Praise Factory Investigators

PFI

designed for ages K-11, often used with pre-KS-12 year olds
the third of 3 curriculums in the Praise Factory family
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PFI... AT A GLANCE

- Teaches the 16 Biblical (theological) themes used in all three Praise Factory curriculums, but in greater depth than in Hide ‘n’ Seek Kids or Deep Down Detectives. Each of these themes is presented as a “Big Question and Answer” and set to music.
- Each theme is taught as a series of Bible truths that develop the theme. There are 104 Bible truths in all.
- There is one Bible verse and three stories (an Old Testament, New Testament and Church History/Missions story) for each of the 104 Bible truths. All of the Bible verses are set to music, which can be a great aid in learning and remembering them.
- Each of the three sessions for each Bible truth is jam-packed with activities. Use as few or as many as you want.
- The multiple sessions give children the time they need to really learn each truth. The new stories and activities keep the learning fresh each session.
- The curriculum for each Bible truth comes with a fully-scripted lesson plan, games, crafts, take-home sheets, and lots of music (with sign language).
- The curriculum is flexible and is easily adaptable to many different teaching settings.
- Both downloads and hard copies available.

PFI SESSION OVERVIEW

Session Format: Regular Classroom or Large Group/Small Group Format

The PFI curriculum can be used in a regular classroom setting, in which all the children participate in the same activities at the same time; or, in a large group/small group format, in which the children gather together for opening activities and the story, then split up into small groups, each with their own activity, and finally coming back together for each group to make a presentation to the other children (or to the parents) at the end of session. Small groups alternate to a different activity each lesson for variety. Each PFI session follows the same three-part format, as described here:

PART 1: GETTING STARTED
A time to welcome the children to the class, introduce the class rules and the “Big Question and Answer” (and related songs) of the theological theme they are studying.

PART 2: DIGGIN’ DEEP DOWN
The Bible truth (and related songs) is introduced. The Case Questions* are revealed, the Bible story told, then the Case Questions answered. The teacher closes with an ACTS prayer (A prayer including Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication related to the Bible truth they are learning.)

PART 3: TAKING ACTION
The children participate in the response activities chosen for the day and (if desired), presenting what they’ve learned to each other or to parents at the end of the session. Teachers give out take home sheets as children are dismissed.

*As with the other two Praise Factory curriculums, PFI has a few detective-ish elements to it. Each story is called “The Case of the ....” and comes with “Case Questions”: a listening assignment of questions about the story to be solved as they listen.

Session Length
The resources for each PFI session— as described in the lesson plan— are designed for a 60 to 90 minutes session. However, they can be easily shaped for you to tailor them to fit a shorter or longer session.

PFI SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

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Q: How Can I Know What God Is Like?  
A: He Shows Me What He’s Like! |
| Unit 2: God’s Wonderful Word, the Bible | 1. God Inspired Many People to Write Down His Word Perfectly  
Q: What’s So Special about the Bible?  
A: It Alone Is God’s Word! |
| Unit 3: The Good News of God, the Gospel | 1. God is the Good Creator and King of the World  
Q: What Is the Gospel?  
A: Salvation though Faith in Christ! |

1. God Made Our Hearts to Know and Love Him  
2. God’s Creations Tell Us about Him  
3. God Spoke to His People through Prophets Long Ago  
4. God Speaks through His Word, the Bible  
5. God Reveals Himself Most Completely through His Son, Jesus  
6. God’s Word Tells God’s Way and Plans for His People, Past, Present and Future  
7. God Uses His Word to Save His People  
8. God Uses His Word to Change His People  
9. God Sent Jesus to Bear the Punishment for Sin  
10. God Saves Those Who Repent and Trust in Jesus
UNIT 4: The God Like None Other

Q: Can anybody tell me what the LORD is like?

A: He's not like anyone else!

UNIT 5: God, the Good Creator

Q: Can you tell me what God made?

A: God made all things good!

UNIT 6: God, the Just and Merciful

Q: How did bad things come into God's good world?

A: Bad things came through sin!

UNIT 7: The Law-Giving God

Q: What are God's laws like?

A: God's laws are perfect!

UNIT 8: The God Who Loves

Q: What is God's love for His people like?

A: It's more than they could ever deserve!

UNIT 9: Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with Us

Q: What did Jesus come to do?

A: Jesus came to bring us to God!

UNIT 10: The Holy Spirit: The Indwelling God

Q: What does the Holy Spirit do in God's people?

A: He changes their hearts!

UNIT 11: The God Who Saves

Q: How can we be saved?

A: It is God's free gift!

UNIT 12: God's People Live for Him

Q: How should God's people live?

A: They should live like Jesus!

UNIT 13: The Sustaining God

Q: Why do God's people keep believing in Him?

A: It is God's sustaining grace!

UNIT 14: The God Who Delights in Our Prayers

Q: How does God want us to pray?

A: Every night and day!

UNIT 15: God's People Gather Together

Q: Why do God's people go to church?

A: To worship God and love one another!

UNIT 16: Jesus, the Returning King

Q: What will happen when Jesus comes back?

A: God will make everything new!

Bible Truths Taught

1. The LORD is a Glorious Spirit
2. The LORD is the Only True God
3. The LORD is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons
4. His names tell us about Him
5. The LORD is Holy
6. The LORD is Omniscient
7. The LORD is Omnipotent
8. The LORD is Faithful
9. The LORD's names tell us about Him
10. God's people are called His children

1. God created all things good in the beginning
2. God created people good in the beginning
3. He made everything good in heaven and earth
4. God's plans for His creation are good and unfailing

1. Angels and people rebelled against God in the beginning
2. God treated the first sinners with justice and mercy
3. All people are born sinful, all people need God's mercy

1. God's laws are written in the Bible
2. God created us perfect law keepers, but we are all lawbreakers
3. God gave us His laws to convict us of our sin
4. Jesus kept God's law perfectly to save God's people by His grace
5. The heart of God's law is love

1. God blesses all people with many good gifts
2. God loved His people before they loved Him
3. God showed the depths of His love by giving His Son to save His people
4. God uses everything in His people's lives for their good and His glory
5. God will never stop loving His people

1. Jesus, the Servant King
2. Jesus, the Obedient Son
3. Jesus, the Amazing Teacher
4. Jesus, the Ruler of all creation
5. Jesus, the Lord over life
6. Jesus, the Conqueror of death
7. Jesus, the Firstborn of the resurrection
8. Jesus, the Reigning Son in Heaven

1. The Holy Spirit lives in God's people
2. The Holy Spirit gives God's people courage
3. The Holy Spirit gives God's people wisdom
4. The Holy Spirit builds God's church