



**Year 7**



**Biblical Literacy 1**


**Knowledge Organiser & Homework Booklet**

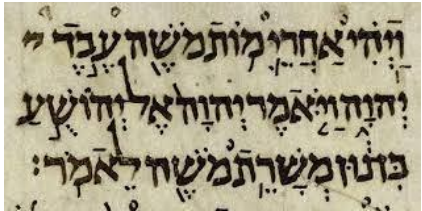

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## Knowledge Organiser



The Importance of the Bible for Christians		Key Vocabulary
<p>Christians refer to the Bible as the word of God.</p> <p>-Some take the words in the Bible as God's actual words, whilst others consider the Bible as the words of those inspired by God.</p> <p>-Likewise, some Christians take every word in the Bible as though they are literally true, whilst others think that parts are figurative (not meant to be taken literally, but make a point). Whatever their outlook, all Christians agree that the Bible inspires and educates them in how they should live their lives.</p>		<p>Christianity</p> <p>Bible</p> <p>Jesus</p> <p>Sacred</p> <p>Testament</p> <p>Gospels</p> <p>Apostle</p> <p>Literal</p> <p>Figurative</p> <p>Anglican</p> <p>Catholic</p> <p>Creation</p> <p>Genesis</p>
 <p><b>Anglican Churches</b></p> <p>In Anglican Churches, the Bible is placed on a lectern. The lectern is often shaped like an eagle – just as eagle soars and inspires, the Bible inspires people as it is read from the lectern to those in the church.</p>	 <p><b>Catholic Churches</b></p> <p>In Roman Catholic churches, the Bible is carried in procession (a ritual of a group of people moving forwards together) before it is read. This helps to show the respect that is held for the Bible and its words.</p>	

Overview	
<p>-The Bible is the holy book of Christianity. It is not written by one author, but rather is a collection of 66 different books within one volume.</p> <p>-The Bible is divided into two parts: The Old Testament (which contains 39 books) and The New Testament (with 27 books).</p> <p>-The Old Testament has the same content as the Jewish Tenakh. It mainly discusses creation and God's early relationship with the Jews.</p> <p>-The New Testament mainly covers the life of Jesus, his followers, and early Christian communities.</p>	

<p>-The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew and tells the early history of the Jewish people.</p> <p>-It starts with the beginning of the universe and ends with the prophets that were God's messengers that predicted the coming of Jesus.</p> <p>-It is made up of many different parts including, the law, the prophets, songs, prophecies, stories and history.</p>	 
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## Content of the Bible

### The Old Testament



-The Old Testament is made up of several sections:

-Law is the first five books (Genesis to Deuteronomy). These are not 'laws' in the modern sense, but stories and ideas about how life should be lived.

-History contains the books of Joshua to Esther. This has twelve books which look at the history of the land of Israel.

-Wisdom is the book of Job to the Song of Songs. The Wisdom section contains 'intelligent' ideas about how life should be lived.

-Prophets contains the books of Isaiah to Malakai, and contains information about inspired preachers and teachers of God.

### The New Testament

-The New Testament contains the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. These contain the main records of the life & teachings of Jesus.



-The New Testament also contains that Acts of the Apostles, which were also written by Luke. This tells of how the actions of Jesus' followers after his death and resurrection led to the formation of the Christian Church.

-Finally, it contains the 21 Epistles (letters) written by Paul and the Book of Revelation, written by St. John the Divine. This discusses the end of the world.

## The Creation Story

This is the sequence of events from the creation story at the beginning of Genesis 1:

First Day: God made day and night.

Second Day: God made the sky, oceans & land.

Third Day: God made all kinds of plants.

Fourth Day: God made the Sun and the Moon.

Fifth Day: God made water & sky creatures.

Sixth Day: God created the other animals. He made humans to rule over the Earth.

Seventh Day: God finished his work and rested. He blessed the Seventh Day as a special day.



### Big Questions:

- What is the Bible and how do I use it?
- What is unique about Christian beliefs on creation?
- Why do Christians believe humans are special?
- How did humans fall out with God?
- What is the message of the story of Cain and Abel for Christians?
- How did God reward and punish those in the Old Testament?
- How did being willing to kill his son lead to Abraham being rewarded by God?
- How do Christians believe they can fix this broken relationship with God?



Homework 1 due in:

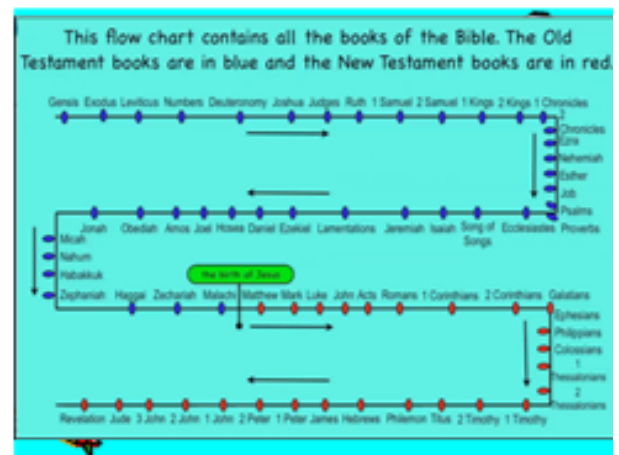
Read the following passage and make notes of the key points in the bullet-points below the text. You will be quizzed testing your knowledge of this text in your next lesson.

**What do we know about the Bible?**

The BIBLE is the holy book for Christians. The contents of the Bible are often referred to as SCRIPTURE - which means sacred writings. The word Bible comes from the Greek word for book.

Books of the Bible

There are 66 books in the Bible. Some of the books are history books – they tell the history of the Jewish people up until Jesus’ birth. Some are prophecy books. Some are law books – especially the first 5 books of the Bible. Some are poetry or letters.



The Bible is a collection of books, which have been put together. It can be divided into two sections.

These are called the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is more or less the same as the Jewish Scriptures. Jesus was a Jew, so were all his followers, and some of the beliefs of Jews and Christians are very similar.

The New Testament contains stories about the life of Jesus, and other writings from the early days of Christianity.

The OLD TESTAMENT which contains stories, laws, songs, prophecies and history. This part contains 39 books and it prepares the world for Jesus. The second part of the Bible is called the NEW TESTAMENT and this contains the stories about the life of Jesus and all teachings and letters from after Jesus was alive. The first four books of the New Testament are called the GOSPELS which means good news and these are about the life of Jesus.

Key Points:

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Knowledge Quiz:

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Homework 2 due in:

Study the following text and make notes of the key points in the bullet-points below the text. You will be quizzed testing your knowledge of this text in your next lesson.

What do Christians believe about the creation of the world?

## The Creation Story of Genesis



In the **Genesis 1** creation story, the Bible says that God created everything and that the earth had no form with darkness everywhere. Then God said, 'let there be light', and all of a sudden, light appeared.

Finally, God created the first man and the first woman and named them Adam and Eve. The Bible says that they were created in the image of God which meant that they would have a special relationship with God.



On the **second day** of creation, the sky and clouds were made. Then the trees, grass and flowers were created on the **third day** to make a beautiful place.



God gave Adam and Eve an important job to do. They were asked to look after the beautiful **Garden of Eden** and to name and care for all of the animals. This shows that God wanted humans to care for his creation because we depend on it. At the same time we should celebrate creation and enjoy it because it is a gift from God.



In order to help to mark the seasons and to provide light to God's creation, the sun, moon and stars were created on the **fourth day**.



On the **fifth day** the waters were filled with living things and the skies were filled with birds.



Finally once all of creation was complete, it was the seventh day. On this day, God looked at his creation and was very pleased. He said that his creation was good. Seeing such a beautiful world, God's work was complete and so he rested.



Finally on the **sixth day**, God makes all of the animals of the earth. One thing was still missing though....

# BEAUTIFUL WORLD

On Day 6 when God creates Adam and Eve, it says that they are created in the image of God. Explain below what you think this means:

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### Knowledge Quiz:

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