



BIBLE TRUTH 6 OVERVIEW

Unit 8: The God Who Loves

Big Question and Answer: "What is God's love for His people like? It's more than they could ever deserve!"

Bible Verse: "Give thanks to the LORD for He is good. His love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34

Bible Truth 6 Concept: God Will Never Stop Loving His People

Our love for others often changes. Sometimes it is strong; sometimes it is weak. Sometimes it fades away completely. God's love for His people never changes. The Bible calls God's love "hesed:" steady love and kindness, flowing out to sinful people who don't deserve it.

God loved His people before they were created. He kept on loving them when they rebelled against Him. And He chose to send His dear Son, Jesus to save them from their sins. God will go on loving them forever and ever.

Why does God's love for His people never change? It's not because His people are so good and lovable. It's because God loves His people through Jesus, the perfect Son of God, who died for their sins. With His blood, shed on the cross, Jesus made a covenant—a forever promise— with God, His Father. His blood would be the perfect payment for the sins of God's people. He took God's punishment for their sins so they didn't have to bear it themselves.

Because of Jesus, God would forgive them and love them forever. Praise God for sending Jesus! He is why God will never stop loving His people.

Bible Truth 6 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Romans 8:31-32,35,37-39

"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any power, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Alternate Memory/Games Version: Romans 8:38-39

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life...neither present nor the future...nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Bible Truth 6 ACTS Prayer

A God, we praise You for loving Your people forever with Your "hesed" steadfast love.

C God, we confess that we are rebellious sinners who don't deserve Your forever love, but really Your forever punishment. We need Jesus to be our Savior.

T Thank You, God for offering Your forever love to us through Jesus, when we confess our sins and trust Jesus as our own Savior

S God, work in our hearts, that we might turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Be our Heavenly Father! Make us Your adopted children who You will love forever and ever.

Bible Truth 6 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Willful Wife (Old Testament)

The Book of Hosea

Lesson 2: The Case of the Giant Joy (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Forward Lookers (New Testament)

Acts 17,18; 1 and 2 Thessalonians

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 8, 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 8, 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 8 and Songs	<p>"Now it's time to turn to today's Big Question Under Investigation.</p> <p>It's: What Is God's Love for His People Like?</p> <p>God knew and loved His people even before the world began, even though He knew they were sinners who would rebel against Him. He always planned to care for them and to save them from their sins through Jesus. He always planned to work in their hearts by His Holy Spirit so they would love Him and want to live for Him. He always planned to bring them home to live with Him in heaven forever.</p> <p>So the answer to our Big Question, 'What Is God's Love for His People Like? is: It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!</p> <p>"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s): <i>choose one or both</i></p> <p>Big Q & A 8 Song <i>PFI NIV Songs 8, Track 3</i> <i>(adapted version of "Baa. Baa. Black Sheep")</i> What is God's love for His people like? More than they could ever deserve! What is God's love for His people like? What is God's love for His people like? What is God's love for His people like? What is God's love for His people like? More than they could ever deserve!</p> <p>Big Question 8 Song <i>PFI NIV Songs 8, Track 4</i> What Is God's Love for His People Like? What is God's love for His people like? What is God's love for His people like? What is God's love for His people like? It's more than they could ever deserve.</p> <p>Verse 1 God loves His people from all places, from all times, with ev'ry kind of faces. God loves His people from ev'ry nation, And He loves them all through Jesus Christ</p> <p><i>Refrain</i> God's love for His people is more than they could ever deserve. God's love for His people is more than they could ever deserve.</p> <p>Verse 2 God loved His people before the beginning, Even before they were repenting and believing, God loved His people from ev'ry nation, And He loved them all through Jesus Christ. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Verse 3 God loved His people, He sent Jesus, To save them, so forever they would be His, God loves His people from ev'ry nation, And He always will through Jesus Christ. <i>Refrain</i></p>

1. GETTING STARTED, continued**Unit 8
Bible Verse**

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

1 Chronicles 16:34 tells us: "Give thanks to the LORD for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever."

**Big Question 8 Bible Verse Song
Forever and Ever: 1 Chronicles 16:34**

PFI NIV Songs 8, Track 5

Forever and ever,
The LORD's love endures forever.
Forever and ever,
The LORD's love endures forever.
First Chronicles Sixteen, thirty-four.

God's people are sinners. Their love for God is never the same. They do not seek Him or obey Him as they should. Yet, the LORD's love for them is always steadfast. It never changes. That's because it's based on Jesus' perfect life and love, not on sinful life and unsteady love. God's people rejoice in how good God is to them! They give thanks to Him for His always faithful love. It will never, ever end. It truly is more than they could ever deserve.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN: Key Concept and Story (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related story)**Bible Truth 6**

"It's time for us to dig down deeper for answers to our Big Question. We're learning **SIX** Bible Truths that all tell us something about God's love for His people. We have learned some already. Can you remember what they are? (God Blesses All People with Many Good Gift; ; God Loved His People Before They Loved Him; God Showed the Depths of His Love By Giving His Son Jesus to Save His People; God Loves His People by Caring for Their Needs; and, God Uses Everything in His People's Lives for Their Good and His Glory.)

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

God Will Never Stop Loving His People.

Our love for others often changes. Sometimes it is strong; sometimes it is weak. Sometimes it fades away completely. God's love for His people never changes. The Bible calls God's love "hesed:" steady love and kindness, flowing out to sinful people who don't deserve it.

God loved His people before they were created. He kept on loving them when they rebelled against Him. And He chose to send His dear Son, Jesus to save them from their sins. God will go on loving them forever and ever.

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Because of Jesus, God would forgive them and love them forever. Praise God for sending Jesus! He is why God will never stop loving His people.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**Bible Truth 6
Hymn**

"Long ago, a man named Henry Baker was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called "The King of Love" We're going to learn a verse from it.

The King of Love*PFI NIV Songs 8, Track 19***Verse 6**

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good shepherd may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

God's people praise God for being the King of love. They delight in having Him as their king because all that He does comes from His heart of love for them that will never end or fail. God takes care of His people like a good shepherd cares for his sheep. Sheep are very stupid and need someone to take care all of their needs or else they will die. God promises to always be with His people, taking care of them throughout their whole length of days--their whole lives. And He will go on caring for them even after they die. He will take them to live with Him in heaven forever. How wonderful that will be! No wonder God's people want to sing His praise forever! We can become God's people when we turn from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

**Bible Truth 6
Bible Verse
and Song**

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

Romans 8:31-21,35,37-39

"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any power, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

God's people may have to go through some very hard things in this life, but they know that none of these things will ever separate them from God. He has always loved them and will always love them. He will be with them, helping them through them all, to the very end. And one day, God will bring them into heaven where they will enjoy His love and the delight of His presence forever.

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

Who Shall Separate Us?*PFI NIV Songs 8, Track 20*

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall trouble? No! Shall Hardship? No!
Persecution, famine, nakedness? No!
Danger or sword? No!
In all these things we are conquerors through Him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
Nor anything else in all creation,
Will be able to separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans Eight, thirty-five, eight and nine.

*You might also
enjoy
listening to:
I Will Betroth
You to Me
PFI NIV Songs 8,
Track 21*

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

**Old Testament
Story:**

**The Case of the
Willful Wife**

The Book of Hosea

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

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

- 1. Who married the willful wife? Why? What did she do that was so bad?**
- 2. Who was the willful a picture of? Who was her faithful husband a picture 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 married the willful wife? Why? What did she do that was so bad? The prophet Hosea married Gomer because the LORD told him to. She left her husband for other men.

2. Who was the willful a picture of? Who was her faithful husband a picture of? Gomer was a picture of Israel, the LORD's unfaithful people who worshiped other gods, even though they had made a covenant to worship Him. Hosea was a picture of the LORD, who kept forgiving and loving His people, even though they didn't deserve it.

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

LESSON 2 STORY

Story of the Saints:

**The Case of the
Giant Joy**

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

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

- 1. Who came to know Giant Joy? What did the joy come from?**
- 2. How did joy help her through her whole life? What did she look forward to? (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 came to know Giant Joy? What did the joy come from?

Sarah Edwards. From knowing God and enjoying His fellowship in her heart, by the Holy Spirit.

2. How did joy help her through her whole life? What did she look forward to?

Even when things were very hard, the joy of knowing God helped her to endure the hard things in the way that God wanted her to. She knew that one day she would go to be with God and live in His presence forever. There, she would be wonderfully happy, knowing and enjoying Him more fully than ever she would in life here on earth.

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

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

The Case of the Forward-Lookers
Acts 17,18; 1 and 2 Thessalonians

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Forward-Lookers.**

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

- 1. Who were the Forward-Lookers? What were they going through that was hard?**
- 2. What were they looking forward to? How did this help them with what they endured?**

(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 were the Forward-Lookers? What were they going through that was hard?**

The Christians in Thessaloniki and Paul. They were suffering for being Christians.

- 2. What were they looking forward to? How did this help them with what they endured?** The day when they would go to be with God in heaven. There would be no suffering then. They would enjoy His presence and His love in a far deeper way forever. Knowing that God had a purpose in their suffering now and gave them promises of this wonderful life forever with Him, they kept on loving God and enduring whatever He, in His wisdom and love, allowed.

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.