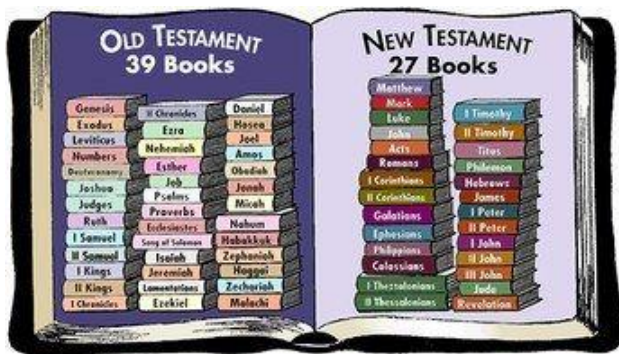


Vocabulary –

sacred	Very holy and special.
Revelation	The Christian belief that God reveals himself to people through words or actions.
The Old Testament	The first section of the Bible- made up of 39 books.
The New Testament	The second section of the Bible- made up of 27 books.
Psalms	Poems and songs recorded in the Bible.
Parables	A story told by Jesus, to teach a particular lesson. He told parables so people could remember what he taught.
Proverbs	Wise sayings recorded in the Bible.
Gospels	Four books in the New Testament that tell us about Jesus' life, from his birth up to his death and resurrection.
Prophecy	A message given by God, that is delivered to his people by a specially chosen person (a prophet).

The Bible is a sacred book for Christians. Christians believe that the words in the Bible are important and were revealed by God. This is known as **revelation**. The Bible is made up of two parts: The **Old Testament** and the **New Testament**. They are collections of books that have been put together.



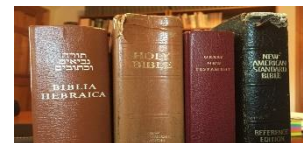
Hint to remember how many books in each:

Old (3 letters) Testament (9 letters) Put them together- 39
New (3 letters) Testament (9 letters) 3 x 9 = 27

How do Christians use the Bible?

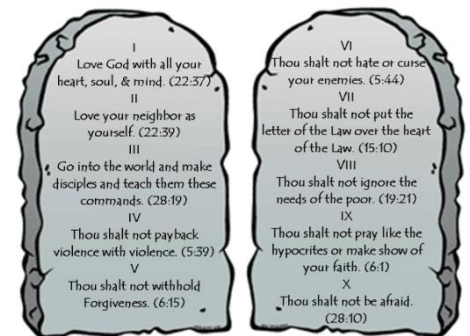
Christians read the Bible because it contains rules and advice from God. They may talk to other Christians about what it means to them. Some Christians study the Bible. This means that they read and think about it in detail, to gain a better understanding of God.

The Bible has been translated into more than 600 languages.



When was the Bible written?	The Old Testament	The New Testament
The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years. It contains 66 books, written by around 40 authors. The authors of the Bible were inspired by God to write their ideas down.	The Old Testament contains stories and writings from before the birth of Jesus. The first five books of the Old Testament (the books of Moses) are also Sacred texts to Jewish people.	The New Testament is about the life and teachings of Jesus and his followers. The final book in the Bible is a prophecy about how Jesus will return one day.

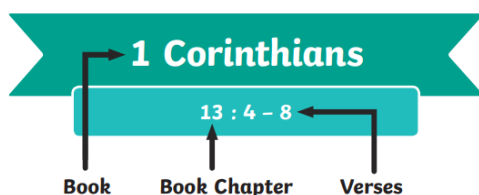
The Ten Commandments are a set of rules found in the Old Testament.



Why is the Bible important to Christians?

- * Many Christians believe the Bible is the direct word of God.
- * Christians go to the Bible for guidance and help with everyday life.
- * The Bible teaches Christians the importance of Jesus' life and death.
- * The bible gives rules and advice on how to live in a Christian way.
- * The Bible includes Christian history which helps Christians understand their religion.

Navigating the Bible



Use the index or contents page to find the book in the Bible. In this example you would look for 'I Corinthians'.

Each chapter is split into verses. The number after the colon will always refer to the verse. In most Bibles you will find these verse numbers printed very small next to the verses on the pages.

What's in the Bible?

The Bible contains lots of different types of texts.

There are:

- Psalms;
- Proverbs;
- Letters
- Laws
- Histories
- Prophecies
- Parables

The Gospels

The four gospel writers are:

Matthew;
Mark;
Luke;
John.

Different versions of the same story can be found in the gospels.