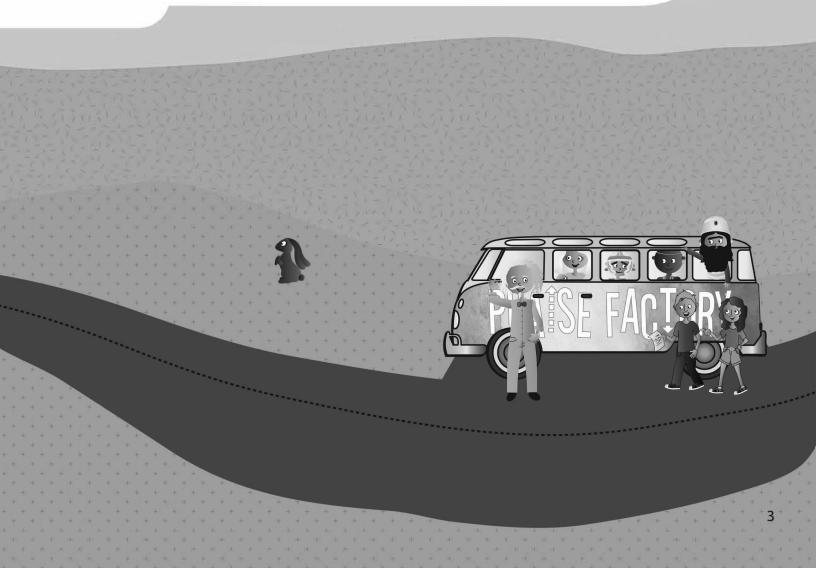
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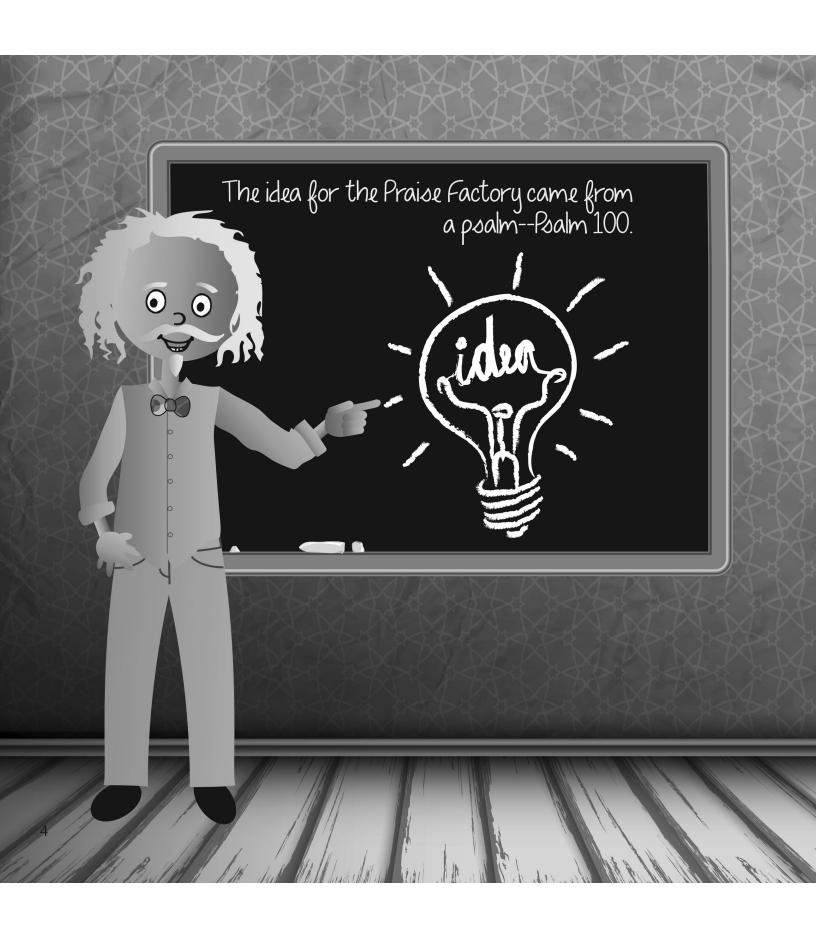
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You look new here! Come along and learn about the **Praise Factory** curriculum--affordable, flexible, quality, Christian curriculum for preschool and elementary age children.

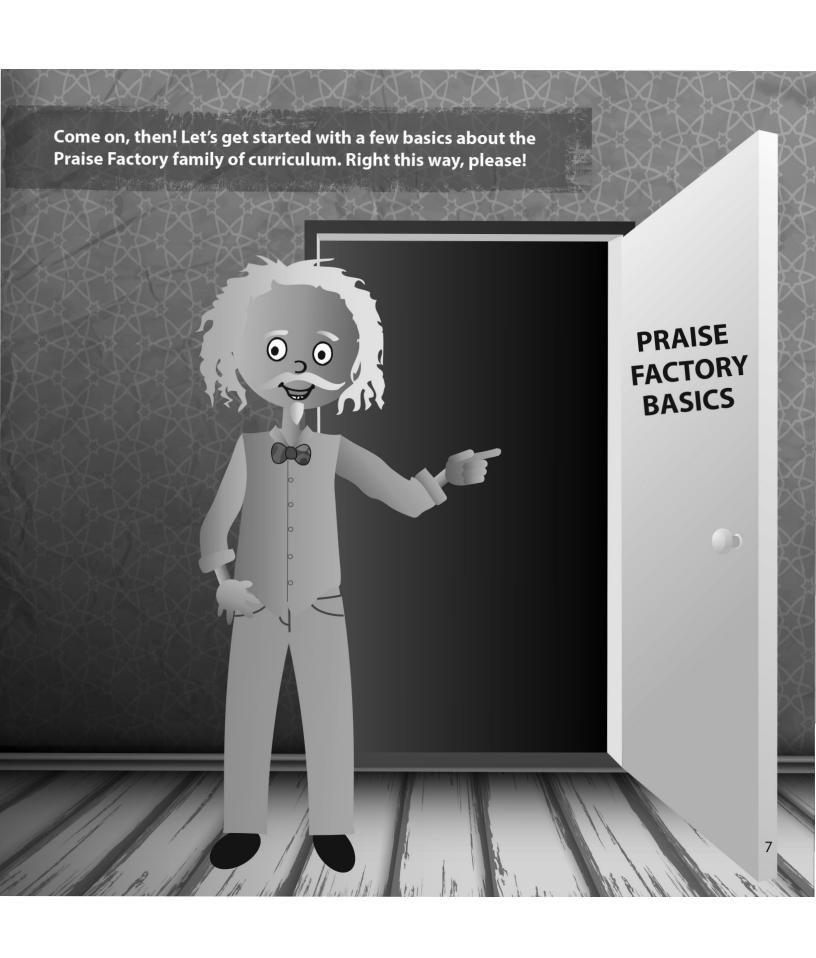






Active minds. Noisy joy. Prayerful hearts. That's the motto of the Praise Factory. And so, since 1997, the Praise Factory has been creating curriculum to this end: to help children dig deep down in the truths of God's Word, in a way that is understandable, memorable, enjoyable. And, by the work of the Holy Spirit, we pray that it might help raise up a new generation of joyful, obedient, knowledgeable children of our great God.





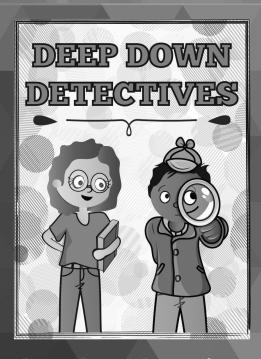


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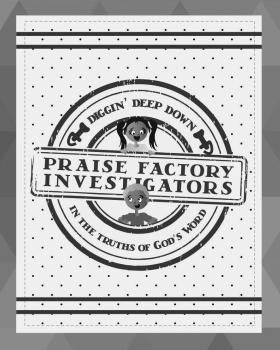


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often used with ages 2-5

Youngest to Oldest



Deep Down Detectives designed for ages 4-6, often used with ages 3-7



PFI: Praise Factory Investigators designed for ages K5-11, often used with ages pre-K 5-12

3 CURRICULUMS using the the same 16 THEMES

THEME 1 How God Reveals Himself

THEME 5

God, the

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THEME 2 God's Word, the Bible

> THEME 6 God, the Just and Merciful (The Fall)

THEME 3 The Gospel, God's Good News

> THEME 7 God's Good Laws

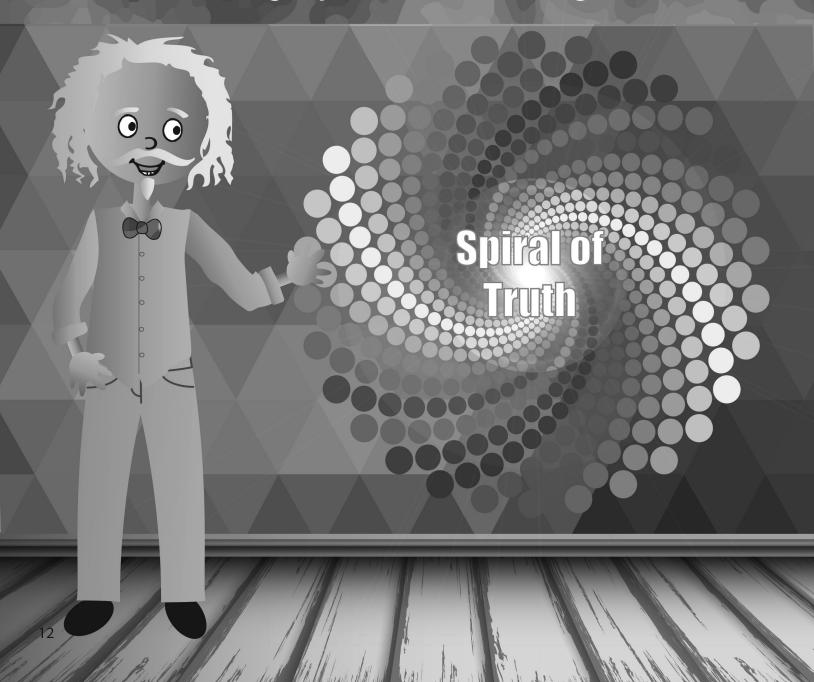
THEME 4 What God Is Like

> THEME 8 God's Love for His People

The kids dig deeper and deeper into the truths as they progress through the 3 curriculums.



We call this the Spiral of Truth because the children learn about the same themes with each curriculum, but they learn them with increasing depth and understanding each time.



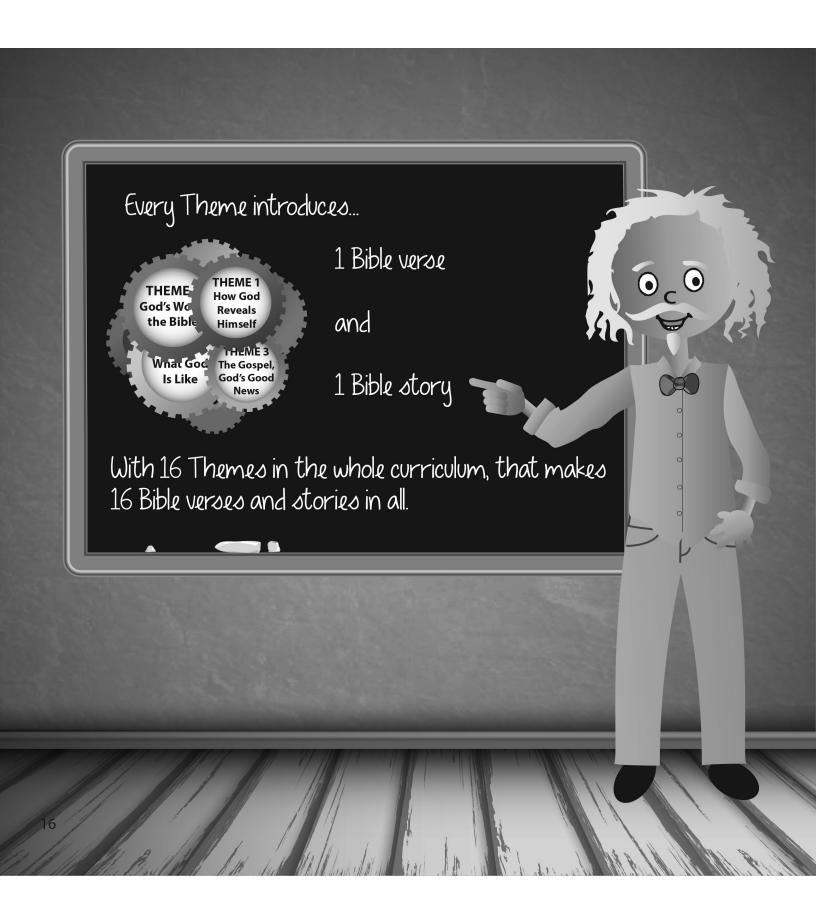






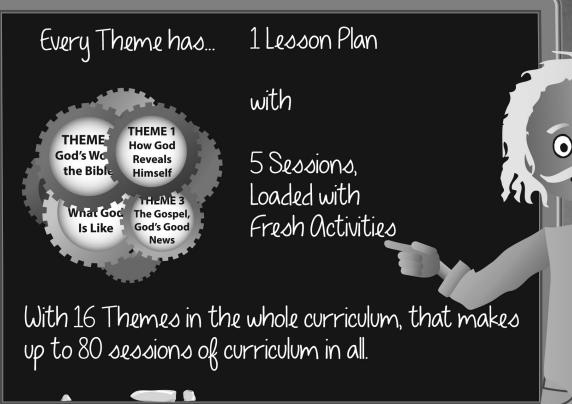
Each of the 16 Praise Factory Themes is presented as a simple "Big Question and Answer."

Set to the tune of a familiar nursery song, the kids learn it quickly.





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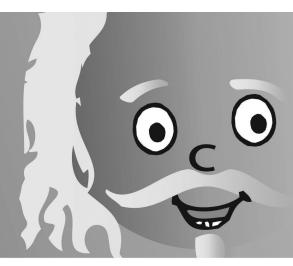
The lesson plans are fully scripted and easy to use. Each includes 5 sessions of curriculum on the theme's key concept, Bible verse and Bible story. Each session is each loaded with games, crafts and music.

The repetition of key concepts may sound boring, but it allows the kids to really learn and retain them. The new activities each session keep the learning fresh. Use as many or as few of the 5 sessions as you want. The curriculum is that flexible!



Every Hide 'n Seek session is structured the same way. This is good for both teachers and children. The predictable order helps children feel comfortable in the classroom. And, as the children know what is expected of them, classroom management becomes easier for the teachers. The familiar structure also provides a foundation of continuity, even when teachers change-- another positive, for both children and teachers.







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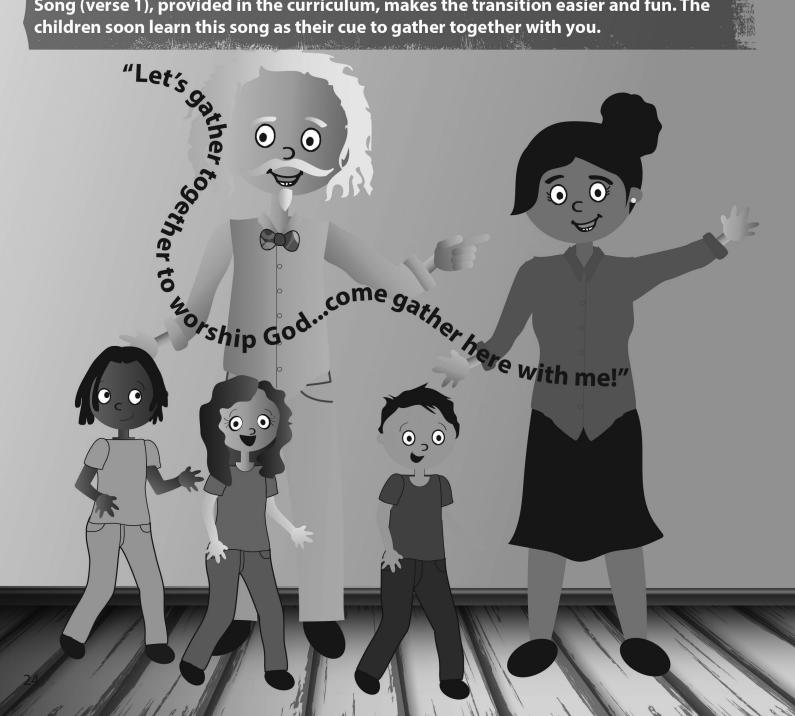




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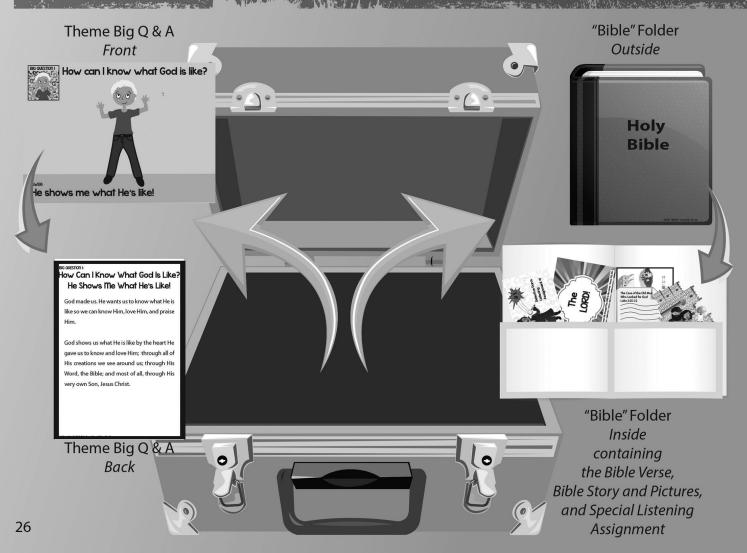


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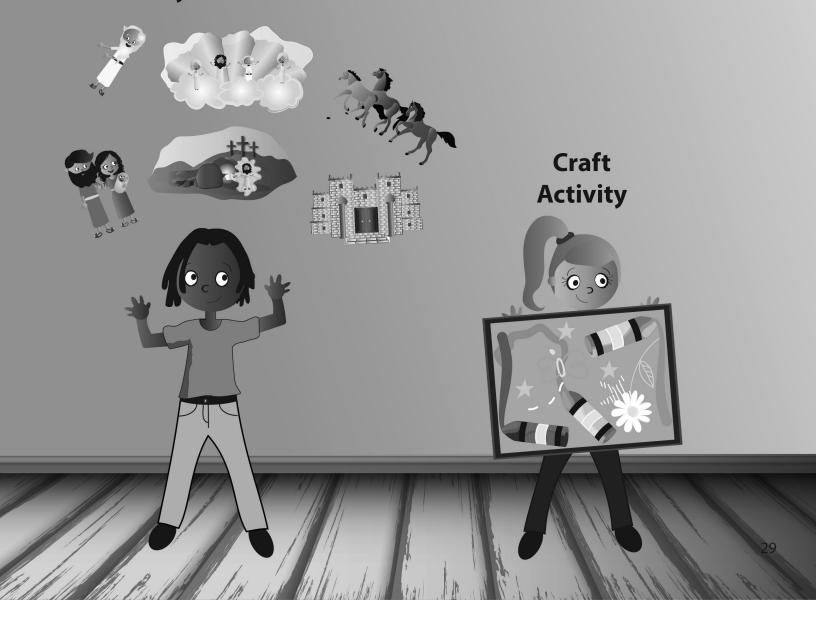
Circle Time transitions into Activity Time. This time might simply be free play time, especially for young two-year-olds. The curriculum, however, does provides a number of activities to reinforce the concepts the children have been learning in Circle Time. Whatever your activity choice, make the transition easier by telling the kids what you want them to do next, then using The Classroom Song (verse 2) as their cue to move.



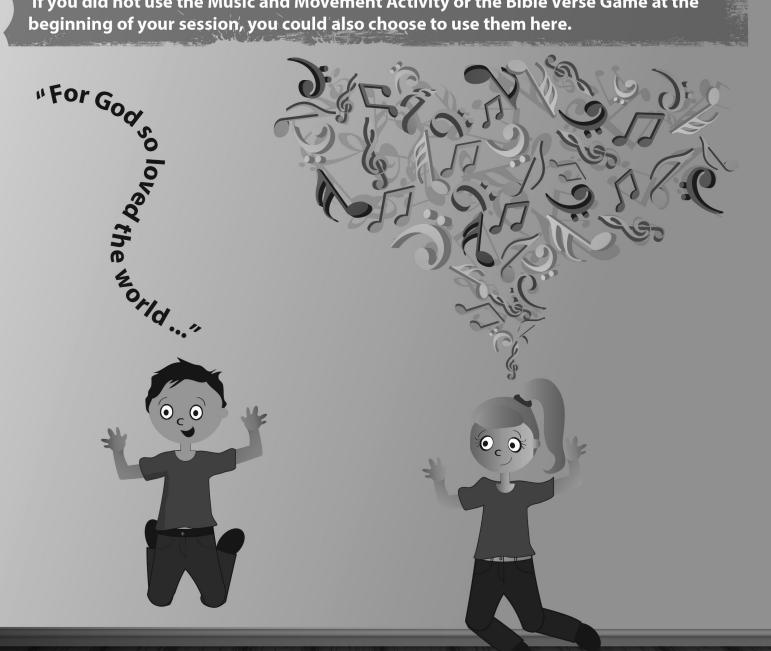
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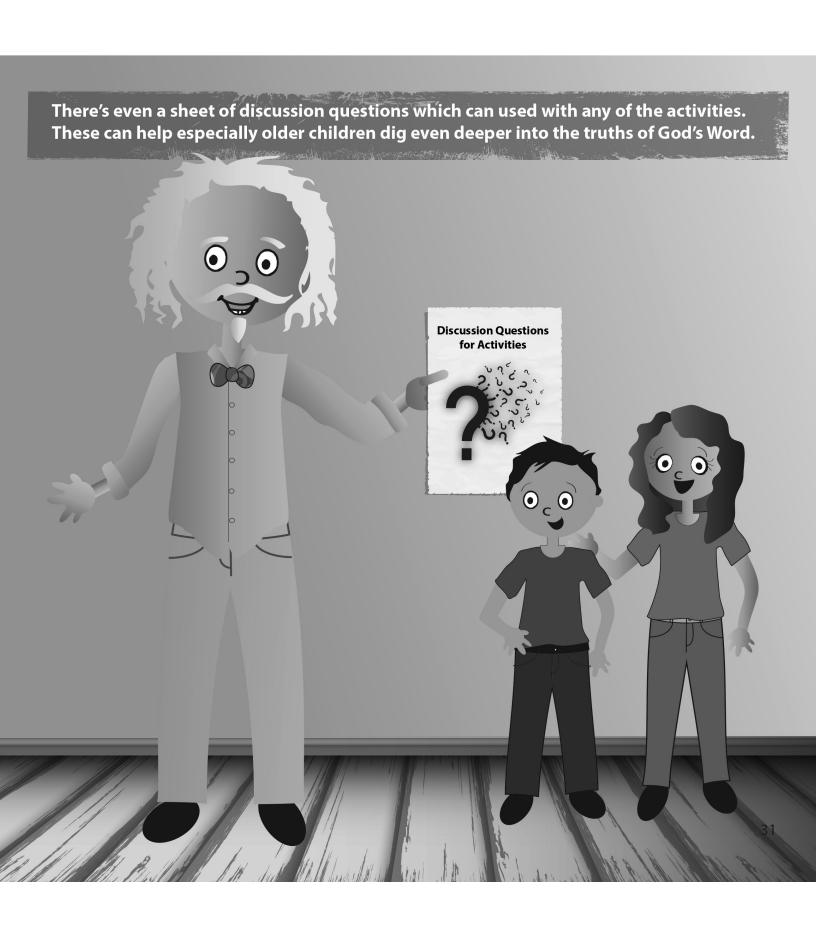


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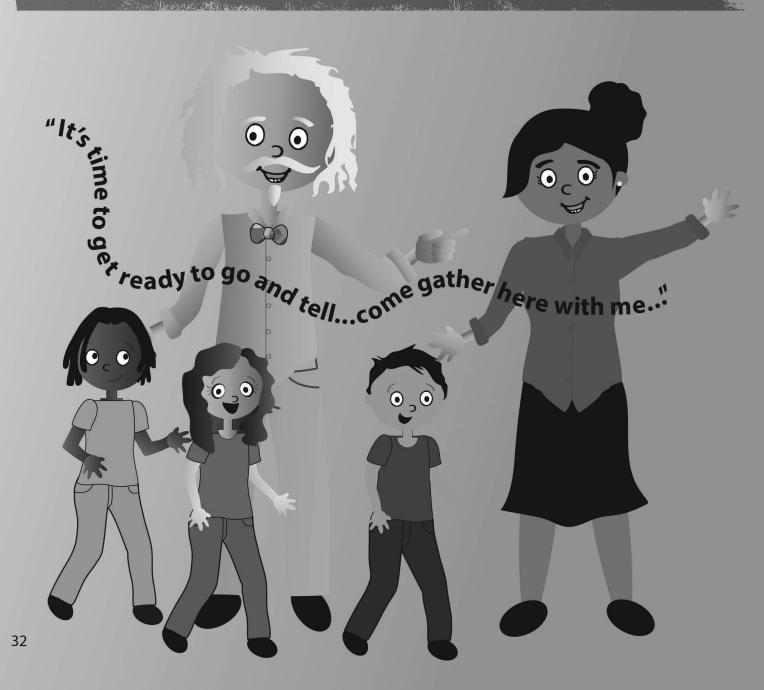
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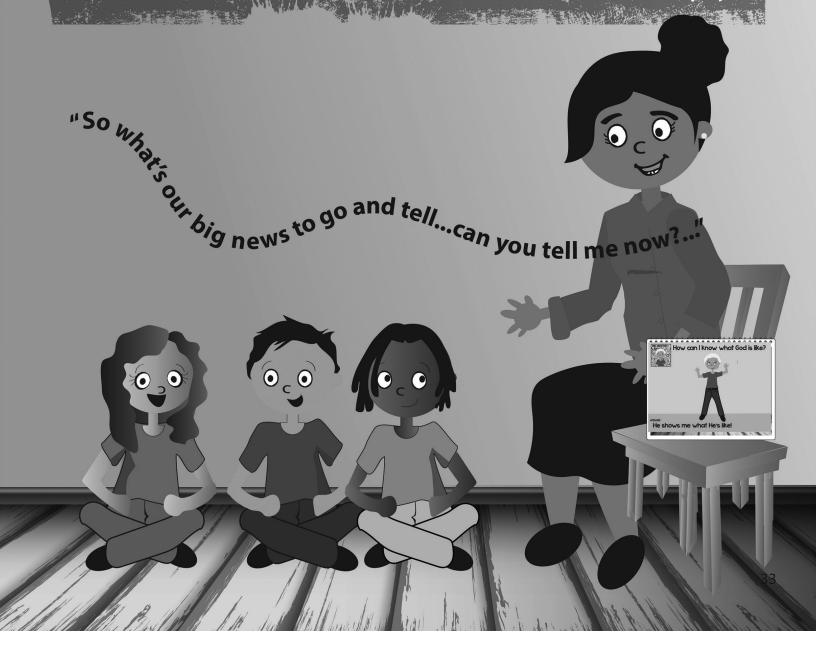
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In Deep Down Detectives, the children learn the same16 Praise Factory Themes. But now, each Theme is presented as a series of Bible truths. These truths deepen the children's understanding of the basics they learned previously in Hide'n' Seek Kids.

For example...

THEME 1 How God Reveals Himself

How Do I Know What God Is Like? God Shows Me What He's Like...

Bible Truth #1 By the Spirit He Made Me With Bible Truth #2 In All He Created

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THEME 1 How God Reveals Himself BIBLE TRUTH #1
1 Lesson Plan with
1 Bible Verse and Story
and 3 Sessions of
Fresh Activities

BIBLE TRUTH #3 1 Lesson Plan *with* 1 Bible Verse and Story *and* 3 Sessions of Fresh Activities BIBLE TRUTH #2 1 Lesson Plan with 1 Bible Verse and Story and 3 Sessions of Fresh Activities

BIBLE TRUTH #4

1 Lesson Plan with
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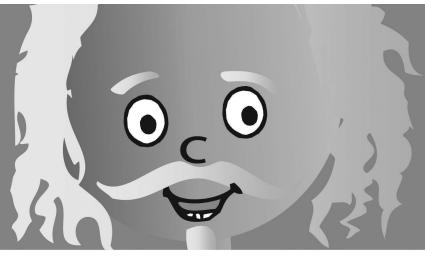
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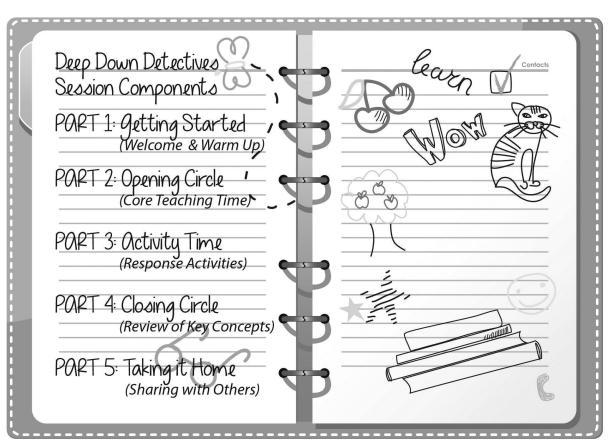
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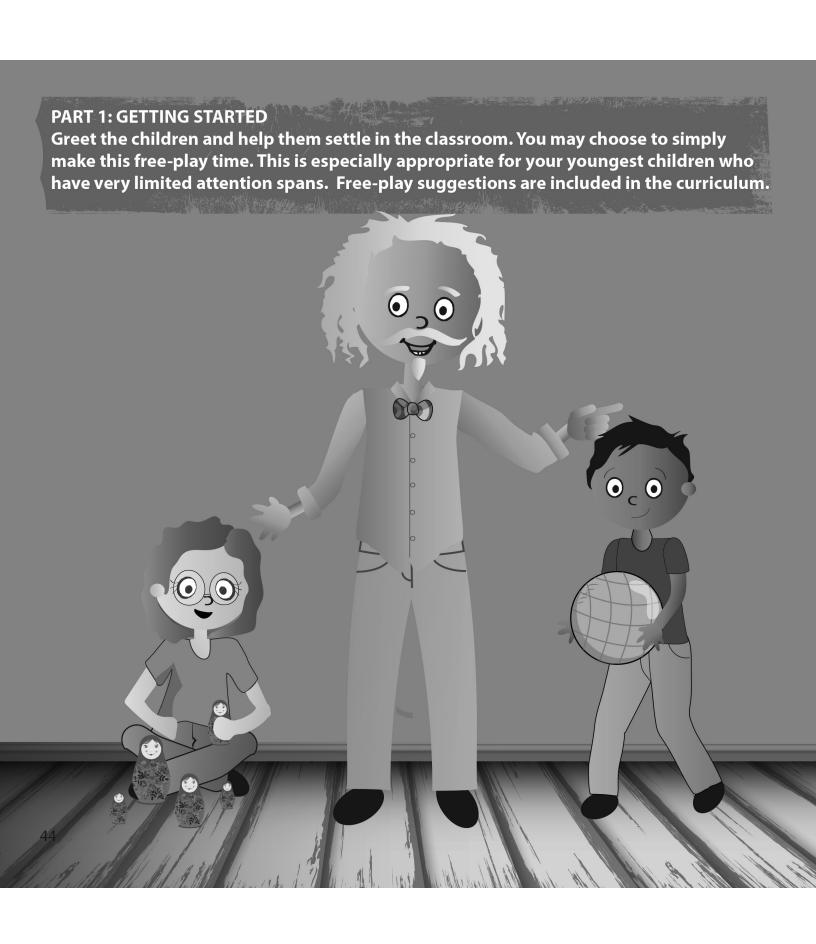
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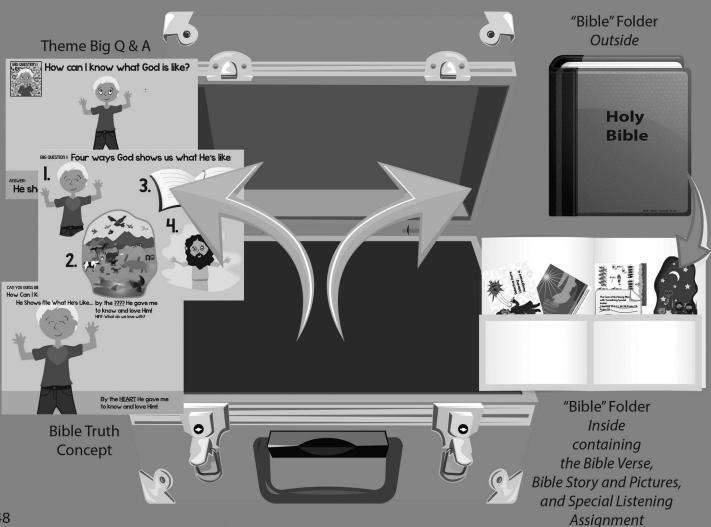


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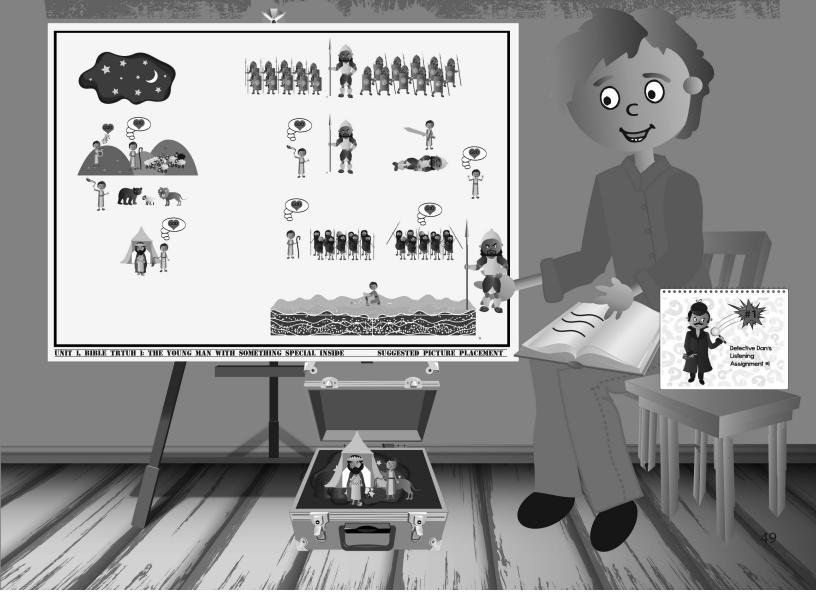
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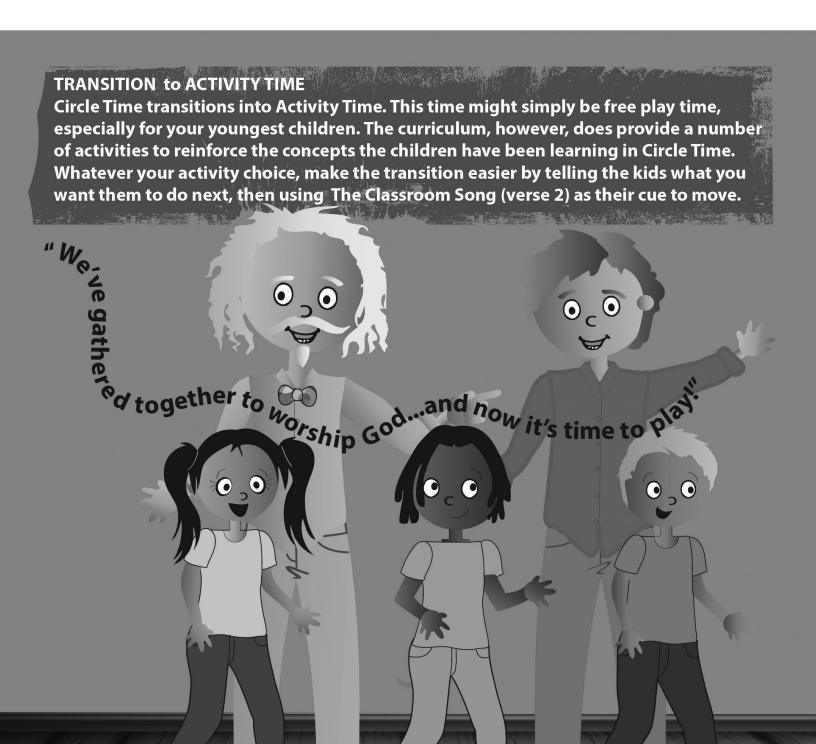


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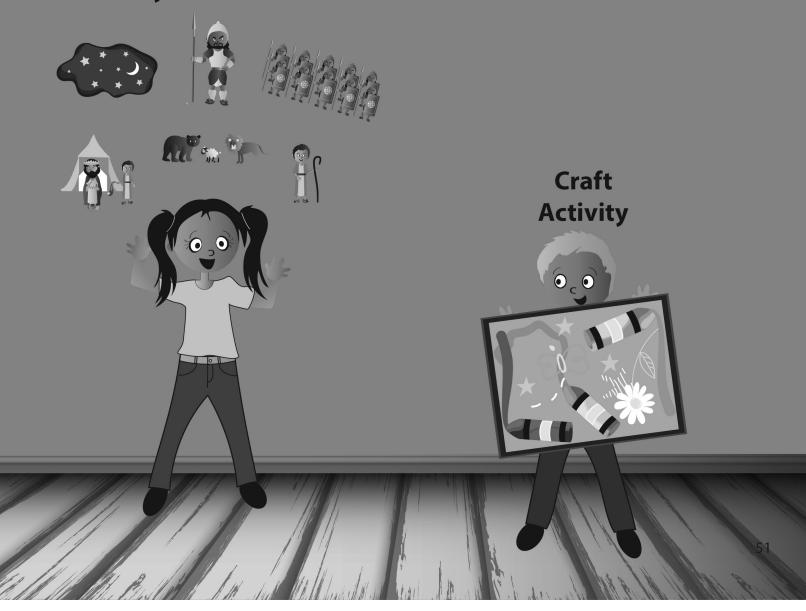




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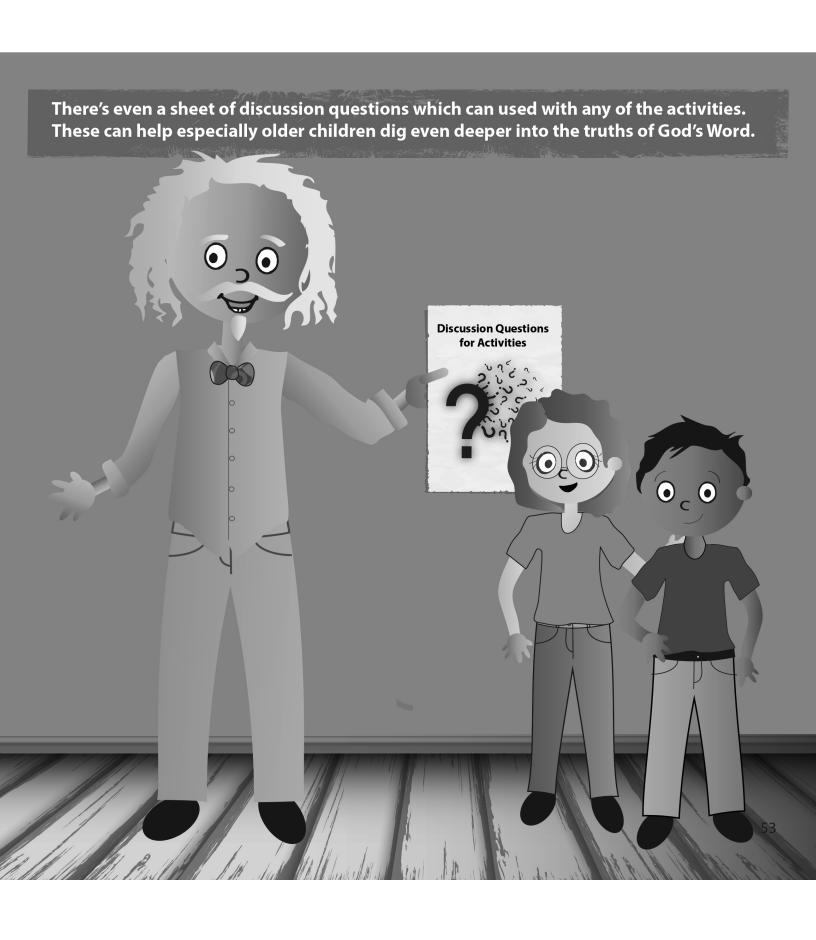


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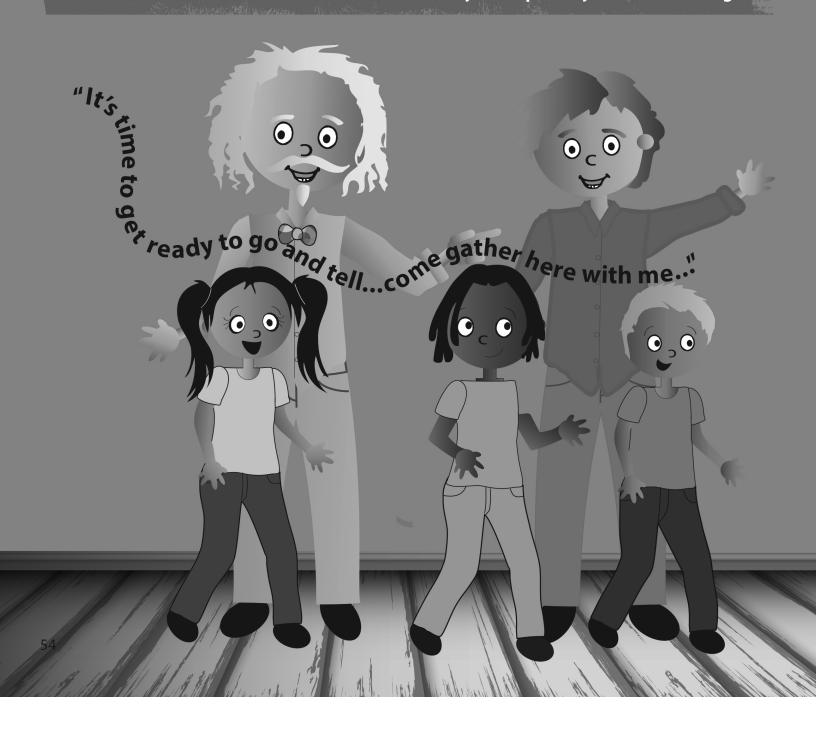
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Like Deep Down Detectives, the Praise Factory Investigators curriculum teaches the 16 Praise Factory Themes as a series of Bible truths within each Theme. The Praise Factory Investigators curriculum, however, deepens the children's understanding of the Themes and their Bible truths far beyond either of the other two curriculums.

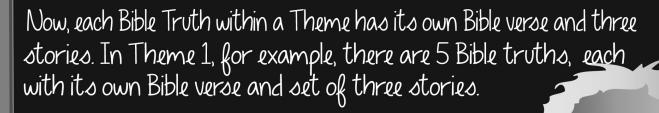


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The three stories for each Bible Truth always include an Old Testament, a New Testament and a "Story of the Saints"--a story about God's people from church history or missions. The Bible stories are written out true to the Bible text, but with lots of interesting details of context and culture added. These make even the most familiar Bible story fresh. The church history/missions stories introduce the children to God's enduring work to reach the world with the gospel, up to our day and until Jesus comes back.





THEME 1 How God Reveals Himself

BIBLE TRUTH #1

1 Lesson Plan with

3 Sessions

A New Story &

Activities

Each Session

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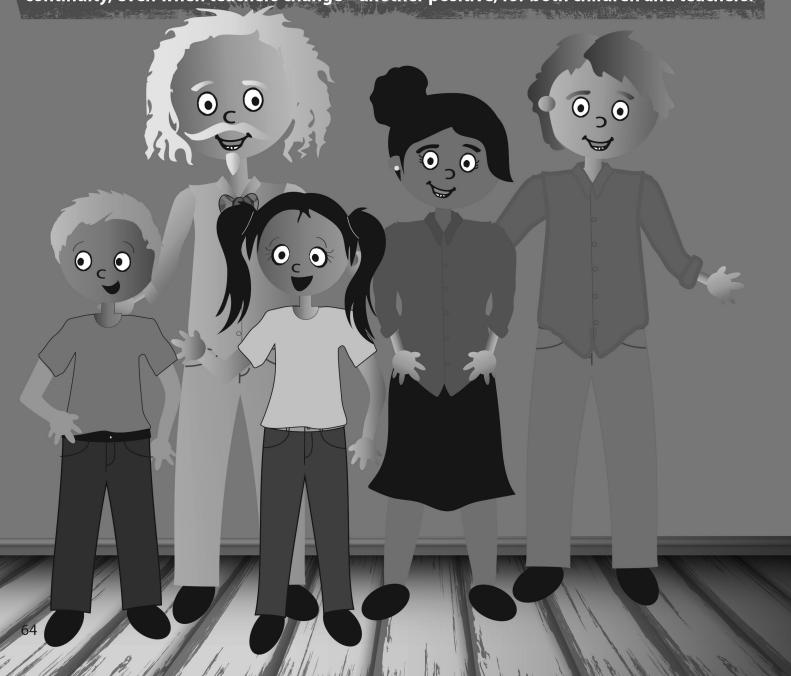
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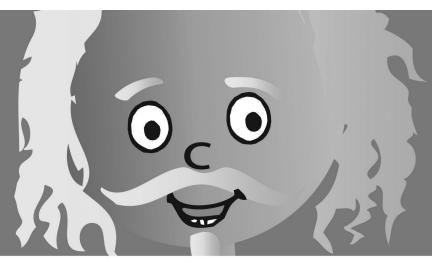
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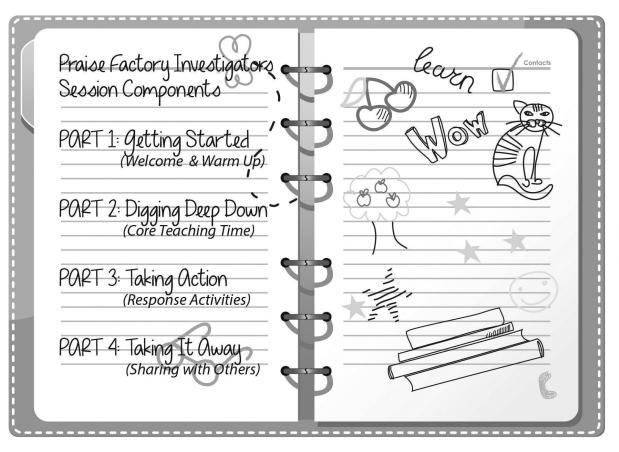
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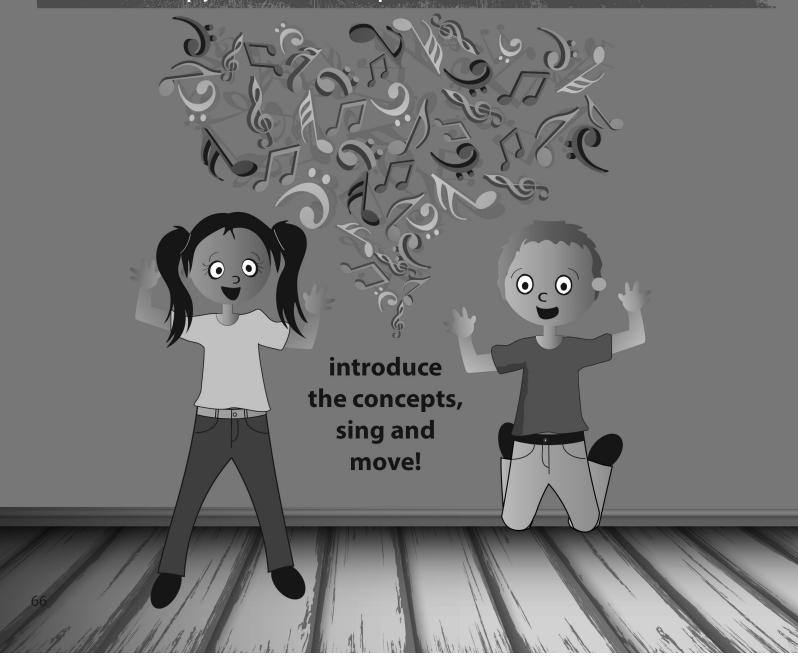




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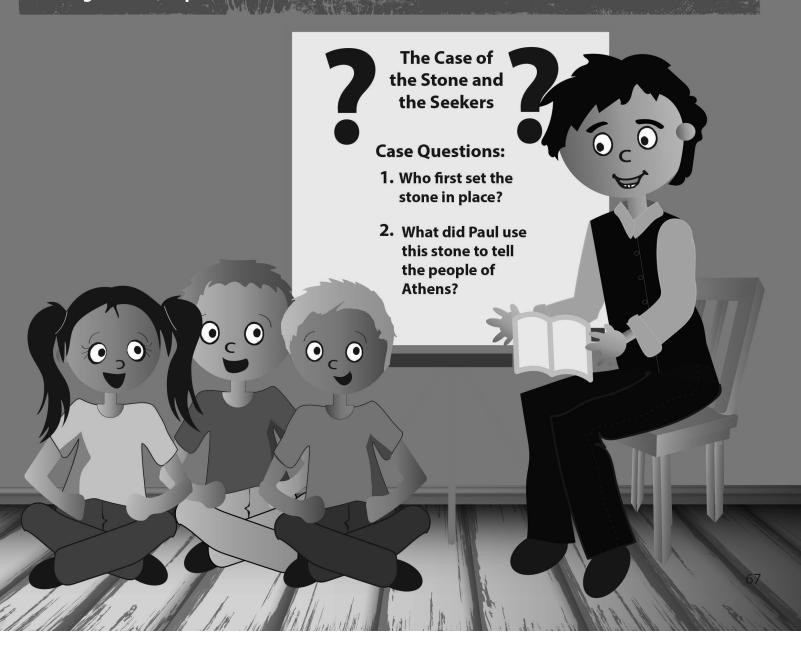


The children are welcomed into Praise Factory Investigators with music. From the detective-sounding PFI Theme Song and the catchy WoGoLOA Rules Chant, to the Big Question Songs, Bible verse songs and hymns, children can sing their way through this first taste of the session's key concepts. Not much into music? No problem. You can skip the tunes and simply introduce the concepts.



PART 2: DIGGING DEEP DOWN

Having set the scene with the Bible Truth and Bible verse, the children are ready for the sessions's story. Every story is called a "Case" and takes on a light, detective flair. The children are given two questions as a listening assignment before the teacher tells the story. When the story is finished, the children are asked to "Crack the Case" by giving their answers. Digging Deep Down time ends with a prayer before turning to Taking Action (response activities).



PART 3: TAKING ACTION (Response Activities)

Now it's time for the kids to respond and dig even deeper into the truths they have heard. The curriculum offers ten different activities for every session.

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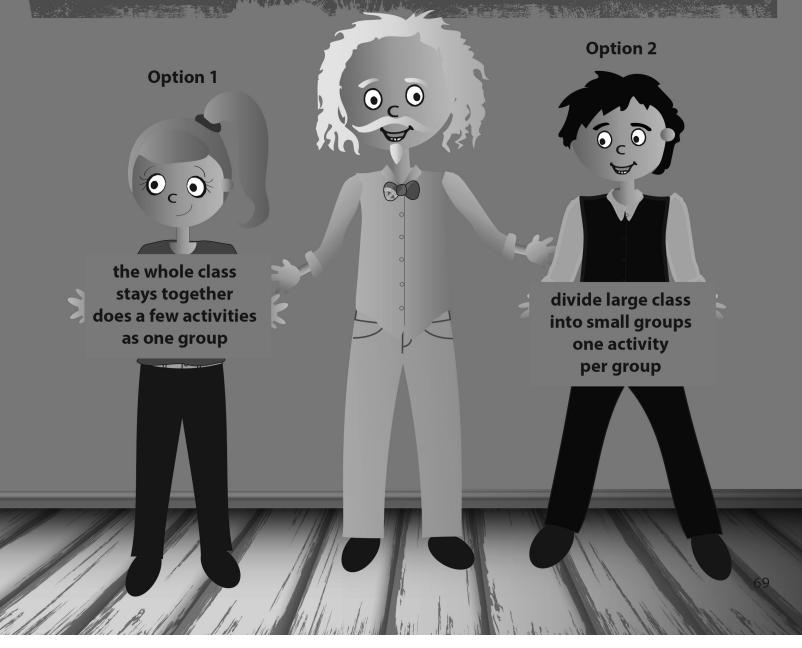


songs with sign language

...and more.!



Other teachers (such as those who use the curriculum with a large class or even multiple classes of children), like to divide the children into small groups, with each group/class having their own special activity. These groups often join back together at the end of session and have the children present what they've learned to each other. This is a wonderful opportunity for the truths to be reinforced yet again...and the kids love it!









Who is the author of the Praise Factory curriculum?

The Praise Factory family of curriculum is the creation of Connie Dever, wife of Mark Dever, senior pastor of Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Washington, DC.

Mrs. Dever has been teaching children and developing curriculum for use in churches in the United States and abroad for over 30 years.



How do I get the curriculum?

The curriculums are available as downloads and will also be coming available as hard copies through the Praise Factory website: www.praisefactorycurriculum.org.



How much does the curriculum cost?

Both the download and hard copy versions are very reasonably priced. As many elements as possible are even free. It is also photocopy-able for non-commercial, educational purposes.



How are the curriculums being used?

The Praise Factory curriculums are very flexible. They are being used for Sunday School, Children's Church, Sunday and Wednesday evening programs, Bible Memory Clubs, Vacation Bible Schools, Christian school curriculum, home school curriculum, and family devotions.



Why does music play such a prominent role in the curriculums?

Music is one of the most powerful memory tools God has givien us. Anything set to music is more quickly learned and more likely to be retained—even into adulthood. By setting the Bible verses and the Big Questions & Answers to music, children (as well as teachers!) hold on to the very truths we are trying to teach them.



Are there any Praise Factory workshops where I can learn more?

Yes! Every third weekend in March, May and September we offer a free workshop (Saturday) and observation of our Praise Factory classes (Sunday). Register at the Praise Factory website.



How do these new curriculums correlate to the old Praise Factory curriculums?

Hide 'n' Seek Kids is the new version of Teach, Take & Tell. Deep Down Detectives is the new version of Big Questions & Answers for little people. And, PFI: Praise Factory Investigators is the new version of the Praise Factory curriculum. The stories are the same, except that four new themes of curriculum that have been added in creating Hide 'n' Seek Kids and Deep Down Detectives. There are a number of new elements and lots of edits in all three of the new curriculums. Also, the curriculums are now available in ESV as well as the old NIV 1984. Despite these changes, the old and new curriculums have many similarities. The transition to the new curriculums should be fairly simple for those currnetly using the old versions.



Why do all the curriculum names have a detective feel to them?

Adding a light detective flair to the three curriculum has allowed us to offer listening questions to every story. The children are given "case questions" before they listen to their story, then asked the "crack the case" after they hear it. This helps the children listen with a purpose, improving their attention as well as their grasp of the main point of the story.



Is all the curriculum available now?

No. It is in the process of being put up online now. The old versions of the three curriculums will remain on the website until the new versions are completely up.



Is there anyone I can contact to help me implement the curriculum?

The three workshops in Washington, DC are the best way to get in-depth help. We are hoping to add a network of registered visitors to the website so you can find out who else in your area is using the curriculum. They may be your closest and most accessible help, outside of the workshops.



What other Praise Factory resources are there?

There are lots of resources on the website. Articles, ideas and training resources....and tons of music--sheet music and audio.



What translation is used for these curriculums?

All three curriculums are offered in the NIV 1984 (the original version used for the Praise Factory curriculum) as well as ESV.

Hide 'n' Seek Kids Scope & Sequence of Concepts

Theme 1: The God Who Reveals Himself (5 sessions available)

Big Question: How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He's Like!

Bible Verse: Amos 4:13

Theme 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible (5 sessions available)

Big Question: What's So Special about the Bible? It Alone Is God's Word!

Bible Verse: Psalm 18:30, 46

Theme 3: The Good News of God (5 sessions available)

Big Question: What Is the Gospel? Salvation through Faith in Christ!

Bible Verse: John 3:16

Theme 4: The God Like None Other (5 sessions available)

Big Question: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else!

Bible Verse: 1 Kings 8:23

Theme 5: God, the Good Creator (5 sessions available)

Big Question: Can You Tell Me What God Made? God Made All Things Good!

Bible Verse: Genesis 1:1, 31

Theme 6: God, the Just and Merciful (5 sessions available)

Big Question: How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World? Bad Things Came through Sin!

Bible Verse: Romans 5:12

Theme 7: The Law-Giving God (5 sessions available)

Big Question: What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect!

Bible Verse: Psalm 19:7, 9,11

Theme 8: The God Who Loves (5 sessions available)

Big Question: What Is God's Love for His People Like? It's More than They Could Ever Deserve!

Bible Verse: 1 Chronicles 16:34

Theme 9: Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with Us (5 sessions available)

Big Question: What Did Jesus Come to Do? Jesus Came to Bring Us to God!

Bible Verse: 1 Peter 3:18

Hide 'n' Seek Kids Scope & Sequence of Concepts

Theme 10: The Holy Spirit: The Indwelling God (5 sessions available)

Big Question: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Heart!

Bible Verse: Ezekiel 36:26-27

Theme 11: The God Who Saves (5 sessions available)

Big Question: How Can We Be Saved? It's God's Free Gift!

Bible Verse: Romans 6:23

Theme 12: God's People Live for Him (5 sessions available)

Big Question: How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus!

Bible Verse: Ephesians 5:1-2

Theme 13: The Sustaining God (5 sessions available)

Big Question: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It is God's Sustaining Grace!

Bible Verse: Psalm 55:22

Theme 14: The God Who Delights in Our Prayers (5 sessions available)

Big Question: How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day!

Bible Verse: Philippians 4:5,6 (ESV); Luke 18:1 (NIV)

Theme 15: God's People Gather Together (5 sessions available)

Big Question: Why Do God's People Go to Church? To Worship God and Love One Another!

Bible Verse: Hebrews 10:24-25

Theme 16: Jesus, the Returning King (5 sessions available)

Big Question: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? God Will Make Everything New!

Bible Verse: Revelation 21:5-7

Theme 1: The God Who Reveals Himself

Big Question: How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He's Like...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

- By the Heart He Gave Me to Know and Love Him Bible Verse: Psalm 63:1,5 (ESV): Psalm 42:1-2 (NIV)
- 2. In Everything I See All Around Me Bible Verse: Psalm 19:1-4
- 3. In the Bible, the Perfect Word of God Bible Verse: Psalm 119:18,72-73
- 4. Through His Very Own Son, Jesus Christ Bible Verse: John 14:9

Theme 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible

Big Question: What's So Special about the Bible?

It Alone Is God's Word...

- God Made Sure It Was Written Down Just Right Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 2. It Tells Us about God and His Plans Bible Verse: Isaiah 46:9-11
- 3. God Uses It to Save His People Bible Verse: 1 Peter 1:23
- 4. God Uses It to Change His People Bible Verse: Psalm 119:97-98

Theme 3: The Good News of God

Big Question: What Is the Gospel?

Salvation through Faith in Christ...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

- 1. God Made Us and We Should Obey Him Bible Verse: Isaiah 37:16 (ESV); Psalm 100:1-4 (NIV)
- 2. We Have All Disobeyed God and Deserve His Punishment Bible Verse: Ecclesiastes 7:20,29
- 3. God Sent Jesus to Pay for God's People's Sins Bible Verse: Isaiah 53:6
- 4. God Saves All Who Repent of Their Sins and Trust in Jesus Bible Verse: Mark 1:15

Theme 4: The God Like None Other

Big Question: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else....

- 1. He Is a Glorious Spirit Bible Verse: John 4:24
- 2. He Is the One, True God Bible Verse: Psalm 86:8-10
- 3. He Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- 4. He Is Everywhere, All the Time Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1-3, 7-10 (ESV); Psalm 139:7-10 (NIV)
- 5. He Knows Everything There Is to Know Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20-22

Theme 4: The God Like None Other (continued)

Big Question: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else....

Bible Truth concepts (continued)

6. He Is Perfectly Holy, Purely Good

Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3

7. He Can Do Anything He Wants to Do

Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

8. He Is Always Faithful, Through and Through

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:1,15,16 (ESV); Psalm145:13,18,19 (NIV)

Theme 5: God, the Good Creator

Big Question: Can You Tell Me What God Made? God Made All Things Good...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. He Made Everything Good in Heaven and Earth Bible Verse: Isaiah 44:24

2. God Made People in a Special Way

Bible Verse: Genesis 1:26-27

Theme 6: God, the Just and Merciful

Big Question: How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?

Bad Things Came through Sin...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. When Adam and Eve Chose to Disobey God Bible Verse: Genesis 2-3

2. When It Spread to the Whole World

Bible Verse: Psalm 14:2-3

Theme 7: The Law-Giving God

Big Question: What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. They are Written in the Bible, God's Word Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 5:1,6-21

2. They Show Us that We Need God to Save Us Bible Verse: Romans 3:19-24

3. They Tell Us How to Love God and Others Bible Verse: Matthew 22:37-40

Theme 8: The God Who Loves

Big Question: What Is God's Love for His People Like? It's More than They Could Ever Deserve...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. He Gave His Son, Jesus, to Save Them Bible Verse: 1 John 4:10

2. He Always Takes Care of Them Bible Verse: Psalm 23:1-6

3. He Uses Their Sadnesses for Good Bible Verse: Romans 8:28-29

4. He Will Never Stop Loving His People Bible Verse: Hosea 2:19

Theme 9: Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with Us

Big Question: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. He Left His Home in Heaven to Save Us Bible Verse: John 6:38

2. He Never, Ever Disobeyed God Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:1

3. He Taught about God and Did Amazing Things Bible Verse: John 6:68-69

4. He Died on the Cross for God's People's Sins Bible Verse: Hosea 13:14

5. He Rose from the Dead Bible Verse: Luke 24:5-6

6. He Went Up to Rule in Heaven

Bible Verse: 1 Peter 3:21-22 (ESV); Philippians 2:9-11(NIV)

Theme 10: The Holy Spirit: The Indwelling God

Big Question: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People?

He Changes Their Heart...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19

2. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 1:6-7 (ESV); Acts 4:29,31(NIV)

3. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17

4. The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church Bible Verse: Acts 9:31

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Theme 11: The God Who Saves

Big Question: How Can We Be Saved? It's God's Free Gift!

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. When We Tell God Our Sins and Turn Away from Them Bible Verse: 1 John 1:8-9

2. When We Trust in Jesus As Our Own Savior Bible Verse: Romans 10:9-10

3. When the Holy Spirit Works in Our Hearts Bible Verse: Titus 3:5-7

Theme 12: God's People Live for Him

Big Question: How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. By Asking God for His Help Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:16

2. By Loving Him Most of All Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

3. By Loving Other People As God Has Loved Them Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

4. By Trusting God and Being Happy With What He Wants Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

5. By Learning God's Word and Obeying It Bible Verse: Psalm 119:11,15-16

6. By Saying "No" to Disobeying God Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13

Theme 12: God's People Live for Him (continued)

Big Question: How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth) continued

7. By Telling the Good News of Jesus Bible Verse: Romans 10:13-15

8. By Making Much of God Bible Verse: Psalm 66:1-3,5,16

Theme 13: The Sustaining God

Big Question: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? *It is God's Sustaining Grace...*

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. God Alone Sustains His People Bible Verse: Jude 1:24,25

2. God the Father Promises to Help His People Bible Verse: Psalm 54:4,7

3. Jesus Provides God's People with Everything They Need Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:15-16

4. The Holy Spirit Works Inside God's People Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (ESV); Galatians 5:22,25 (NIV)

5. The Word of God Grows God's People Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 8:3

6. God Uses His People to Strengthen and Comfort Each Other Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11

Theme 14: The God Who Delights in Our Prayers

Big Question: How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. He Wants Us to Praise Him Bible Verse: Psalm 40:16 (ESV); Psalm 103:1-5 (NIV)

2. He Wants Us to Confess Our Sins to Him Bible Verse: Psalm 32:5

3. He Wants Us to Thank Him Bible Verse: Psalm 105:1-3

4. He Wants Us to Ask Him to Do Great Things Bible Verse: Psalm 5:1-3

Theme 15: God's People Gather Together

Big Question: Why Do God's People Go to Church?

To Worship God and Love One Another....

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. By Praising God for Jesus' Win over Death Bible Verse: 1 Peter 1:3

2. By Learning from God's Word, the Bible Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 4:13

3. By Caring for Each Other's Needs Bible Verse: John 13:34-35

4. By Telling What God Has Done and Praying Bible Verse: Ephesians 6:18

5. By Baptizing People Who Trust in and Live for Jesus Bible Verse: Acts 2:38-39

6. By Remembering Jesus Died to Save Them Bible Verse: Luke 22:19,20

Theme 16: Jesus, the Returning King

Big Question: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? God Will Make Everything New!

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. Jesus Will Give Out Fair and Last Punishments for Sin Bible Verse: Revelation 22:12-13

2. God's People Will Live Happily with God Forever Bible Verse: Revelation 21:3-4; 22:4,5

Theme 1: The God Who Reveals Himself

Big Question: How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He's Like...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

- God Made Our Hearts to Know and Love Him Bible Verse: Psalm 63:1,5 (ESV); Psalm 42:1-2 (NIV)
- God's Creations Tell Us about Him Bible Verse: Psalm 8:1,3-4 (ESV); Psalm 19:1-4 (NIV)
- 3. God Spoke to His People through Prophets Long Ago Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 18:18-19
- 4. God Speaks through His Word, the Bible Bible Verse: Psalm 119:18,72-73
- God Reveals Himself Most Completely through His Son, Jesus Bible Verse: John 14:9

Theme 2: God's Wonderful Word, the Bible

Big Question: What's So Special about the Bible? It Alone Is God's Word...

- God Inspired Many People to Write Down His Word Perfectly Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 2. God's Word Tells God's Way and Plans for His People, Past, Present and Future Bible Verse: Isaiah 46:9-11
- 3. God Uses His Word to Save His People Bible Verse: 1 Peter 1:23
- 4. God Uses His Word to Change His People Bible Verse: Psalm 119:92-93,97-98

Theme 3: The Good News of God

Big Question: What Is the Gospel?

Salvation through Faith in Christ...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

- 1. God Is the Good Creator and King of the World Bible Verse: Isaiah 37:16 (ESV); Psalm 100:1-4 (NIV)
- 2. All Have Rejected God and Deserve His Eternal Punishment Bible Verse: Ecclesiastes 7:20,29
- 3. God Sent Jesus to Bear the Punishment for Sin Bible Verse: Isaiah 53:6
- 4. God Saves Those Who Repent and Trust in Jesus Bible Verse: Mark 1:15; Psalm 79:9

Theme 4: The God Like None Other

Big Question: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else....

- 1. The LORD is a Glorious Spirit Bible Verse: John 4:24
- 2. The LORD is the Only True God Bible Verse: Psalm 86:8-10
- 3. The LORD Is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: One God, But Three Persons Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- 4. The LORD Is Everywhere, All the Time Bible Verse: Psalm 139:1-3, 7-10 (ESV); Psalm 139:7-10 (NIV)
- 5. The LORD Knows Everything There Is to Know Bible Verse: Daniel 2:20-22

Theme 4: The God Like None Other (continued)

Big Question: Can Anybody Tell Me What the LORD Is Like? He's Not Like Anyone Else....

Bible Truth concepts (continued)

6. The LORD is Holy

Bible Verse: Isaiah 6:1-3

7. The LORD is Omnipotent Bible Verse: Psalm 135:5-6

8. The LORD is Faithful

Bible Verse: Psalm 86:1,15,16 (ESV); Psalm145:13,18,19 (NIV)

9. The LORD's Names Tell Us About Him Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 32:3-4

Theme 5: God, the Good Creator

Big Question: Can You Tell Me What God Made? God Made All Things Good...

- 1. God Created All Things Good in the Beginning Bible Verse: Nehemiah 9:6
- 2. God Created People Good in the Beginning Bible Verse: Genesis 1:26-28
- 3. God Created the World to Praise and Glorify Him Bible Verse: Psalm 148:7-13
- 4. God's Plans For His Creation Are Good and Unfailing Bible Verse: Psalm 33:11

Theme 6: God, the Just and Merciful

Big Question: How Did Bad Things Come to God's Good World?

Bad Things Came through Sin...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

- 1. Angels and People Rebelled against God in the Beginning Bible Verse: 1 John 3:8
- 2. God Treated the First Sinners with Justice and Mercy Bible Verse: Romans 6:23
- 3. All People Are Born Sinful, All People Need God's Mercy Bible Verse: Romans 5:17

Theme 7: The Law-Giving God

Big Question: What Are God's Laws Like? God's Laws Are Perfect...

- God's Laws Are Written in the Bible Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 5:1,6-21
- 2. God Created Us Perfect Law Keepers, But We Are All Lawbreakers Bible Verse: Psalm 14:2-3
- God Gave Us His Laws to Convict Us of Our Sin that We Might Be Saved Bible Verse: Isaiah 55:6-7
- 4. Jesus Kept God's Law Perfectly to Save God's People by His Grace Bible Verse: Romans 3:19-24
- 5. The Heart of God's Law is Love Bible Verse: Matthew 22:37-40

Theme 8: The God Who Loves

Big Question: What Is God's Love for His People Like? It's More than They Could Ever Deserve...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

- 1. God Blesses All People with Many Good Gifts Bible Verse: Psalm 145:9, 13, 15-16
- 2. God Loved His People Before They Loved Him Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:4,5
- 3. God Showed the Depths of His Love by Giving His Son to Save His People Bible Verse: 1 John 4:10
- 4. God Loves His People by Caring for Their Needs Bible Verse: Psalm 23:1-6
- 5. God Uses Everything in His People's Lives for Their Good and His Glory Bible Verse: Romans 8:28-29
- 6. God Will Never Stop Loving His People Bible Verse: Hosea 2:19

Theme 9: Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with Us

Big Question: What Did Jesus Come to Do?

Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...

- 1. Jesus, the Servant King Bible Verse: John 6:38
- 2. Jesus, the Obedient Son Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:14-16
- 3. Jesus, the Amazing Teacher Bible Verse: John 6:68-69

Theme 9: Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with Us (continued)

Big Question: What Did Jesus Come to Do? Jesus Came to Bring Us to God...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth) continued

4. Jesus, the Ruler of All Creation Bible Verse: Luke 8:24-25

5. Jesus, the Lord over Life and Death Bible Verse: Revelation 1:17-18

6. Jesus, the Forgiver of Sins Bible Verse: Romans 4:7-8

7. Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God Bible Verse: Matthew 16:13-16

8. Jesus, the Glory of God Bible Verse: John 1:14

9. Jesus, the Ransom for Sinners Bible Verse: Hosea 13:14

10. Jesus, the Conqueror of Death Bible Verse: Luke 24:5-6

11. Jesus, the Firstborn of the Resurrection Bible Verse: Colossians 1:18

12. Jesus, the Reigning Son in Heaven Bible Verse: 1 Peter 3:21-22 (ESV); Philippians 2:9-11(NIV)

Theme 10: The Holy Spirit: The Indwelling God

Big Question: What Does the Holy Spirit Do in God's People? He Changes Their Heart...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. The Holy Spirit Lives in God's People Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19

2. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Courage Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 1:6-7 (ESV); Acts 4:29,31(NIV)

3. The Holy Spirit Gives God's People Wisdom Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:17

4. The Holy Spirit Builds God's Church Bible Verse: Acts 9:31

Theme 11: The God Who Saves

Big Question: How Can We Be Saved? It's God's Free Gift!

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. God Saves Sinners Who Confess Their Sins Bible Verse: 1 John 1:8-9

2. Jesus Is the Only Way to Be Saved Bible Verse: John 14:5-6

3. We Must Trust Jesus as Our Savior Bible Verse: Romans 10:9-10

4. The Holy Spirit Changes Our Hearts so We Can Be Saved Bible Verse: Titus 3:5-7

Theme 12: God's People Live for Him

Big Question: How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. God's People Grow to Be More Like Jesus Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 3:18

2. God's People Love Him with All Themselves Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 6:4-5

3. God's People Love Others Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

4. God's People Trust Him Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

5. God's People Are Good Stewards of His Gifts Bible Verse: 1 Peter 4:10-11

6. God's People Obey Him Bible Verse: John 14:23-24

7. God's People Do Good Works God Has Prepared for Them Bible Verse: Ephesians 2:10; 6:7-8

8. God's People Read His Word, the Bible Bible Verse: Psalm 119:11,15-16

9. God's People Think about Him Bible Verse: Psalm 63:3-4

10. God's People Say "No" to Temptation Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:13

11. God's People Tell Others about Him Bible Verse: Romans 10:13-15

Theme 12: God's People Live for Him (continued)

Big Question: How Should God's People Live? They Should Live Like Jesus...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth) continued

12. God's People Suffer According to His Plan Bible Verse: 1 Peter 1:6-7

13. God's People Know Heaven Is Their Home Bible Verse: Philippians 3:18-20

14. God's People Delight in His Glory Bible Verse: Psalm 66:1-3,5,16

Theme 13: The Sustaining God

Big Question: Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him? It is God's Sustaining Grace...

1. God Alone Sustains His People Bible Verse: Psalm 54:4,7

2. God the Father Promises to Help His People Bible Verse: Jude 1:24-25

3. Jesus Gives God's People Grace for Life and Godliness Bible Verse: Hebrews 4:15-16

4. The Holy Spirit Works in God's People Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (ESV); Galatians 5:22,25 (NIV)

5. The Word of God Feeds God's People Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 8:3

6. God Sustains His People through Each Other Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4,10-11

Theme 14: The God Who Delights in Our Prayers

Big Question: How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day...

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

- God Delights in Our Adoration of Him Bible Verse: Psalm 40:16 (ESV); Psalm 103:1-5 (NIV)
- God Delights in Our Humble Confession of Sin Bible Verse: Psalm 32:2,5
- 3. God Delights in Our Thanksgiving to Him Bible Verse: Psalm 105:1-3
- God Delights in Our Supplications to Him Bible Verse: Psalm 5:1-3
- 5. God Always Answers Prayers Bible Verse: Psalm 17:6
- 6. Jesus Is Why God Answers His People's Prayers Bible Verse: John 14:13

Theme 15: God's People Gather Together

Big Question: Why Do God's People Go to Church?

To Worship God and Love One Another....

- God's People Gather Together for a Special Weekly Worship Day Bible Verse: 1 Peter 1:3-5
- 2. God's People Gather to Hear God's Word Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 4:13
- 3. God's People Gather to Pray Bible Verse: Ephesians 6:18 -20
- 4. God's People Gather to Give Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 16:2

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Theme 15: God's People Gather Together (continued)

Big Question: Why Do God's People Go to Church?

To Worship God and Love One Another....

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth) continued

5. God's People Gather for Fellowship Bible Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:11,13-15

6. God's People Invite Others to Gather with Them Bible Verse: Psalm 86:9

7. God's People Proclaim Their New Life in Christ through Baptism Bible Verse: Acts 2:38-39

8. God's People Celebrate Christ's Redeeming Sacrifice for Them Bible Verse: Luke 22:19,20

9. God's People Love One Another with a Covenant Love Bible Verse: John 13:34-35

10. God's People Are Led by Godly Leaders Bible Verse: Titus 1:6-9

11. God's People Are Called the Body of Christ Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:4,12,27

Theme 16: Jesus, the Returning King

Big Question: What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Back? God Will Make Everything New!

Bible Truth concepts (3 sessions available per Bible Truth)

1. King Jesus Will Return to End the World Bible Verse: Revelation 22:12-13

2. King Jesus Will Return When God's Work on Earth is Done Bible Verse: Mark 13:7-10, 26,27

3. When King Jesus Returns, God's People Will Be Made Like Him Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:50-54

4. King Jesus Will Return to Bring the Wicked to Just and Final Punishment Bible Verse: 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

5. King Jesus Will Return to Judge God's People, Too Bible Verse: Revelation 22:12-13

6. King Jesus Will Be United with His Bride, God's People, Forever Bible Verse: Revelation 19:6-7

7. King Jesus Will Reign Forever Bible Verse: Revelation 21:3-4,22:3-5