



**Unit of work:**

Why is the Bible a special book for Christians?

**Year group:**

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**Prior learning:**

- Why Christmas is celebrated by Christians
- The Christian creation story
- Christians believe in God
- The Bible is a special book for Christians

**RE Skills to develop**

- I can retell a religious story using prompts and know that it is from a sacred text and is special to some people.
- I can recognise some religious symbols and words.
- I ask questions about belonging, meaning and truth and can express my own ideas and opinions in response.

**Knowledge/skills**

**What sorts of different books are in the Bible?**

There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. The Old Testament is in the front of the Bible and the New Testament is in the back of the Bible. While the Old and New Testaments both have this same overall subject matter, the main difference is that the Old Testament is looking to the future, "**Jesus is coming!**" However, in the New Testament, we find that throughout its pages, the theme is "**Jesus is here!**"

**What words of wisdom are in the Bible?**

- Never try to get back at someone who makes you cry.
- Worrying about what might happen is a waste of time.
- If you fight you will get hurt by fighting.
- You should love people you don't like and be good to those who are horrible to you.

**Why do Christians pray?**

Most Christians believe prayer deepens a person's faith. Praying can help the believer come to a greater understanding of God's purpose for their lives. Christians interpret the response they might get to their prayers in the following ways: God answers prayers, but not always in the way the person wants.

**Vocabulary and definitions**

Word	Definition
5 Fingers	<b>Christianity, Christian, Bible, Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, Church</b>
Jesus	Christians believe Jesus is God's Son, part of the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Messiah and The Saviour.
Sacred Text	The term used for when a book is special for people who follow a religion. May include words which originate from God.
Bible	The sacred text for Christians is called the Bible. It is the best selling book of all time. Lots of different authors, books, chapters and verses. Teaches Christians about God. Some of it is important for other religions too.
Testaments	The Bible is split into two parts called Testaments. The Old Testament and The New Testament.
Gospels	The first four books in the New Testament are called the Gospels. They were written by four of the Disciples, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These books tell you about the life of Jesus.
Wisdom	The words in sacred texts which help a believer to make the right decision using knowledge and experience.
Prayer	Words which are said in the mind or out loud as a way of communicating with God for believers. Thanks, help, praise, forgiveness.
Belief	When someone feels that something is certain, exists or is true but to others it may not be proven.

**Significant people**



**Artefacts and symbols**

