

Year 2 – What can we learn from sacred books?

Religions and worldviews: Christians, Muslims, Jewish people

Key Questions

What stories are special to us? What is a holy book?
 What did Jesus teach about God in a story?
 What did Jesus say about how to treat others?
 How are holy books treated?
 What story is special for Jewish people in the Torah?
 Which story do Muslims tell about the Prophet Muhammad?
 What can be learnt from the story of Jonah? What is special about Jonah?
 What can people learn from sacred books?

By the end of the topic you will learn to:

- Recognise that sacred texts contain stories which are special to many people and should be treated with respect
- Re-tell stories from the Christian Bible and stories from another faith; suggest the meaning of these stories.
- Ask and suggest answers to questions arising from stories Jesus told and from another religion.
- Talk about issues of good and bad, right and wrong arising from the stories.

Key facts

Jesus was a storyteller and the stories he told are written down in the Bible.
 Jesus did teach lots of things and these are written down in Christians' holy book, the Bible.
 The Qur'an is written in Arabic.
 Christians often change the language of the Bible, while Muslims do not.
 Just like the Bible, the Torah is a holy book that has stories and teachings.
 'Torah' means 'teaching' and is thought of by many Jewish people as a precious gift from God.



Key Vocabulary

Holy Bible	The sacred book read by Christians.
parable	A simple story, which has a moral, told in the Bible.
Qur'an	The sacred book read by Muslims.
Sacred	Deserving to be respected and honoured.
Torah	The sacred text read by Jewish people.