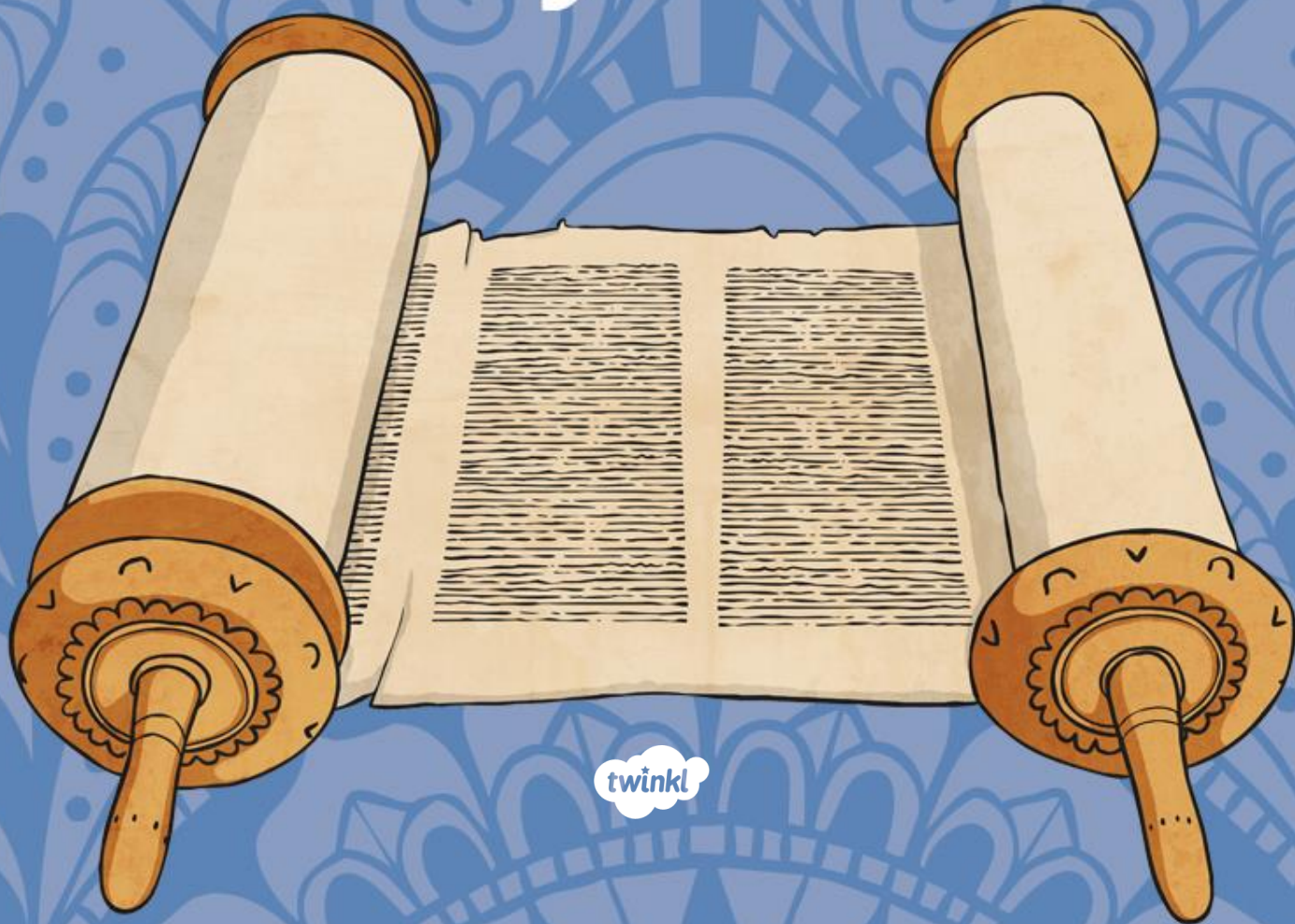


Holy Book



What books are special to you?

Tell your family what books are special to you and why are they special?





Holy Books

What are holy books?

Which holy books do you know of?

Why are they important to followers of the different religions?

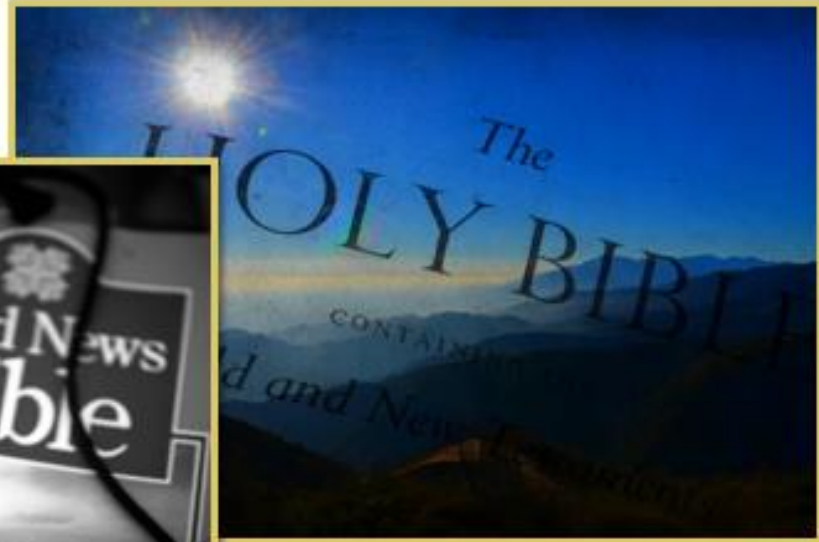
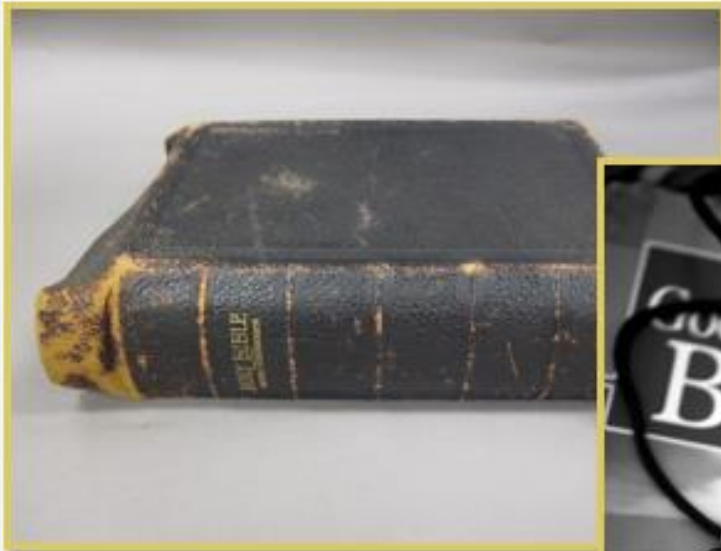


Bible Christianity



What is a Bible?

The Bible is the biggest selling book in the world!
Bibles come in all different shapes and sizes and it is translated into 400 different languages too.



The Bible

Christians believe that the Bible teaches people how to live a good Christian life.

The Ten Commandments in the Old Testament are rules which Christians try to follow.

1. Love God more than all others.
2. Don't make anything more important than God.
3. Always use God's name with love respect.
4. Rest on a Sunday.
5. Love and respect your parents.
6. Never hurt others.
7. Be faithful to your husband or wife.
8. Don't steal.
9. Always tell the truth.
10. Be happy with what you have.

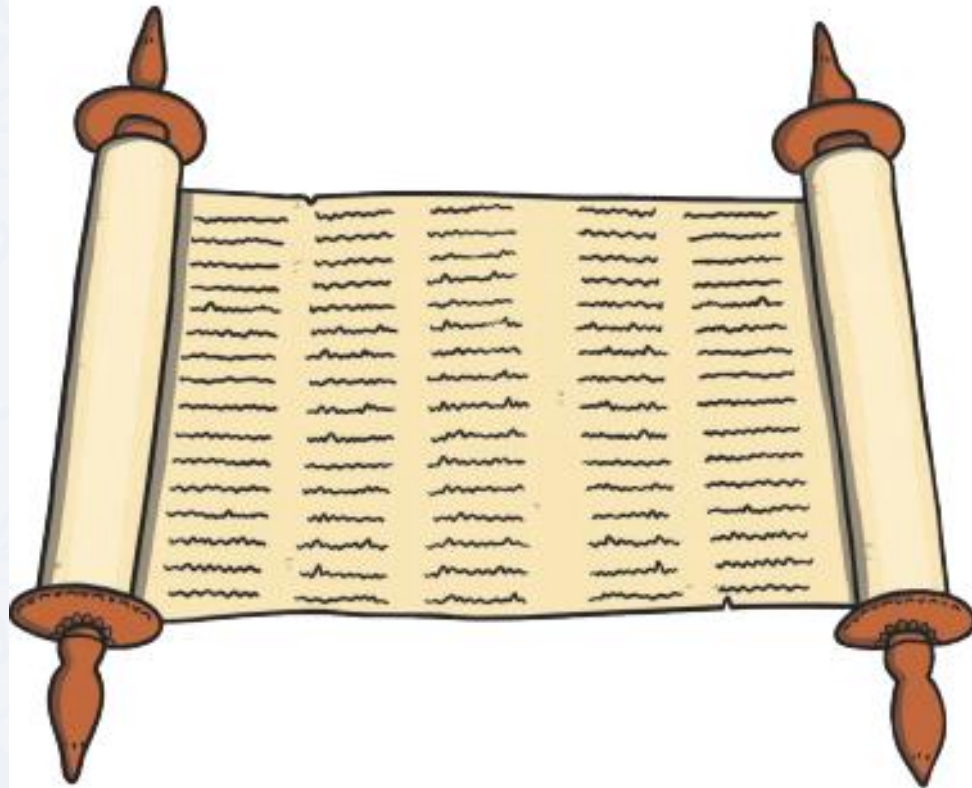


Your task

Write a set of rules which you believe would help to make the world a better place.

Torah

Judaism



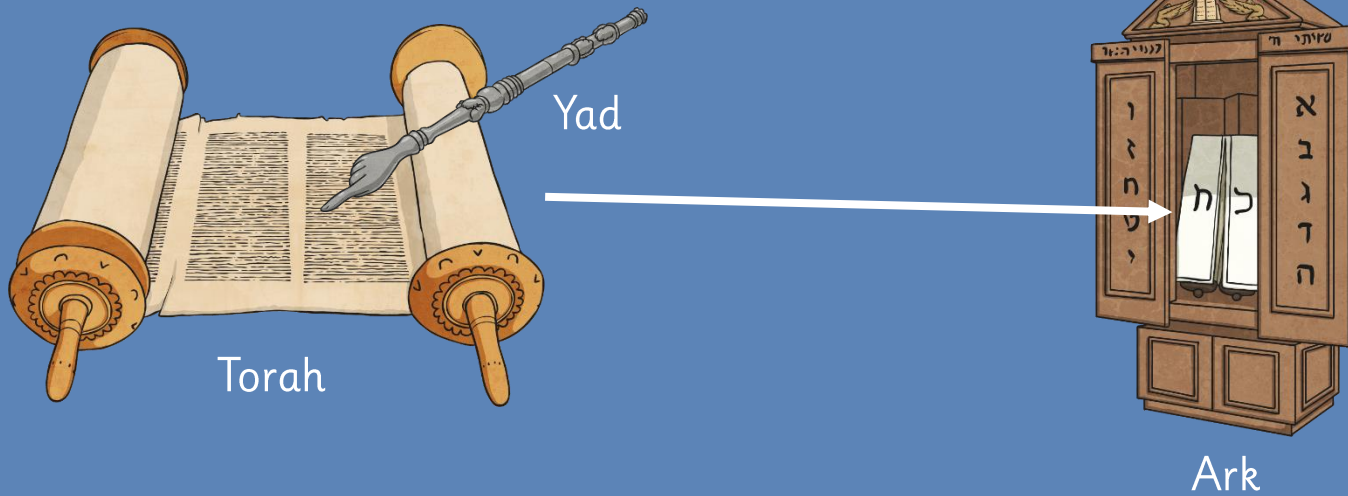
Torah



The Torah is the most holy Jewish book. It contains the five books of Moses, the laws for Jews (including the Ten Commandments) and ancient stories.

The Torah is stored inside the Ark of the Covenant in the Synagogue and no one is allowed to touch it, so a Yad is used to read it.

Why do you think people shouldn't touch the Torah themselves?



Torah



The Torah is written in a language called Hebrew. Hebrew is read from right to left. How do we usually read at school?

Here is an example of the Hebrew alphabet:

י ט ח ז ו ה ד ג ב א

Yod (Y) Tet (T) Chet (Ch) Zayin (Z) Vav (V) He (H) Dalet (D) Gimel (G) Bet (B/V) Alef (silent)

ע ס נ נ מ מ ל ד כ

Alef (silent) Samech (S) Nun (N) Nun (N) Mem (M) Mem (M) Lamed (L) Khaf (Kh) Kaf (K/Kh)

ת ש ר ק ז צ פ פ

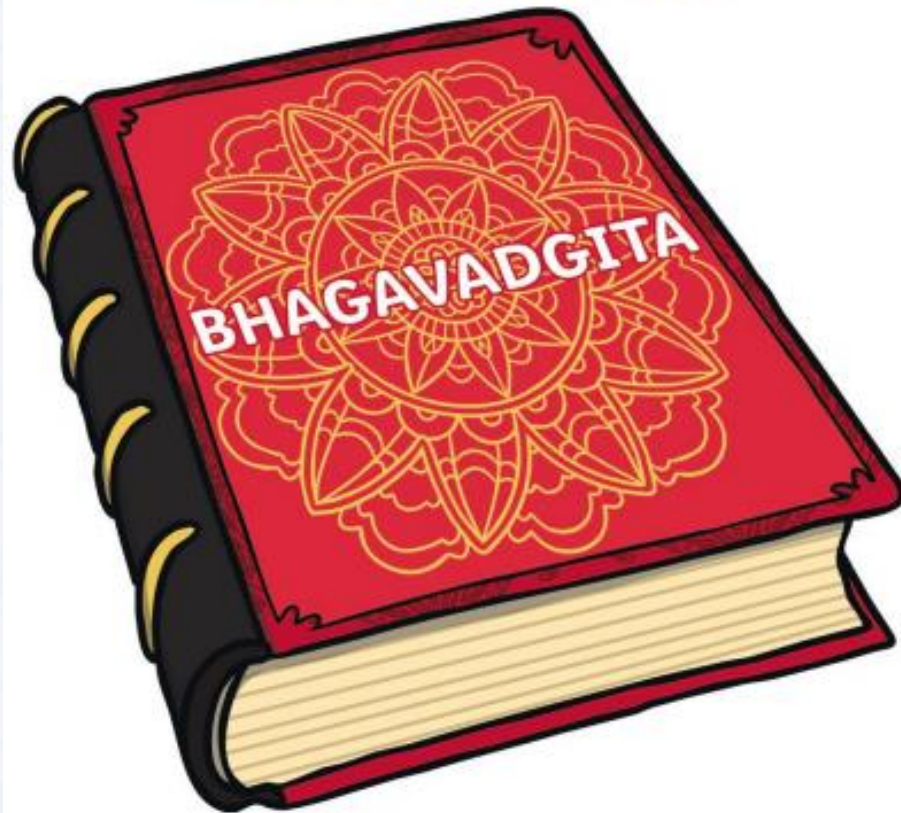
Kaf (K/Kh) Shin (Sh/S) Resh (R) Qof (Q) Tsadeh (Ts) Tsadeh (Ts) Feh (F) Peh (P/F)

Torah

- Can you have a go at writing some letters in Hebrew?

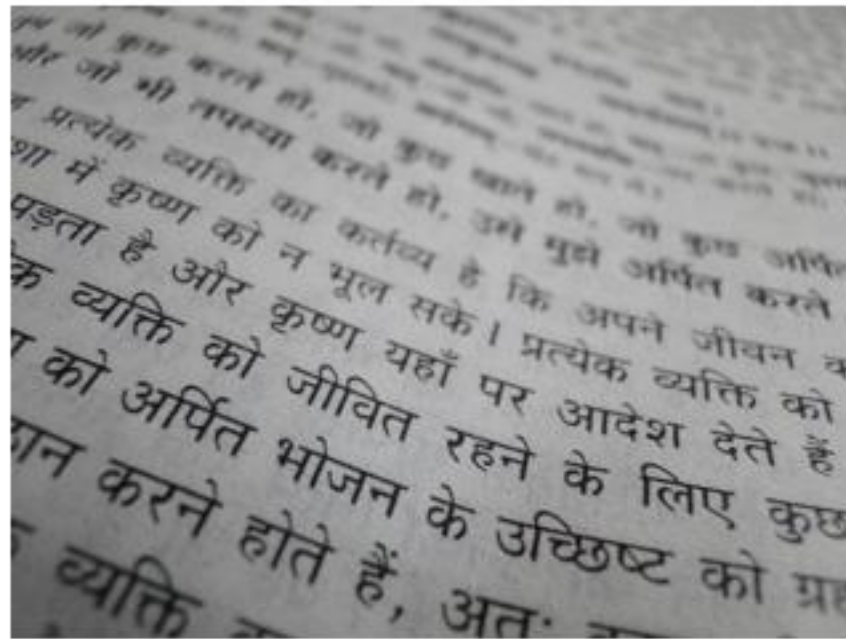
Gita

Hinduism



Hinduism

The Bhagavad-Gita is a sacred Hindu text representing philosophy and view of life. It is part of a long poem. Although it was written in Sanskrit, it can be translated into English. Hindus believe this is the word of God.



Hindu stories

A common theme in Hindu stories is good overcoming evil.

Hindus believe that there is good and bad in everything and when evil becomes too powerful good has to overcome it.

Can you think of any other stories with this theme?

Qur'an

Islam



What is the Qur'an?

The Qur'an is the holy book for Muslims and is written in Arabic.

Muslims believe it is the perfect word of God.



What is the Qur'an?

Muslims show respect for the Qur'an by washing their hands before touching it. When not being used, the Qur'an is often wrapped up in a special cloth and kept on a high shelf to show respect.

It must never touch the floor and is placed on a special stand when being read. Many Muslims around the world learn the Qur'an off by heart!



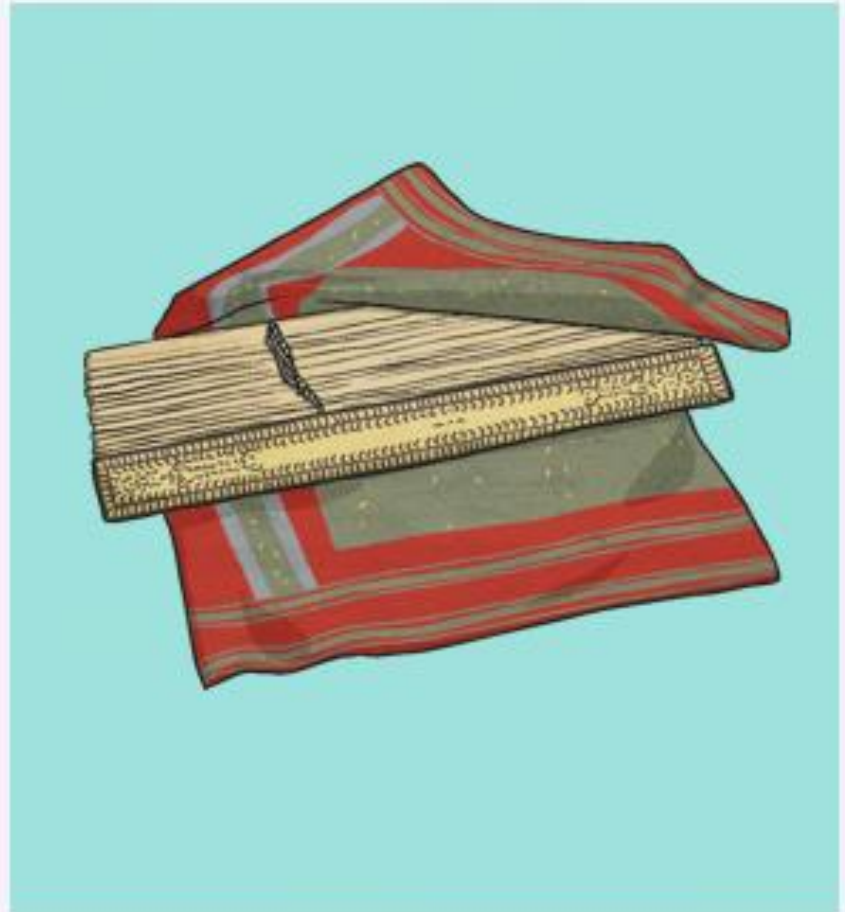
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Tripitaka Buddhism



Tripitaka

- The Buddha's teachings are called the Pali Canon and the Sanskrit Canon.
- They are called this because Pali and Sanskrit are the ancient languages in which they were first written and 'canon' means collection of writings.
- The Pali Canon were the first collection to be written down. It is also called the Tripitaka, which means three baskets.



To finish off....

- **Can you think of a book that is special to you? It can be a religious or non-religious book.**
- Get a piece of paper and fold it into a book.
- On the front cover draw the cover of your special book.
- On the inside write why it is special to you.
- Once you have completed your book think about how it should be treated and where it should be kept.

