

R.E. Why is the Bible Important to Christians today?

Dear Parents / Carers,

You may like to do these activities with your child and discuss your own perspectives. We encourage freedom to speak about what we individually think or believe no matter what our personal religious beliefs might be. Please listen to your child's thoughts and ideas and let them justify their own thoughts for themselves.

Lesson 1 To identify the bible contains wise words

Task 1.

Chat about how you decide what matters most and what is the best way to live.

Next, cut out the 10 words below and order them from which matters most to which matters the least. Stick them on a new page and ask your child to justify what comes first and why, what is last and why and how they decided what came in between. Write the reasons alongside the order.

Care	Safety
Life	Family
Love	Cleverness
Trying hard	God
Friends	Yourself

Task 2

Can you match the book to the religion? Draw lines, using a ruler, between the book and the person of faith.

Book

Religious Person

Qu'ran

Christian

Torah

Hindu

Bible

Sikh

Guru Granth Sahib

Islam

Vedas

Jew

Task 3

Watch; <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/clips/z24wmp3>

Christians believe the Bible teaches about God, safety, love, life, friends and family. It is a source of wisdom for life.

Who or what words do you consider give you wisdom for life?

E.g. Bambi <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGt9jAkWie4&safe=active>

Design and produce a 'Wise Words for my life journey' page.

Example from last year's child below 'Love, Live and Journey On!' – it may be a saying in your family or just a general rule for life.



A few other suggestions:

Two wrongs never make it right!

Don't judge a book by its cover.

Forgive and forget!

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Lesson 2 To investigate the Bible and design a quiz

Task 1

Using the internet, choose a couple of your favourite books and write down their title then find out;

How many authors are there?

Who the author(s) is / are?

When was it first published?

How many languages is the book translated into?

How many copies of the book have been sold worldwide?

Having done this for your favourite books, now repeat the research for the bible and compare your findings! Complete the table below with the answers that you find out.

Question	Favourite Book 1 Title	Favourite Book 2 Title	The Bible
			The Bible
How many authors are there?			
Who the author(s) is / are?			
When was it first published?			
How many languages is the book translated into?			
How many copies of the book have been sold worldwide?			

Were there any surprises to what you researched?

Task 2

Watch;

<https://www.bbc.com/teach/class-clips-video/what-is-the-christian-holy-bible/zf4h382>

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2015/12/08/an-introduction-to-the-bible/>

Using these clips and

<https://biblehub.com/childrens/>

to design quiz questions and write the answers all about the Bible. You could use them on a family quiz night! If you have a bible or children's bible at home, you could also look at and use this too!

<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>

Lesson 3 Why is the Bible important to Christians today?

Task 1

Watch;

<https://request.org.uk/bible/introduction-to-the-bible/how-do-christians-use-the-bible/>

and use these quotes

'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.'

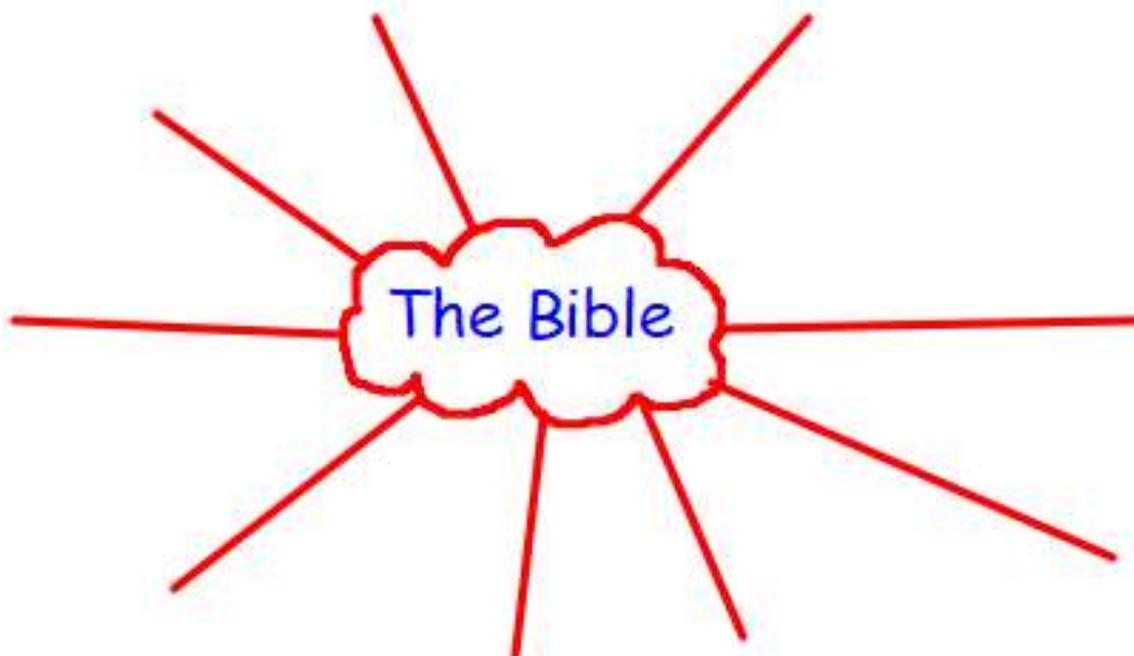
This statement is part of Paul's teaching to a young Christian leader called Timothy and can be found in 2 Timothy 3:16. Christians believe that this is a key passage in shaping how they see the Bible.

Christians read the Bible for guidance and encouragement because it speaks about every situation in life. They believe that it is 'God's Word' - God speaking to people.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119: 105)

It is viewed as the story of God from the beginning of time but is also considered to be a "Living Word".

To create a mind map of all the ways a Christian today uses the bible; You can add as many ideas as you can.



Task 3

Using the following quotes, explain in your own words why the Bible is so important to people still today.

"The Bible is inspired by God"

"The Bible teaches people some ways of feeling close to God"

"Everybody needs guidance in life, and the Bible is like a guide to life"