

Key Vocabulary

Sacred:	Regarded with great respect and reverence by a particular religion, group, or individual.
Parable:	A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.
Sermon:	A talk on a religious or moral subject, especially one given during a church service and based on a passage from the Bible.
Neighbours:	Those that live next to or near us.
Samaritan:	A charitable or helpful person



Year 2: Christianity

The Bible

The Bible is a sacred holy book and Christians believe it should be respected and cared for. It is the biggest selling book in the world! Christians believe that the Bible teaches people how to live a good Christian life. The Bible is so important for Christians that many versions are made so that everyone can read it. The first part of the bible is the Old Testament and the second part is the New Testament.



Parables

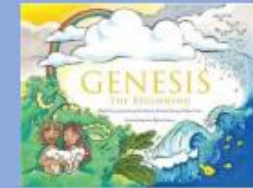
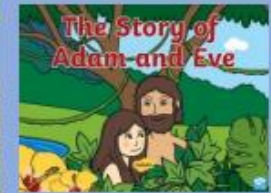
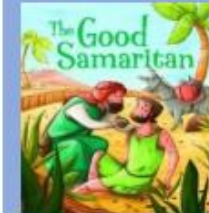
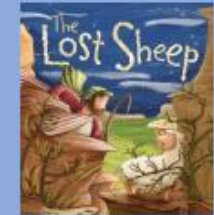
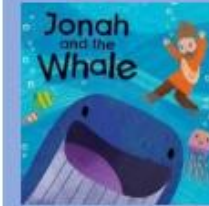
Jesus was a storyteller and that the stories he told are written down in the Bible. The Bible has special types of stories called 'parables'. Parables are stories that Jesus told to help people learn something or understand ideas. Parables sometimes have hidden meanings. They might seem to be saying one thing, but they are really teaching about something else. For example: The Lost Sheep.

Jesus the teacher

Lots of people wanted to hear Jesus teach, so large crowds followed him. When he saw the crowds, he went onto a mountainside and sat down and he began to teach. Some of the things that he taught were:

- Do not be angry, make up quickly and forgive each other.
- If somebody is nasty to you, don't be nasty back. Be kind instead.
- Love everybody. Even love people who do not love you.
- Treat others the way that you would like to be treated.

Bible stories



Golden Rule

There is one rule that both non-religious people and religious people share; some say it is the most important rule

'Treat other people as you would like them to treat you.'

The Golden Rule:

Do Unto Others as You Would Have Them Do Unto You.

What would life be like if all people followed this rule?

Key Vocabulary

Tzedakah	Jewish act of giving to charity.
Torah	The first five books of the Jewish Bible.
Hebrew	The language the Torah is written in.
Chanukiah	The nine branch candelabrum used on Hanukkah.
Shamash	The candle used to light all the others.
Siddur	Jewish prayer book.
Kippah	A skullcap worn by Orthodox Jewish men.
Mezuzah	A mezuzah is a piece of parchment contained in a decorative case attached to door posts of Jewish homes.
Shema	Jewish prayer written on scroll inside mezuzah.

Shabbat

Shabbat is the seventh day of the week and is celebrated every week. It begins at sunset on Friday and lasts until nightfall on Saturday. Jewish people have a special meal on the Friday and attend a special service on Saturday at the synagogue. Jewish people remember how God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh day.



Challah bread is eaten.



Blessings are said over wine, spices and candles.

Year 2 Judaism

Precious objects

Things you may see in a Jewish home:



Mezuzah



Chanukiah

A nine-branched candelabrum lit during the eight-day holiday of Hanukkah.

Star of David
Symbol of modern Jewish identity and Judaism.



Seder plate

A special plate containing symbolic food eaten at the Passover Seder.



Passover

Passover is celebrated by Jewish people, who remember how the Israelite people were freed from slavery by Moses over 3000 years ago. Passover is celebrated for seven or eight days. On the evening before Passover begins, there is a special service called a Seder. At the Seder meal there is a special Seder plate on the table.

Salt water = A symbol of the sweat and tears shed during slavery



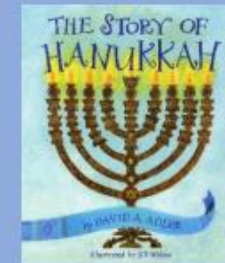
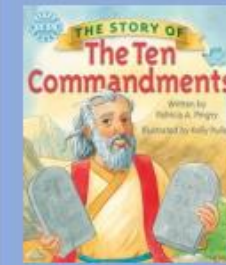
Maror = A symbol of the bitterness of slavery



Cushion = A symbol of the sweat and tears shed during slavery



Stories



Hanukkah

Hanukkah or Chanukah is the Jewish festival of light. The festival reminds Jews of when a Syrian king tried to make the Jewish people worship Greek gods. A group of Jews called the Maccabees rebelled. After a three year war the Maccabees recaptured Jerusalem. They repaired the temple which had been ruined and rededicated it to God by lighting a lamp. The Jews only had enough oil to light the lamp for one day but, miraculously, it stayed alight for eight days.



A Hanukkah is lit by Jewish people.

Dreidel is played.



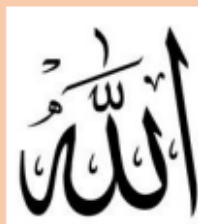
Latkes are eaten.

Key Vocabulary	
Allah	Muslim (Arabic) word for God.
Zakat	Payment made annually under Islamic law on certain kinds of property and used for charitable and religious purposes, one of the Five Pillars of Islam.
Prophet	A person regarded as an inspired teacher or proclaimer of the will of God.
Mosque	A Muslim place of worship.
Qur'an	The Qur'an is the central religious text of Islam.
Fasting	Means that Muslims do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset.

Year 2: Islam

Allah

Muslims believe there is no God but Allah. He does not look like anyone and there is nothing that looks like Allah. He created everything and he does not look like any of the creatures he created. Allah is unique.



99 Names of Allah

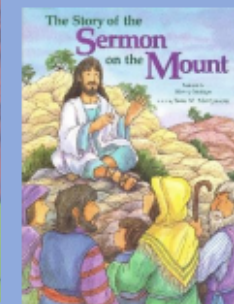
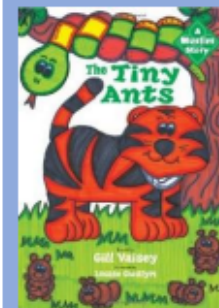
Muslims have 99 names to describe Allah because God is all things to them. To help them remember all the names Muslims may use a Subha when praying. These beads are counted one by one and a name of Allah is recited. Some of the names are: forgiver, light, the source of peace, the creator, the guardian, the generous and the truth.



Subha

Bible stories

Prophet Muhammad and the cat.



Ramadan

Ramadan is in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. Muslims try to give up bad habits during Ramadan. Muslims pray, read the Qur'an and fast from sunrise to sunset.



Celebrations

Eid al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr is the festival at the end of Ramadan. There are special services in the Mosque where Muslims dress in their best clothes. Muslims have a special meal with their families.



Prophet Muhammad

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has over 1.5 billion followers who respect him, all over the world. More than 1400 years ago he taught all Muslim people how to follow God. He is so special that when Muslims talk about him, when they say his name they say 'Peace be upon him'. And when they write his name they put the letters 'PBUH' after his name.

