



BIBLE TRUTH 3 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 rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; (sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned;) in keeping them there is great reward."

Psalm 19:7, 9,11 ESV

Bible Truth 3 Concept: God Gave Us His Laws To Convict Us Of Sin, That We Might Be Saved

God made each of us with a heart that tells us what is right and wrong. When we hear God's laws, we know that they are right. When we disobey God's laws, we know that we are doing wrong. We know we are not the perfect law-keepers God created us to be and calls us to be.

God's laws remind us that we deserve God's punishment for our sins, but that's not all God has planned for His laws to do. He has also planned for His laws to show us our sin, that we would turn away from our sins and be saved.

God loves to save sinners! Jesus promised that whoever comes to Him, repenting of their sins and trusting in Him as their Savior, He will never turn away. No matter how bad of a lawbreaker they have been, He will forgive their sins and save them. He will forgive us all of our sins, if we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 3 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Isaiah 55:6-7

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Alternate Memory/Games Version: Isaiah 55:6,7

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Bible Truth 3 ACTS Prayer

A God, we praise You for being so merciful. You are the God who convicts sinners of sins to save them, not just condemn them.

C God, we confess that we have broken Your good laws in many ways. We deserve Your punishment! We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God for giving us Your laws that show us what sin is. Thank You for using Your laws to not just show us we are sinners, but to point us to our need of Jesus as our Savior.

S God, work in our hearts! Help us turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 3 Stories

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

Exodus 20, 24; Leviticus; 2 Chronicles 28-30; 1 Kings 6-7; 2 Kings 16-18; Isaiah 7-9

Lesson 2: The Case of the Robber's Riches (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Convicting Convict (New Testament)

Matthew 3,4,5,14; Mark 6:14-29; Luke 3,2)

1 Samuel 17-20; 2 Samuel 9; Daniel 1,6

1. GETTING STARTED: Welcome and Opening Songs (*introduce unit and get kids moving with these songs*)

Welcome	<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>
Praise Factory Theme Song	<p>“Let’s sing our Praise Factory Investigator’s theme song.”</p> <p>PFI: Praise Factory Investigators <i>PFI ESV 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>
Classroom Rules Song	<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 ESV 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 ESV 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 ESV Songs 7, Track 4</i></p> <p><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 rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, 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 ESV 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)

Or you can sing:

The Law of the LORD Is Perfect: Psalm 19:7,9,11

PFI ESV Songs 7, Tracks 6,7

The law of the LORD is perfect, the rules of the LORD are true;
 The law of the LORD is perfect, the rules of the LORD are true;
 More to be desired are they than gold, than much gold, that much fine gold;
 Sweeter also than honey, than drippings of the honeycomb. (repeat)
 In keeping them is much reward. Psalm Nineteen, seven, nine, and eleven.

God's laws, written down in the Bible, are a wonderful gift! We know that God made sure they were written down just right. We can study them and know how He wants us to live. If we live by them, God will use them to keep us out of trouble and to bless us. As we learn them, God's Holy Spirit can work in our heart, using them to save us and to change us. What a treasure they are!

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 **FIVE** Bible Truths that all tell us something about God's perfect laws. We've learned some already. Can you remember any of them? (God's Laws Are Written in the Bible; and, God Created Us Perfect Law-Keepers, but We Are All Lawbreakers)

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

God Gave Us His Laws to Convict Us of Our Sin that We Might Be Saved.

God made each of us with a heart that tells us what is right and wrong. When we hear God's laws, we know that they are right. When we disobey God's laws, we know that we are doing wrong. We know we are not the perfect law-keepers God created us to be and calls us to be.

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**Bible Truth 3
Hymn**

"Long ago, a man named Edwin Hatch was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" We're going to learn two verse from it.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God*PFI ESV Songs 7, Track 15***Verse 1**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

We are all sinners. We were made to love and obey God, but we have all turned away from that most wonderful of lives. Only God can change us and He can, by His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is nicknamed the "Breath of God." Our breath fills our body with the air that it needs to live. The Holy Spirit fills God's people with Himself so that they can know and love God and have His eternal life. God will send His Holy Spirit to work this way in us when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This song is a prayer asking Him to do this.

**Bible Truth 3
Bible Verse
and Song**

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

Isaiah 55:6-7

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

What is wickedness and unrighteousness? It is disobeying God and His good laws. That means we all are wicked; we all are unrighteous. That means we all deserve God's just punishment for our sins. But God is so merciful! He uses His laws to show us our wickedness and unrighteousness that we might forsake (turn away from) our sin and turn to Him for forgiveness through Jesus and be saved. God will forgive our sins when we do this! Every single one!

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

Seek the LORD*PFI ESV Songs 7, Track 16*

Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near,
Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near,
Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts,
Let him return to the LORD,
That he may have compassion on him,
That he may have compassion on him,
Isaiah Fifty-five, six and seven.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY****Old Testament Story:**

The Case of the Colossal Clean-Up
Exodus 20, 24;
Leviticus;
2 Chronicles 28-30; 1 Kings 6-7;
2 Kings 16-18;
Isaiah 7-9

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Colossal Clean-Up.**

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

1. Colossal means "really big." Who ordered a really big clean up? What was being thrown away?

2. What did the people of Israel and Judah deserve? What did they receive from the LORD instead? How did they show they were repenting of the sins?

(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. Colossal means "really big." Who ordered a really big clean up? What was being thrown away? King Hezekiah ordered the Temple be cleaned of all the idols, then all the beautiful things used to worship the LORD put back in their proper places.

2. What did the people of Israel and Judah deserve? What did they receive from the LORD instead? How did they show they were repenting of the sins? They deserved nothing but his punishment for choosing to rebel against Him, over and over. They did receive some of His punishment, but lots of His mercy, too. He promised to send them a Savior; and, He accepted their sacrifices when they restored the Temple. They showed their repentance by getting rid of the idols and by once more coming to worship Him at the Temple.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Robber's Riches**

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

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

1. What riches did the robbers steal?

2. Which robber found another, far greater kind of riches? How did he receive these?

(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 riches did the robbers steal? They robbed merchants of whatever they carried in their wagons.

2. Which robber found another, far greater kind of riches? How did he receive these? An old-man robber found salvation through Jesus. When he heard God's Word read, the Holy Spirit worked in his heart. He was convicted of his sins, turned from them and trusted 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 Convicting Convict**

Matthew 3,4,5,14;
Mark 6:14-29;
Luke 3,2

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

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

- 1. A convict is someone who has been arrested and put in jail. Who was the convict? Why was he in jail?**
- 2. Who did he hope to convict of his sins that he might repent? Did this person repent?**

(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 convict is someone who has been arrested and put in jail. Who was the convict? Why was he in jail?**

John (the Baptist). Herod and his wife didn't like that he said that they were sinners for getting married. (She had been Herod's brother's wife first.)

- 2. Who did he hope to convict of his sins that he might repent? Did this person repent?**

Herod. No, he did not.

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.