

KS2 Unit 4, Lesson 4: What is the Bible?

Context: In this lesson, we are asking pupils to explore the Bible, how it talks about what God is like and his relationship with people and looks back at its roots in Judaism. How do Christians use the Bible? In what ways does it help them in daily life?

Overview:

- Christians believe that the Bible talks about what God is like and his relationship with people who believed in him.
- The Old Testament of the Bible is a holy book to both Jews and Christians and that Jesus was a Jew – Christianity has its roots in Judaism.

Essential core:

For Christians Bible is "God's word". For them it contains a message of Salvation, and reveals God's will for mankind - that people are created to live in loving relationship with one another and with God.

Resources: <http://request.org.uk/restart/2014/05/23/the-bible>

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

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2015/12/08/brother-loarne-and-the-bible>

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2013/12/10/the-parable-of-the-unforgiving-debtor>

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

Set of Children's Bibles for pupils - e.g. Good News or New Living Bible, The Lion Children's Bible. Paired reading; adult reading to a group.

Vocabulary:

Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, God's Word, parable.

INTRODUCTION:

What is the Bible?

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This video starts with some similar material, but the children go on to tell when and why they read the Bible and ways in which it helps them.

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Should you have Catholic Children in your class you might also want to show this short video.

<http://request.org.uk/restart/2015/12/08/brother-loarne-and-the-bible>

MAIN PART:

How does the Bible "speak" to people today? This is a story that Jesus told. What is it saying about how people should treat one another? Does this story "say" something to everyone, or is it only for Christians?

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Where and when do Christians read the Bible?

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

Differentiation: Children's Bibles for pupils who would find the standard text difficult to access - e.g. Good News, New Living Bible, The Lion Children's Bible. Paired reading; adult reading to a group.

PLENARY & FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

When and why do Christians read the Bible? Why is it important to them to let it guide them in the things that they do? What does the Bible mean when it says that it is "God's word"?