

Holy Books

RE Y3: The Holy Books of Christianity and Judaism

Key Questions:

Why are holy books important to different religions?

What is the bible and why is it special?

What is the Torah and why is it special?

Links to prior learning:

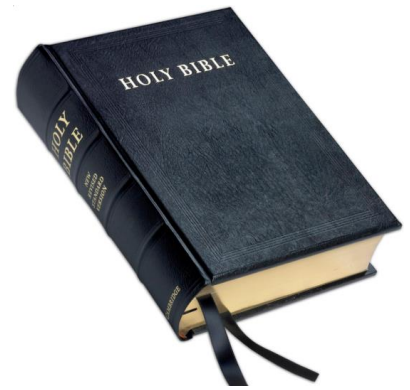
Judaism and Hanukka (Y1, Y3 and Y6)

Christianity (Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y6)

Links to other subjects:

Personal Development – family differences and respecting others.

The Bible



The Bible is so important to Christians because they believe that it transmits God's ideas to human beings.

The Bible has two sections – the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is the sacred scriptures of the Jewish faith. The New Testament is the story of Jesus.

Passages of the Bible are read in a church.

The Torah



The Torah is the first part of the Jewish holy book. It is the central and most important document of Judaism and has been used by Jews through the ages.

The Torah refers to the five books of Moses.

The Torah is a scroll which is read using a yad – a pointer shaped like a hand. Passages of it may be read in services in a synagogue.