

## Year 4

### R.E. Knowledge Organiser - What is the Bible and why is it important to Christians?

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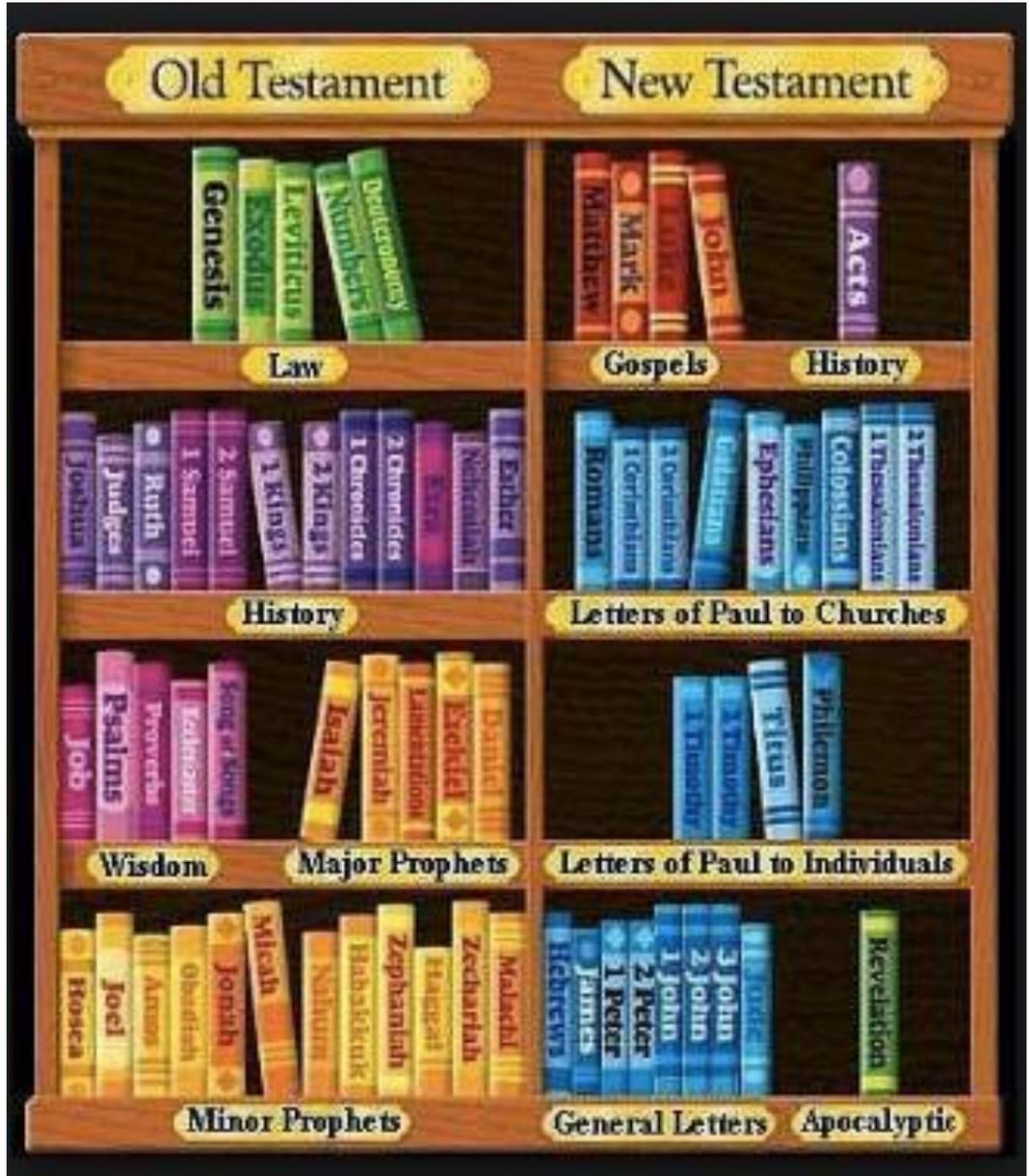
<b>Key Enquiry Questions:</b>	
What is the Bible?	The Bible is a sacred book for Christians. It is treated with respect by those who use it. Christians believe that the words in the Bible are important and were revealed by God. This is known as revelation. The Bible has been translated into more than 600 languages.
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.
When was the Bible written?	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. It is split into two parts: The Old Testament and The New Testament.

<b>Key Vocabulary</b>	
sacred	Very holy and special.
Christians	People who follow the religion of Christianity.
Bible	The holy book followed by Christians.
revelation	The Christian belief that God reveals himself to people through words or actions.
Jewish	People who follow the religion of Judaism.
psalms	Poems and songs recorded in the Bible.
parables	A story told by Jesus to teach a particular lesson.
proverbs	Wise sayings recorded in the Bible.
Gospels	Four books in the New Testament that tell us about Jesus's 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).

<b>Important Points</b>	
The Old Testament	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	The New Testament is about the life and teachings of Jesus and his followers. The final book in the Bible (Revelation) is a prophecy about how Jesus will return one day.
What is in the Bible?	The Bible contains lots of different types of texts. There are: psalms; proverbs; letters; laws; histories; prophecies and parables.
The Gospels	The four gospel writers were: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Different versions of the same story can be found in the gospels.
Parables	When Jesus wanted to teach a particular lesson to a crowd of people, He would often tell them parables. Jesus told parables so people could remember and understand what He had taught them.

Diagrams / Pictures

Books in the Old and New Testament



The Bible

