

Exploring Sacred Texts: A Window into Belief

Learning objective: To understand that sacred texts are special books that contain stories, teachings, and guidance for people of faith, and to identify how they are treated with respect.

Use the drawing area below to create a scene showing how a sacred text might be kept or studied. Think about the respect shown to these books in different traditions. Use your labels from the word bank to explain the features in your drawing.

Draw: Draw a peaceful, respectful setting where a sacred text is being studied. Include a wooden reading desk (rehal) or a silk cloth cover to demonstrate how the book is protected. Use warm colors to create an atmosphere of wisdom. Include Ellie the elephant in the corner, looking at the book with a thoughtful expression, as she loves learning about the history of stories.



Label words: Sacred Text · Respect · Guidance · Special Cover · Reading Desk · Community

Steps:

1. Why do you think believers choose to keep sacred texts in special covers or on a raised desk? Explain your reasoning.
2. Step 1: Draw a large, open book in the center of your page. Add beautiful patterns to the edges of the pages.

3. Step 2: Draw a 'reading desk' underneath the book to show that it is being held with care.
4. Label the [Sacred Text] in your drawing and draw an arrow to show where someone might read from.
5. List two ways that someone might show 'respect' to a sacred text.