

Grade 4 Religious Education Assessment: Sacred Texts

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the importance, origins, and influence of sacred texts within religious traditions.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where required. Ensure your handwriting is clear. You have 45 minutes to complete this assessment.

Sacred texts are more than just books; for millions of people around the world, they are considered to be the inspired word of the divine. Whether it is the Torah, the Bible, the Qur'an, the Guru Granth Sahib, or the Vedas, these texts act as a compass for daily life. They contain stories of the past, laws for the present, and hope for the future. Different religions treat their sacred texts with great respect, often keeping them in special places, using covers to protect them, or washing their hands before touching the pages.

Word bank: Scripture · Revelation · Interpretation · Prophet · Tradition · Authority · Manuscript · Guidance

1. Name two examples of sacred texts mentioned in the passage and identify the religion each belongs to. (2 marks)

2. Explain why many religious communities treat their sacred texts with such high levels of respect and physical care. (3 marks)

3. What do we mean when we describe a text as 'sacred'? Give one reason why these texts are important to believers today. (3 marks)

4. Max the monkey is confused. He thinks all sacred texts are just history books. How would you explain to him the difference between a historical account and a sacred text? (4 marks)

5. Describe how a sacred text might influence the daily life and choices of a believer. (4 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: Choose one sacred text you have studied this term. Write a paragraph explaining its origins and why it is considered the 'authority' for those who follow that faith. (5 marks) (5 marks)

7. Why might different people interpret the same story from a sacred text in different ways? (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a special place where a sacred text might be kept in a place of worship, showing how it is protected and honoured.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Think of a 'non-religious' book that gives you personal guidance or rules for life. Write two sentences explaining how it is similar to or different from a sacred text.