Class 3 Religious Education: Understanding Sacred Texts

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and explain the importance of sacred texts in different religions.

Read each question carefully and answer in full sentences where possible. Use the word bank to help you with your spelling.

In many religions, people believe that certain books contain important messages from God or holy teachings. These books are called sacred texts. People treat these books with great care and respect because they provide guidance on how to live a good life. Whether it is a scroll, a printed book, or a collection of writings, these texts are central to how believers pray, learn, and celebrate their faith.

Word bank: Sacred · Scripture · Torah · Bible · Qur'an · Guru Granth Sahib · Respect · Guidance · Message · Holy

1. What do we call the special books that contain important religious teachings? (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. Name two examples of sacred texts from different religions. (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Why do believers treat sacred texts with special care? Give two reasons. (4 marks) (4 marks)

4. How might a person show respect towards a sacred text? (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. Max the monkey is helping his friends learn about the Torah. Describe what the Torah is and why it is important to Jewish people. (5 marks) (5 marks)

6. Pip the caterpillar loves reading stories. Explain why stories in sacred texts are often called 'parables' or 'teachings'. What can we learn from them? (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a special book. In the margins, draw symbols or patterns that show why this book is important to the people who read it.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a 'Book of Wisdom' for your class. Write three rules or pieces of advice that would help everyone get along. Total: /25