



BIBLE TRUTH 4 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 4 Concept: Jesus Kept God's Law Perfectly So by His Grace He Could Save God's People

From the time Adam and Eve became lawbreakers, people have offered sacrifices for their sins.

God's laws tell us there is no forgiveness of sin without the shedding of blood. God commanded the Israelites to offer up the blood of animals when they sinned, as a sign of their desire to turn from their sins and trust in Him to save them. God received their offerings, given in repentance and faith, and allowed them to remain in fellowship with Him.

But the blood of animals could never take away the sins of a human. Only the blood of a human who lived God's laws perfectly and offered up his life in the sinner's place could do that. God, in His mercy, did just this. He sent His Son Jesus to take on human flesh and be that perfect sacrifice for sins.

Jesus was fully God and fully human. He was perfect; He was not born with a sinful heart like us. Jesus kept all of God's laws. He loved God and others perfectly. He fulfilled all of God's Law with His life. He offered up His life on the cross as the perfect sacrifice for God's people's sins. He took upon Himself the punishment they deserved that they might be forgiven their sins, once and for all. On the third day, God raised Jesus, showing that the power of sin and death had indeed been broken by His perfect sacrifice.

None of us will ever be able to earn salvation with a perfectly lived life, but each of us can have salvation through God's grace—His undeserved gift of salvation to sinners—if we come to Him in repentance and faith in Jesus.

Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: 1 Peter 3:18

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."

Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

A God, we praise You for being so merciful! You, Yourself, provided the perfect sacrifice for sin.

C God, we confess that we are lawbreakers who could never please You with our own keeping of Your laws. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, Jesus for offering up Your life as the perfect sacrifice for all who would ever turn away from their sins and trust in You as their Savior.

S God, work in our hearts, that we might all turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Bible Truth 4 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Torn Curtain (Old Testament)

Exodus 25-31, 35-40 Leviticus, Numbers

Lesson 2: The Case of the Persistent Snowstorm (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Goat-Lamb Man (New Testament)

Leviticus 16; Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 2:8ff;23; John 19; Hebrews

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 4**

"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; God Created Us Perfect Law-Keeper, but We Are All Lawbreakers; and, God Gave Us His Laws to Convict Us of Our Sin that We Might Be Saved.)

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

Jesus Kept God's Law Perfectly to Save God's People by His Grace.

From the time Adam and Eve became lawbreakers, people have offered sacrifices for their sins.

God's laws tell us there is no forgiveness of sin without the shedding of blood. God commanded the Israelites to offer up the blood of animals when they sinned, as a sign of their desire to turn from their sins and trust in Him to save them. God received their offerings, given in repentance and faith, and allowed them to remain in fellowship with Him.

But the blood of animals could never take away the sins of a human. Only the blood of a human who lived God's laws perfectly and offered up his life in the sinner's place could do that. God, in His mercy, did just this. He sent His Son Jesus to take on human flesh and be that perfect sacrifice for sins.

Jesus was fully God and fully human. He was perfect; He was not born with a sinful heart like us. Jesus kept all of God's laws. He loved God and others perfectly. He fulfilled all of God's Law with His life. He offered up His life on the cross as the perfect sacrifice for God's people's sins. He took upon Himself the punishment they deserved that they might be forgiven their sins, once and for all. On the third day, God raised Jesus, showing that the power of sin and death had indeed been broken by His perfect sacrifice.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**Bible Truth 4
Hymn**

"Long ago, a man named John Newton was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote words a hymn called "Amazing Grace." We're going to learn a few verses from it.

Amazing Grace

PFI NIV Songs 7, Tracks 14,15

Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found.
Was blind but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

We would all be lost in our sins and rebellion forever, if it were not for God sending His Son Jesus. Jesus kept God's laws perfectly and offered up Himself as the perfect sacrifice needed for sin. Then He gives to all who repent of their sins and trust in Him the amazingly gracious gift of salvation. He first gives them "sight" to make them aware of their sinfulness and to fear His judgment, then as they turn to Him, He relieves their fears by taking away their guilt the hour they believe.

**Bible Truth 4
Bible Verse
and Song**

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

1 Peter 3:18

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."

Jesus chose to suffer and die on the cross as the perfect substitute for all who turn from their sins and trust in Him as Savior. He alone is righteous. He alone kept God's laws perfectly, so he alone could bring us to God. He knew none of us could never pay for our own sins. We would never be able to come to God on our own. So He chose to give up His life to give them salvation by His grace--His free gift given to undeserving sinners, like you and me. Yes, He would bring us to God.

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

For Christ Died for Sins

PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 16

For Christ died for sins, once for all,
The righteous for the unrighteous,
To bring you to God,
Bring you to God,
For Christ died to bring you to God.
First Peter Three, eighteen.

You might also enjoy: Observing the Law: Romans 3:20-23 *PFI NIV Songs 7, Track 17*

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

Exodus 25-31,
35-40; Leviticus;
Numbers

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

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

- 1. What was behind this special curtain? Who got to go behind it to do what?**
- 2. Who tore this curtain? What did it mean?** (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 behind this special curtain? Who got to go behind it to do what? The Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies--the special dwelling place of the LORD's presence with His people. Only the high priest, once a year, to make a special offering for the sins of the people.

2. Who tore this curtain? What did it mean? We don't know exactly, but God was the one who caused it to be torn. It meant that Jesus had given himself as the full payment for the sins of God's people and made the way of salvation.

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

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****Persistent Snowstorm**

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

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

- 1. Who was out in the snowstorm? How did he change his plans because it was so persistent? (i.e. because it wouldn't stop).**
- 2. What did this man learn that changed his life? What did the snow remind him of?** (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 out in the snowstorm? How did he change his plans because it was so persistent? (i.e. because it wouldn't stop). Charles Spurgeon. He went to a completely different church for Sunday services.

2. What did this man learn that changed his life? What did the snow remind him of? He heard that God forgave sinners, not based on their works, but on Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the cross. The white snow that covered the dark earth reminded him of how God had covered over his sins forever through Jesus.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 3****The Case of the Goat-Lamb Man**

*Leviticus 16;
Matthew 27;
Mark 15;
Luke 2:8ff;23;
John 19; Hebrews*

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Goat-Lamb Man.**

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

- 1. Who was Goat-Lamb Man? What goat was he like? What lamb was he like?**
- 2. What did he do so that no more goats or lambs were needed?**

(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 Goat-Lamb Man? What goat was he like? What lamb was he like?**

Jesus. He was like the scapegoat who bore the people's sins and took them away. He was like the Passover lamb that was killed so that God would Passover the people's sins.

- 2. What did he do so that no more goats or lambs were needed?** Jesus bore the punishment for sins of God's people in His body, once and for all. No more scapegoats or Passover lambs would ever be needed again. They pointed to His final, perfect sacrifice.

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.