

Christianity and the Bible					
What should I already know?		• Christians believe that Jesus was the son of God. • Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. • Jesus died on the cross at the hands of the Romans. • Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection with Easter.			
Images	A Bible	Altar	The Gospels	Parables	Church
					
Vocabulary	sacred	Very holy and special	Quick facts 	A sacred text – The Bible is a sacred book for Christians. It is treated with respect by those who use it. Christians believe that the words in the Bible were revealed by God. This is known as revelation. The Bible has been translated into 600 languages.	
	Christians	People who follow the religion of Christianity		When was the Bible written? The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years. It contains 66 books written by around 40 different authors. The authors of the Bible were inspired by God to write their ideas down. It is split into two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament.	
	Bible	The holy book followed by Christians		The Old Testament – This contains stories and writings from BEFORE the birth of Jesus. The first 5 books of the Old Testament (the books of Moses) are also sacred texts.	
	revelation	The Christian belief that God reveals himself to people through words or actions		The New Testament – This is about the life and teachings of Jesus and his followers. The final book in the Bible is a prophecy about how Jesus will return one day.	
	Jewish	People who follow the religion of Judaism		What's in the Bible? The Bible contains lots of different types of texts: psalms, proverbs, letters, laws, histories, prophecies, and parables.	
	church	Where people come to worship God and to take part in church events		The Gospels – The four Gospel writers are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Different versions of the same stories can be found in the Gospels.	
	parables	Wise sayings recorded in the Bible		Parables – When Jesus wanted to teach a particular lesson to a crowd of people, he would tell them parables. Jesus told parables so people could remember and understand what he had taught them.	
	Gospels	Four books in the New Testament that tell us about Jesus' life from his birth up until his death and resurrection.		How do Christians use the Bible? Christians read the Bible because it contains rules and advice from God.. Some Christians study the Bible. This means that they can read and think about it in detail, to gain a better understanding of God.	