



PFI is designed for K-5's to 11 year olds, but is often used with pre-K 5's to 12 year olds.

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.

*For example....*



**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

Bible Truth  
#3  
Through the  
Bible,  
God's Word

Bible Truth  
#4  
Through  
Prophets,  
Long Ago

Bible Truth  
#5  
Through  
Jesus,  
God's Son

Now, each Bible Truth within a Theme has its own Bible verse and three stories. In Theme 1, for example, there are 5 Bible truths, each with its own Bible verse and set of three stories.

**THEME 1**  
How God  
Reveals  
Himself

Bible Truth  
#1  
with  
1 Bible Verse  
3 Stories

Bible Truth  
#2  
with  
1 Bible Verse  
3 Stories

Bible Truth  
#3  
with  
1 Bible Verse  
3 Stories

Bible Truth  
#4  
with  
1 Bible Verse  
3 Stories

Bible Truth  
#5  
with  
1 Bible Verse  
3 Stories

With 104 Bible truths in the whole curriculum, that makes 104 Bible verses and 312 stories in all.



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.

For example....



There are **3** STORIES



for each

Bible Truth  
#1

Bible Truth  
#2

Bible Truth  
#3

Bible Truth  
#4

Bible Truth  
#5

For example....

**THEME 1**  
**How God**  
**Reveals**  
**Himself**

**BIBLE TRUTH #2**  
1 Lesson Plan *with*  
3 Sessions  
A New Story &  
Activities  
Each Session

**BIBLE TRUTH #7**  
1 Lesson Plan  
3 Sessions  
A New Story &  
Activities  
Each Session

**BIBLE TRUTH #1**  
1 Lesson Plan *with*  
3 Sessions  
A New Story &  
Activities  
Each Session

**BIBLE TRUTH #3**  
1 Lesson Plan *with*  
3 Sessions  
A New Story &  
Activities  
Each Session

**BIBLE TRUTH #5**  
1 Lesson Plan  
3 Sessions  
A New Story &  
Activities  
Each Session

With 104 Bible truths in the whole curriculum, that makes  
312 sessions of curriculum in all.

**The lesson plans are fully scripted and easy to use. They include 3 sessions of curriculum for each Bible Truth, all loaded with games, crafts, music and more. There are even story-related snacks!**

**Three sessions focusing on the same Bible truth allow the children to really learn and retain the truth. The new story and activities each session keep the children digging deeper and deeper into the truths of God's Word.**

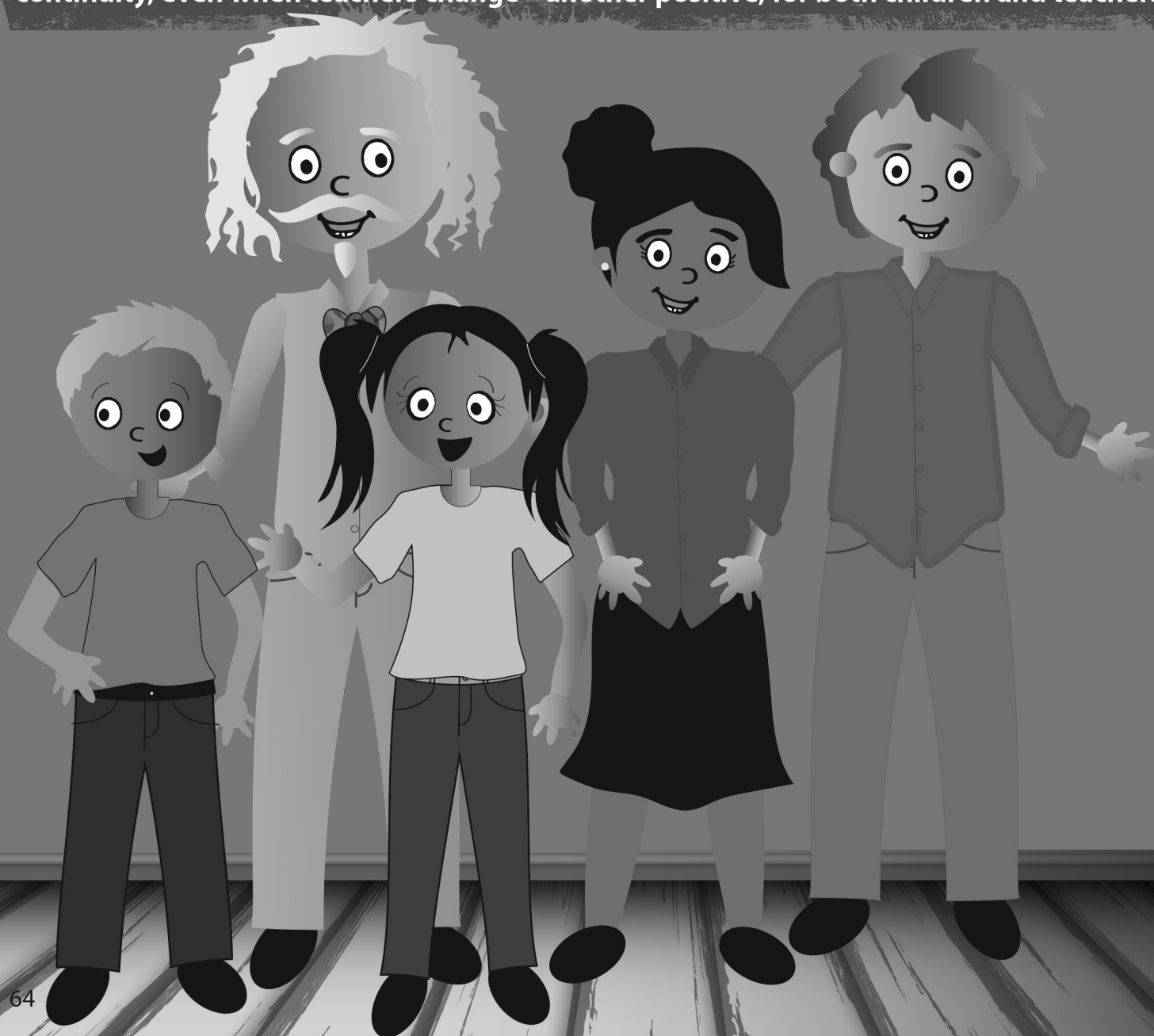
Now you know the Praise Factory Investigators basics. Let's see what a typical session looks like.

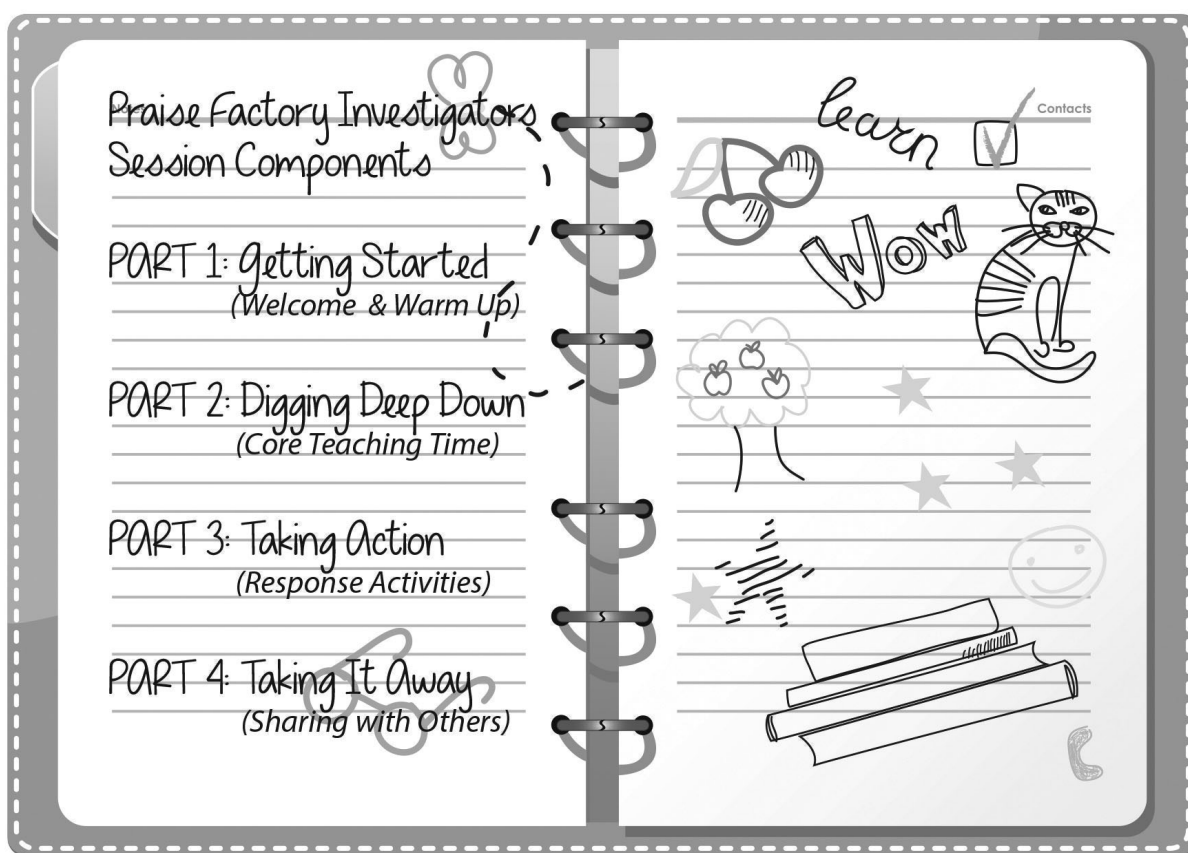


**PRAISE  
FACTORY  
INVESTIGATORS  
Classroom**



**Every Praise Factory Investigators 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.**





There are four components to each session: Getting Started, Digging Deep Down, Taking Action and Taking it Away. Let's look at each.



## **PART 1: GETTING STARTED**

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).

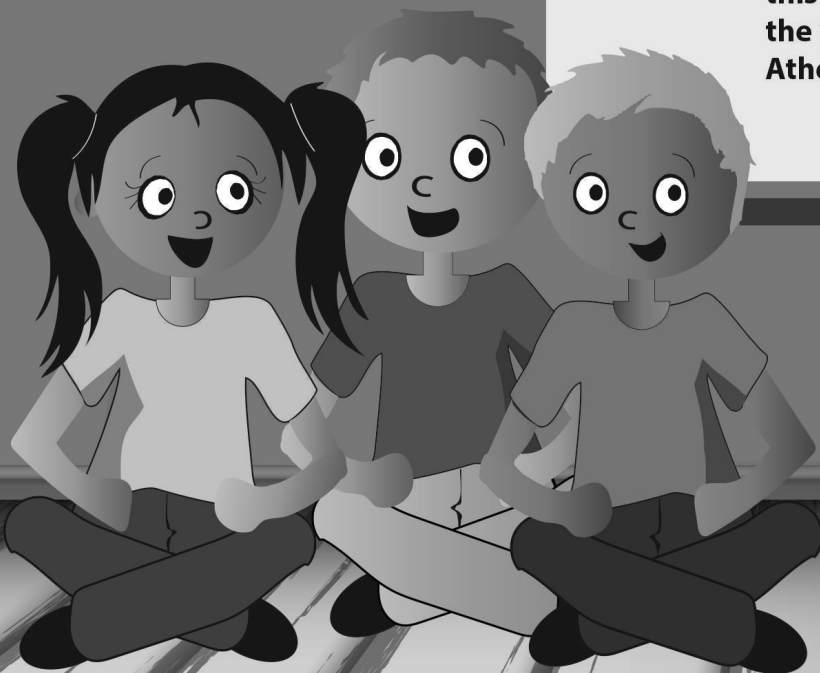


### **The Case of the Stone and the Seekers**



#### **Case Questions:**

- 1. Who first set the stone in place?**
- 2. What did Paul use this stone to tell the people of Athens?**



### **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.**

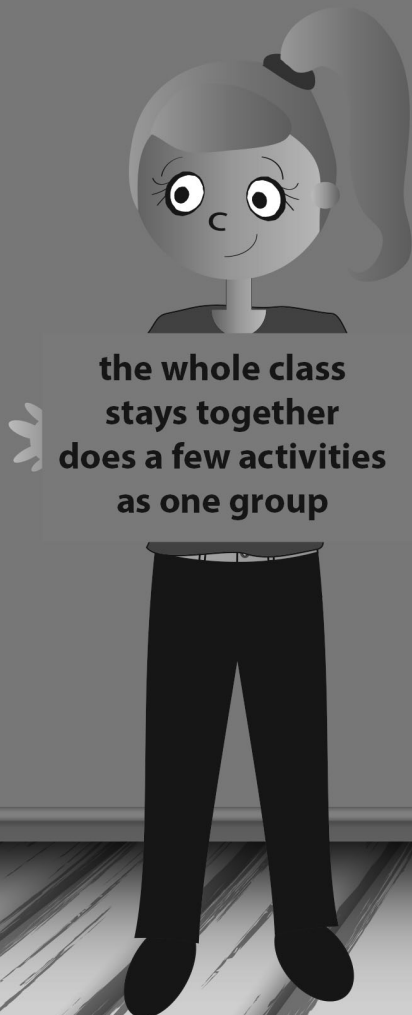
*Every session offers...*



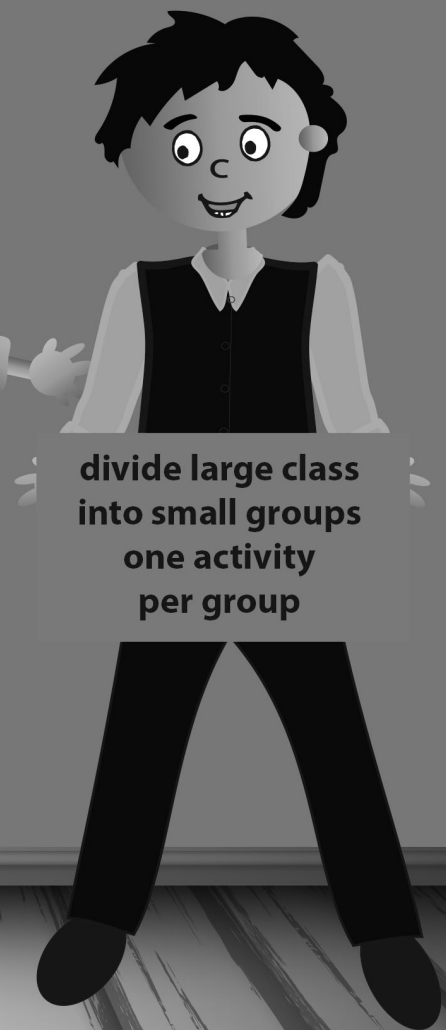
**Some teachers like to choose a few activities for the whole class to do as one group.**

**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!**

**Option 1**



**Option 2**



#### PART 4: TAKING IT HOME

Each session has its own take home sheet. Send these home with the parents so they can know what the children have learned in class and they can continue to grow their children's understanding at home.

