



### The Bible

The Bible contains laws for living according to God's rules and advice for living well.

Christians believe the Bible is the Word of God. It is their sacred text. It is split into two sections (testaments): The Old Testament, which teaches about the period before Jesus was born, and the New Testament, which tells the story of Jesus and the early church.



## *Holy Texts*

Christianity and Islam both have holy texts containing rules and stories, which help the followers of these religions live their lives. These are called the Bible and the Qur'an.



### The Bible and chronology

Many dates in Ancient History are considered according to whether they were before or after Jesus' lifetime. For example, the Ancient Greeks began in approximately 1600 BC (before Christ). This means that the Ancient Greek period began 1600 years BEFORE Jesus was born. Whereas the current year is 2023 AD (after death). This means it has been 2023 years since Christians believe Jesus died.

The Bible tells the story of God's relationship with the masterpiece of his creation – people. The Bible says that its words are 'God-breathed'.

### Key vocabulary:

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| • Islam    | • Christianity |
| • Muslim   | • Christian    |
| • Mosque   | • Church       |
| • Qur'an   | • Bible        |
| • Hafiz    | • Testament    |
| • Allah    | • Jesus        |
| • Mohammed | • Disciple     |
| • Prophet  | • Verse        |
| • Arabic   | • Chapter      |

### The Qur'an

The Qur'an is an essential part of everyday life for a Muslim, both at home and at the Mosque. During daily prayers, times of illness and unhappiness the Qur'an is read and recited.



The Qur'an tells people to dress modestly. Many Muslim women wear long clothing and veils over their heads to cover as much of their body as possible. It says that men and boys should not wear silk or gold jewellery.

### Hafiz

There are some Muslims who are called the Hafiz and they learn parts of the Qur'an by heart to recite to others. Many Muslims do this today as a way of praise to Allah. Hafiz are highly regarded and respected.

