

Sacred Texts: Understanding Holy Wisdom

Learning objective: To identify key sacred texts from world religions and understand their significance to believers.

Ellie the Elephant has been visiting libraries around the world! She has collected a list of sacred texts and their origins. Match the sacred text to the correct religion and then complete the table by describing why these texts are important to the people who follow them.

Word bank: Bible · Torah · Qur'an · Guru Granth Sahib · Vedas · Christianity · Judaism · Islam · Sikhism · Hinduism

1. Draw a line to match the text to its religion: 1. Bible (Christianity), 2. Torah (Judaism), 3. Qur'an (Islam), 4. Guru Granth Sahib (Sikhism), 5. Vedas (Hinduism). (5 marks)

2. Why do you think believers treat their sacred texts with such great care and respect? (2 marks)

3. In the Islamic faith, the Qur'an is written in Arabic. Why is the language of a sacred text important to its followers? (2 marks)

4. Ellie explains that the Guru Granth Sahib is treated like a living human teacher in a Gurdwara. What does this tell us about the status of the book? (2 marks)

5. Choose one sacred text. Write down one piece of 'wisdom' or a 'golden rule' you think might be found within it (e.g., being kind to others). (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a special book cover. Decorate it with patterns or symbols that represent the values held by a religion, such as peace, light, or community.



Extension challenge: Research a 'story' or 'parable' from one of these texts. Write a short paragraph explaining what lesson or moral the story teaches to children today.