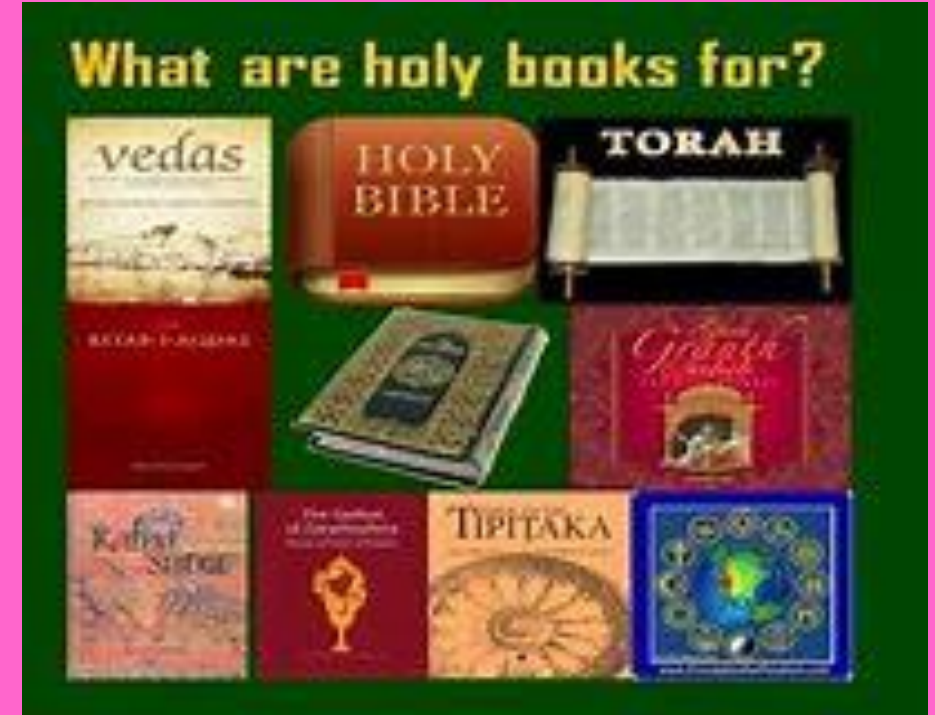


Why do religious teachings and stories matter?

Lesson 3 Christianity

What is the holy book for Christians?
How many books are in their holy book?

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Religious stories guide people how to live their lives.



The Bible is the Christian's Holy Book and has 66 books.

[Click here to watch the BBC video on the Holy Bible.](#)

Watch and listen carefully and see why the Bible is important to Christians.

The Bible is divided into 2 parts, the Old and the New Testament. The Old Testament tells of a time before Jesus and it follows the story of the Jews. Contained within the Old Testament there are many stories which contain messages which are meant to give people guidance about God wants them to live.



Old Testament

The story of the God's chosen people. The stories we read about their lives teach about God – how He treated them, how He taught them, rescued them, loved them and protected them.

New Testament

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- the story of Jesus' life

Other books
- story of first Christian churches

The New Testament is divided into four Gospels which tell the life story of Jesus. The importance of the Bible to Christians is that it tells them about Jesus' life and it also acts as a guide for them to live a moral life.

[Click on the link to listen to The Story of The Good Samaritan.](#)

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- Listen to the story of The Good Samaritan.
 - What is the message of this story?
 - The Good Samaritan is a parable.
 - Do you know what a parable is?
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- Click on the next slide to find out more.....



- A **parable** is a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.
- The message of the story is....to care for others. Being a good Samaritan means doing **something for someone else without wondering what that person will do for you in return.**
- Even though the Samaritans and Jews didn't often get along, the Samaritan showed the man kindness. He was a true neighbour to this stranger.

- Your TASK is to draw a picture of YOU doing something for someone else. It could be someone in your family or a neighbour. It could be a very simple act of kindness such as laying the table or saying thank you and being grateful.
- This links with your Kindness Calendar and Mr Parr's assembly.
- [Have you completed your Kindness calendar yet? Download a copy here.](#)

