

## KS1 Unit 3, Lesson 1 – Why are some stories special?

**Overview:** In this lesson we introduce the Holy book of both Christians and Jews. We will go on to look at individual Bible stories.

**Essential core: Salvation** - Know that the Christian Holy book is called the Bible, and that it is divided into two parts – Old Testament (which Christians share with Judaism – Jesus was a Jew) and New Testament.  
**God** - Christians find out about what God is like and how he wants people to live from the Bible.

**Resources:**

What is so special about the Bible?- children - <https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2015/12/08/an-introduction-to-the-bible/>

Puppet Jack - What is the Bible <https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2015/01/21/the-bible-3/>  
Interactive - what is the Bible? – <https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2014/05/23/the-bible/>

**INTRODUCTION:**

Show the class a Bible. If you have a class set of Bibles - such as the Good News Bible - you can all look at it together. Explain that this is the special book for Christians. The first three quarters of it - the Old Testament or Tanakh - is also the special book for Jews.

It is often called the Holy Bible. Holy means something that is set apart and special.

What is the Bible? Puppet Jack finds out.

<https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2015/01/21/the-bible-3/>

**BUILD UP:**

Why is the Bible special to Christians? These Christian children talk about why the Bible is important to them. In what ways did the Bible play a part in these children's lives? What questions might your pupils want to ask them?

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**TASK:**

You may wish to reinforce the pupils understanding by using this interactive activity.

Interactive - what is the Bible? - <https://request.org.uk/resource/restart/2014/05/23/the-bible/>

Look at your Bibles together. The Old Testament is a lot of books and stories about God and the Jewish people. The New Testament is about what happened when Jesus came.

You may wish to explain the New Testament further by using the Make a New Testament activity sheet.

**FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:**

What is a Holy Book? What is the Tenakh? Why is the Old Testament of the Bible holy to both Christians and Jews? What is the New testament about (Roughly!)