



BIBLE TRUTH 5 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 5 Concept: The Heart of God's Law Is Love

Love is more than just a good feeling we have inside our hearts. Real love acts in love towards others.

God gave us His laws to tell us how we should live if we would love God and others. They tell us that we should always love God most of all. They tell us to love others as much as we love ourselves. Jesus said that to love God most of all, and to love others as yourself, sums up all of God's Laws.

Jesus lived a perfect life of love that fulfilled all of God's laws. He lived this way because He loved God most of all. This is the only way He would ever want to live. He also did this as part of God's plan to save His people. Jesus offered up His life, lived in perfect obedience to God's laws, as the perfect sacrifice for their sins when He died on the cross. All who turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior are forgiven for their sins. No longer does God hold against them all the ways they break His good laws. He gives them eternal life with Him as His free gift.

But just because Jesus has paid for their sins, that doesn't mean God's people don't care about God's laws anymore. God's laws are how God wants His people to live. They are always the best way to live because they are perfectly good and loving. Like Jesus, God's people want to keep God's laws because God's people love God and want to please Him. The Holy Spirit living in their hearts helps God's people keep God's laws so that they love God and others in ways they never could before.

Bible Truth 5 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Matthew 22:36-40

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Alternate Memory Version: Matthew 22:37,39-40

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Bible Truth 5 ACTS Prayer

A God, we praise You for being the Giver of Loving Laws.

C God, we confess that we have chosen not to love You or others according to Your loving laws. We need a Savior!

T Thank You, God, for giving us Your laws so we might know what it means to live a life of love towards You and others.

S God, work in our hearts, that we might all turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us truly love You and others, as You have told us to in Your laws.

Bible Truth 5 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Two-Faced Lover (Old Testament)

Ezra, Nehemiah, Malachi

Lesson 2: The Case of the Bold Bridge-Builder (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Shema and the Scribe (New Testament)

Luke 10:24-37

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 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>
<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 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 5**

"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; God Gave Us His Laws to Convict Us of Our Sin that We Might Be Saved; and, Jesus Kept God's Law Perfectly to Save God's People by His Grace.)

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

The Heart of God's Law Is Love.

Love is more than just a good feeling we have inside our hearts. Real love acts in love towards others.

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**Bible Truth 5
Hymn**

"Long ago, a woman named Frances Havergal was thinking about this Bible truth, too. She wrote words a hymn called "Take My Life and Let It Be." We're going to learn a verse from it.

Take My Life and Let It Be*PFI ESV Songs 7, Track 22***Verse 1**

Take my life and let it be,
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love,
At the impulse of Thy love.

To consecrate something means to set something apart for a special purpose. This hymn is a prayer to God, asking Him to take our life and use it to live out His good will, according to His good laws. In doing this, we live by the very heart of His laws: love!

**Bible Truth 5
Bible Verse
and Song**

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

Matthew 22:36-40

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God has given us many laws in the Bible. It's good to know them all. But Jesus tells us that the purpose behind them all is to love God most of all, and to love others as we love ourselves. When we live out all His good laws, we are loving God and love others as He wants us to.

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

Love the Lord*PFI ESV Songs 7, Track 23*

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
Love the Lord your God with all your soul,
Love the Lord your God with all your mind,
This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it...

Love your neighbor as yourself,
Love your neighbor as yourself,
Love your neighbor as yourself,
On these two commandments depend all the Law and Prophets.
Matthew Twenty-two, thirty-seven through forty.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY**

Old Testament Story:

The Case of the Two-faced Lover
Ezra, Nehemiah,
Malachi

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Two-faced Lover.**

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

1. To be two-faced means to say one thing, then do another. Who was the two-faced lover? How did they show they were two-faced?

2. Who loved the two-faced lover? How did He show His love to them? (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. To be two-faced means to say one thing, then do another. Who was the two-faced lover? How did they show they were two-faced? The people of Israel. They promised to love God: to worship Him and keep His laws of love. But, they did not love Him in their hearts, with their worship gifts or by keeping His good laws.

2. Who loved the two-faced lover? How did He show His love to them? The LORD did. He showed His love by being patient, by disciplining them to help them to repent, and by sending Jesus to save from their sins, all who would ever turn from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

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

LESSON 2 STORY

Story of the Saints:

The Case of the Bold Bridge-Builder

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Bold, Bridge-Builder.**

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

1. Who was the Bold Bridge-Builder? How was he bold?

2. Why was he so bold? What was he trying 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. Who was the Bold Bridge-Builder? How was he bold? Fritz Oberlin. He was bold in how he preached the gospel, helped the people and built the bridge, even when everyone was against him.

2. Why was he so bold? What was he trying to do? He was so bold because he wanted to love God with all his life. That meant he would try to love God most of all, and to love others as himself, as Jesus said summed up God's laws. He did everything he could to love the people of Waldbach, body and soul.

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

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued

<p>LESSON 3</p> <p>New Testament Story:</p> <p>The Case of the Shema and the Scribe</p> <p>Luke 10:24-37</p>	<p>“Now it’s time for today’s story called: The Case of the Shema and the Scribe.</p> <p>As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:</p> <p>1. What is the Shema? What is a scribe and what did he do to keep the Shema?</p> <p>2. What did Jesus teach the scribe about the Shema?</p> <p><i>(If desired, write these questions on a sheet of paper to refer to when the story is finished.)</i></p> <p><i>Read story.</i></p> <p><i>After reading story, ask for the children’s answers to the questions.</i></p> <p>1. What is the Shema? What is a scribe and what did he do to keep the Shema?</p> <p>The Shema is the name for Deuteronomy 6:4-5: “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” A scribe was a man who trained many years to write down copies of the Bible by hand.</p> <p>2. What did the scribe think the Shema meant? What did Jesus teach the scribe about the Shema? He should be careful to keep many extra laws and teach others to do the same. This would protect them from breaking God’s laws. Jesus taught that this was not how to keep God’s laws. Loving God and loving others and showing them mercy were how God’s laws were fulfilled.</p> <p><i>Close in prayer. (prayer suggestions included at end of story)</i></p>
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3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities *(choose from among these activities)*

<p>Response Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p><i>(VIP resources: found online or at back of this book)</i></p>
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4. TAKING IT TO OTHERS *Optional presentations for the last few minutes of class*

<p>Presenting to Other Children</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p>
<p>Presenting to Parents</p>	<p><i>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.</i></p>

5. TAKING IT HOME *(Take Home Sheet)*

<p>PFI Pronto</p>	<p><i>Give out the PFI Pronto for the case story as well as any other materials as the children are dismissed.</i></p>
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