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: Big Question 7 and Songs	<p>"Now it's time to turn to today's Big Question Under Investigation.</p> <p>It's: What Are God's Laws Like?</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, 'What Are God's Laws Like?' is: God's Laws Are Perfect!</p> <p>"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s): <i>choose one or both</i></p> <p>Big Question 7 Song <i>PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 3</i> <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>What Are God's Laws Like? <i>PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 4</i> <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 2**

"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. We've learned one already. Can you remember what it is? (God's Laws Are Written in the Bible.)

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

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

"Long ago, a man named Isaac Watts was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called "At the Cross" We're going to learn a few verses from it.

At the Cross

PFI NIV Songs 7, Tracks 9,10

Verse 2

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

Verse 3

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When Christ the mighty Maker died
For man, the creature's sin. *Refrain*

Refrain

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day.

Because we are all lawbreakers, we deserve God's eternal punishment. There will never be anything we can do to earn back eternal life with God. But at the cross where Jesus, the perfect law keeper gave up His life as the payment for all who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Him, that we can find forgiveness and eternal life. By His perfect sacrifice, all of "crimes" and "burdens" can be "rolled away" forever. What amazing love! What grace-what kindness that we never deserved! That Jesus, the very Son of God, through whom all things were made, would choose to come suffer and die on the cross to save sinful creatures like you and me. All who have Jesus as their Savior do have reason to be happy all the day, every day! There's is eternal life with God!

**Bible Truth 2
Bible Verse
and Song**

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

Psalms 14:2-3

"The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one."

Adam and Eve were created with hearts that sought after God. They were perfect law keepers who were not corrupt and did not turn aside from God. But after they rebelled, they and all their children after them turned aside. Yes, the LORD sees everything and knows everything. He knows what is in each of our hearts. We all have sinful hearts and do sinful things. We have all become corrupt with sin. None of us seek after God on our own. But praise God for sending Jesus to be the Savior of sinners like us! Praise God for sending His Holy Spirit to work in our hearts! God gives us hope! He can do in us what we could never do for ourselves!

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

The LORD Looks Down

PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 11

The LORD looks down from heaven,
On the sons of man,
To see if there are any who understand,
Any who seek God.
But all have turned aside;
They have together become corrupt,
There is no one who does good,
No, not even one.
Psalm Fourteen, two and three.

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

Genesis 1-2, 6-9;
Matthew 24:37-39;
Luke 17:26;
Hebrews 11:7;
1 Peter 3:10;
2 Peter 3:3,4

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

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

1. Who was the Great Griever? What did he grieve? Why?

2. Who deserved punishment for this sadness? Who received mercy instead? 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 Great Griever? What did he grieve? Why? The LORD. He grieved that He had made people. He grieved all of their sin.

2. Who deserved punishment for this sadness? Who received mercy instead? Why? All people deserved punishment. The LORD showed mercy to all, by warning them for years before sending the flood. But He showed mercy most of all, to Noah and his family who looked to the Lord in faith. The Lord counted their faith as righteousness. He spared their lives in the ark. Through his family would one day come the promised Savior.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Hole Under the Stairs**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Hole Under the Stairs.**

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

1. Who lived in the hole? Who went to talk to her? Why?

2. What did she pray? What happened?

(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 lived in the hole? Who went to talk to her? Why?

The little kitchen girl. Hector M'Phail. He wanted to make sure she knew the good news of Jesus.

2. What did she pray? What happened? Hector asked her to pray, "Show me myself, then, "Show me Thyself" to God. The Lord used these prayers to help this girl see that she was a sinner, to repent of her sins and trust in Jesus as her 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 Tiny Terror***Luke 18:35-19:11*

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

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

- 1. Who was the Tiny Terror? Who was he a terror to? Why?**
- 2. Why could he not be in fellowship with God or God's people? How did this change?**

(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 Tiny Terror? Who was he a terror to? Why?

Mr. Unpure-Unrighteous (Zachaeus). He was a terror to the people of Jericho because of the way he collected tax money from them--too much and with cruel methods.

2. Why could he not be in fellowship with God or God's people? How did this change?

Because of how he chose to live a life of sin and would not turn away from it (repent). Through Jesus, he learned how his sins could be forgiven. At last, he turned away from them and trusted in Jesus as his Savior. He was restored in fellowship with God and His people.

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.