Sacred Texts: Treasures of Wisdom

Learning objective: To understand that sacred texts are special books that contain stories, teachings, and guidance for different world religions.

Follow the drawing prompt to create your own representation of a sacred text. Use the word bank to label the important features of your drawing. Think about how we treat books that are very special to people.

Draw: Draw a large, open book resting on a beautiful, ornate stand or a piece of silk fabric. In the style of an illuminated manuscript, decorate the borders of the pages with intricate patterns and golden symbols. Include a pair of hands gently touching the edges of the pages to show respect. Use bright, bold colors to make the book look like a precious treasure.

Label words: Cover · Ancient symbols · Sacred words · Special cloth · Reader · Wisdom

Steps:

1. Why do you think people treat sacred texts with such great care and respect?
2. List two ways that a sacred text might look different from a regular storybook.
3. Label your drawing to show where the 'Sacred words' and 'Ancient symbols' are located.
4. Where is the best place to keep a very important or special book to keep it safe?
5. If you were writing a book that gave advice on how to be a kind person, what would you name it?