

Year 4 Religious Education: Exploring Sacred Texts

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the importance, contents, and influence of sacred texts across different world religions.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of sacred texts to provide clear, detailed answers. Ensure you use the provided word bank where appropriate.

Sacred texts are more than just books; they are collections of stories, laws, and wisdom that have been passed down through generations. For many, these texts offer a connection to the divine, providing a moral compass for everyday life and a source of comfort during difficult times. Whether they are read in a temple, a church, a mosque, or a synagogue, these words help people understand their faith and how to treat others with kindness and respect.

Word bank: revelation · tradition · guidance · scripture · sacred · moral · interpretation · community

1. Define what is meant by the term 'sacred text'. Why are these books considered special by believers? (2 marks)

2. Identify two different religions and name the primary sacred text associated with each. (2 marks)

3. Explain why many sacred texts include stories or parables. What is the purpose of these stories for a reader? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast how sacred texts are treated in different places of worship. What actions do believers take to show respect for these books? (4 marks)

5. Max the monkey has found a book of wisdom. He says, 'This book is just paper and ink, so it cannot change how someone acts.' Justify why a believer might disagree with Max's statement. (4 marks)

6. Explain why it is important for religious communities to study their sacred texts together rather than just reading them alone. (2 marks)

7. Extended Writing: Imagine you are writing a sacred text for a future generation. What values or 'golden rules' would you include to ensure people live in harmony? Explain why you chose these specific values. (5 marks) (5 marks)

8. What might happen if a community lost their sacred texts? Discuss the potential impact on their traditions and identity. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing how a sacred text is kept or presented in a place of worship. Include details that show the care and respect given to the book, such as a special cover, a stand, or the setting around it.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Research a specific moral teaching found in a sacred text. Write a short reflection on how this teaching could be applied to a modern school environment to improve friendships and cooperation.