

Sheet 2 What is The Bible?

The Bible is a sacred and holy book for _____. It calls itself 'God's Word' - as though God is speaking, but through written rather than spoken words.

The Bible is divided into two main parts, The Old Testament and _____.

The Old Testament includes many different kinds of writing - history, law, poetry, proverbs and prophecy. They were mostly written in the Hebrew language, though a small portion is written in Aramaic.

The 27 books of the New Testament are holy to all Christians. They include four books of eyewitness accounts about _____ life (the "Gospels". Gospel means "good news").

The New Testament was first written in the language used throughout the Roman Empire _____.

Many Christians will spend time each day in a quiet place, _____, reading the Bible and thinking about what it says. Christian parents often read Bible stories to their children at bed time and pray with them. Many of these stories become great favourites - Jonah and the _____, _____ Ark, the Lost Sheep, the Good _____.

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

Within the New Testament the _____ describe 35 times when Jesus performed _____ and tell us these happened often. More than half these stories tell of Jesus healing the sick. Three times we read that he raised people from the _____ and the remaining stories show Jesus's _____ over things - changing water into wine, feeding a great crowd with very little food, walking on _____, calming a storm etc.

The miracles are important to the Bible story. They are there to explain what God is like - His love, priorities, purposes and power and to show what He wants people to do in response. Christians believe that the miracles of the _____ are recorded to show that _____ is at work in His world then and today, and to encourage people to believe in God for themselves.

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Bible water Jesus's praying Noah's Samaritan

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