

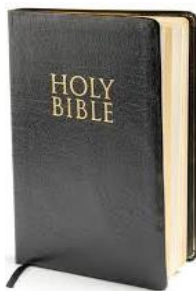


How and why do Christians read the Bible?

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Overview

The Bible is a special book to millions of Christians around the world. It is a collection of sacred texts or scriptures which are considered by Christians to be a product of divine inspiration and a record of the relationship between God and humans. In this unit, pupils will be looking at how and why the Bible is used and learning about the many versions and translations that there are. A traditional Protestant Bible contains 66 'books': 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. The Old Testament tells the story of the people of Israel and the first five books are known as the Pentateuch, also revered by Jews as their Holy Book, the Torah. The New Testament contains the Gospels, which are records of Jesus' life and ministry, and books about the spread of the Church after Jesus' death and resurrection.



Questions I wonder about the Bible:

Enquiry skills and concepts:

In this unit, the pupils will:

- **Analyse** - distinguish between opinion, belief and fact
- **Interpret** - draw meaning from music, works of art, poetry and symbolism; suggest meanings of religious texts
- **Evaluate** - debate issues of religious significance with reference to evidence and argument
- **Investigate** - ask relevant questions; know how to use different types of sources as a way of gathering information; know what may constitute evidence for understanding religions

Topic Vocabulary

New Testament: *the second part of the Christian Bible, recording the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and his earliest followers*

Old Testament: *the first part of the Christian Bible, comprising thirty-nine books, written between about 1200 and 100 BC*

Torah: *in Judaism, the law of God as revealed to Moses and recorded in the first five books of the Hebrew scriptures (the Pentateuch)*

translation: *the process of translating words or text from one language into another*

version: *a particular form of something, differing in certain respects from another forms of the same type of thing*

Word of God: *a manifestation of the mind and will of God; the sacred writings of the Christian religion*

Religious vocabulary

believe: *accept that something is true*

Bible: *the Christian Holy Book or Scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments*

Christian: *someone who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ*

Gospel: *good news; the record of Christ's life and teaching in the first four books of the New Testament*