Sauncey Wood Primary School

Year 1
Summer Term
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Christianity and Judaism

This is the focus for Year 1 for the whole year.

This term we largely focus on how sacred books and stories are used in these two religions.

Background information

The Bible is the Christian holy book. It is a collection of sacred texts or scriptures. Varying parts of the Bible are considered to be a product of divine inspiration and a record of the relationship between God and humans by Christians. The Bible is divided into Old and New Testaments and is made up of many smaller books. It has been translated into many languages and produced in a variety of shapes and sizes.

The Torah is the Jewish holy scroll. The Torah is made up of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible (which Christians call the Old Testament). These books are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Jews believe that God gave the laws of the five books to the prophet Moses on Mount Sinai. All Jewish synagogues, or places of worship, keep a copy of the Torah. The copy is written by hand on parchment scrolls (rolled-up sheets of animal skin). During most synagogue services a member of the congregation reads from the Torah. Most synagogues read the entire Torah in one year.

Knowledge and Understanding

In this unit pupils will learn…

- To know why the Bible is holy and sacred for Christians.
- To explore some parables from the Bible (drama link)
- To know why the Torah is holy and sacred for Jews and to know how it is looked after
- To know some faith stories from the Jewish religion.
- To recognise that The Bible and Torah are special and to know how they can influence religious people

Enquiry skills and Key concepts

- Respond to religious and moral stories.
- Begin to raise questions about some sources of wisdom and their origins
- Respond to faith stories and examples of showing care and concern for humanity and the world
- Respond to moral stories and demonstrate what it means to be right and wrong, just and fair
- To ask and begin to form answers questions about belonging, meaning, practices and beliefs eg Why do some people thank and praise God?
- To develop curiosity about religious beliefs and practises and to respect differences
- To express own ideas and opinions

Key Vocabulary:

Religion - a set or system of religious attitudes, beliefs and ways of doing things
Christianity – The Christian religion
Judaism – The Jewish religion
Holy/Sacred - set apart for the service of God or of a divine being
Bible – The Christian holy book.
Torah – The Jewish holy scroll.
Scroll - a roll of parchment or paper for writing on.

Parable - a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.
Moral - the lesson about right and wrong learned from a story or event
Origin – the starting point
God - the Being perfect in power, wisdom, and goodness whom people worship as creator and ruler of the universe, often believed to have more than human powers and called different things /worshipped in different ways in different religions