



The Bible



INTRODUCTION

The Bible is a sacred book for Christians. It is treated with respect by those who use it. Christians believe that the words in the Bible are important and were revealed by God. This is known as revelation. Christians read the Bible because it contains rules and advice from God. They may talk to other Christians about what it means to them. Some Christians study the Bible. This means that they read and think about it in detail, to gain a better understanding of God.

KEY VOCABULARY

Christian	People who believe in God and follow the religion of Christianity
Bible	The holy book followed by Christians
Old Testament	The Old Testament contains stories and writings from before the birth of Jesus. The first five books of the Old Testament (the books of Moses) are also sacred texts to Jewish people.
New Testament	The New Testament is about the life and teachings of Jesus and his followers. The final book in the Bible is a prophecy about how Jesus will return one day.
Jewish Tenakh	The holy book followed by Jews
Muslim Qur'an	The holy book followed by Muslims
Four Gospels	Four books in the New Testament that tell us about Jesus' life, from his birth up to his death and resurrection.
Parable	A story told by Jesus, to teach a particular lesson.
Psalm	Poems and songs recorded in the Bible.
Proverb	Wise sayings recorded in the Bible
Sacred	Very holy and special



KEY CHRISTIAN FIGURES

God

Jesus – the son of God

Matthew – one of the four Gospel writers

Mark – one of the four Gospel writers

Luke – one of the four Gospel writers

John – one of the four Gospel writers

Moses – an important figure in the Old Testament



DID YOU KNOW ...?

The Bible has been translated into more than 600 languages.

The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years.

The Bible contains 66 books, written by around 40 authors.

