

Religious Education

Year: 3

Unit 4: Why is the Bible so important for Christians today?

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What I Should Already Know:

The Bible is a special book for Christians, and it has two parts: Old Testament and the New Testament.

The New Testament includes many stories from the founder of Christianity, Jesus.

Old Testament stories include key figures such as Noah, David and Goliath, Jonah, Jonathan and David

The New Testament stories include birth and death of Jesus, The Good Samaritan story, Jesus choosing his 12 disciples and Jesus' friendship with Zacchaeus.

The Christian creation story is in Genesis, the first book of the Bible. It shows Christians that God created the world from nothing and in 6 days, resting on the 7th day.

Subject Vocabulary:

Bible: The sacred book of the Christian religion consisting of the Old and New Testament.

New Testament: the first of the two main parts of the Christian Bible.

Old Testament: the second of the two main parts of the Christian Bible.

Christianity: A religion based on a belief in God and the life and teachings of Jesus.

Christian: Someone who believes in the teachings of Jesus and a follower of the religion of Christianity.

Jesus: A teacher and the founder of the Christian religion

Skills & Enquiry:

How Beliefs are expressed

The Bible

Examine holy texts and explore the expression of beliefs through this means of communication

Unit Specific Vocabulary:

Sacred: If something is sacred it is treated with respect, by members of the religion. A sacred item is important and so should not be interfered with or changed.

Scripture: writings sacred to a religious group.

Revelation: idea that God reveals himself to people.

Parables: is a simple story with a moral or a story told to teach a lesson.

Proverbs: Wise sayings recorded in the Bible.

Gospels: Four books in the New Testament that tells us about Jesus' life from birth up to his death and resurrection.

Prophecy: A message given by God, that is delivered to his people by a chosen person (a prophet).

Study: Christians study the Bible. This means they read and then think about it.

What I should know by the end of the Unit:

- The Bible is sacred book for Christians. It is not written by one author, but rather it is a collection of 66 different books within one volume.
- Many Christians believe the Bible is the 'inspired' word of God. Christians go to the Bible for guidance and help with everyday life.

