



RE:quest

WHY IS THE BIBLE SO IMPORTANT TO CHRISTIANS? HOW DO CHRISTIANS USE IT?

RE:quest is full of amazing resources, all prepared to help you get a better understanding of Christianity. In this project we are going to discover the structure of the Bible. We will also investigate how Christians use the Bible and why it is so important to them, before moving on to consider its reliability and relevancy in today's 21st century society.

Use the accompanying PPT, and complete the tasks set on this resource sheet to record your research and written responses.

STARTER: Book Worm

Do you have a favourite book?

Why do you like it?

What makes it so special?

Write your answers in the box below:

What's inside the Bible?

- a)** After watching the presentation on the slide, explain how the Bible is structured into two sections.
- b)** What is inside these sections? Be as detailed as possible!

If you prefer, draw a colourful bookcase. This should contain the different types of books that can be found the Bible... You could separate it into 2 sections: The Old and the New Testament

Explain why Christians take special care to follow the Bible's instructions.

How do Christians use the Bible? Complete the table below:

How do Christians use the Bible?	
Bible Extract	What can Christians learn about God and/or attitudes and ways they should behave?
a) ⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven.’ Matthew 5: 43-45	
b) ²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him? Seven times?” ²² “No, not seven times,” answered Jesus, “but seventy times seven, ²³ because the Kingdom of heaven is like this. Matthew 18:21-23	
c) ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Matthew 22:36-39	
d) ¹ Whoever goes to the Lord for safety, whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty, ² can say to him, “You are my defender and protector. You are my God; in you I trust.” ³ He will keep you safe from all hidden dangers and from all deadly diseases. ⁴ He will cover you with his wings; you will be safe in his care; his faithfulness will protect and defend you. ⁵ You need not fear any dangers at night or sudden attacks during the day ⁶ or the plagues that strike in the dark or the evils that kill in daylight. Psalms 91: 1-6	
e) ²⁸ Don’t you know? Haven’t you heard? The Lord is the everlasting God; he created all the world. He never grows tired or weary. No one understands his thoughts. ²⁹ He strengthens those who are weak and tired. ³⁰ Even those who are young grow weak; young people can fall exhausted. ³¹ But those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak.’ Isaiah 40: 28-31	

Explain why these resources suggest that the Bible can be trusted.

Give at least 3 reasons.

How does the resource suggest the Bible is still relevant today?

THEME PARK:

Design a theme park around your learning on the BIBLE.

- Take a look at the 'Theme Park Map' PDF to get some ideas about how to lay out your theme park.
- Visit request.org.uk/restart/ to find lots of Bible story cartoons. List some of these.
- Include these story ideas in your theme park: design some themed areas, rides and restaurants

SUCCESS CRITERIA:

Your theme park should include:

- At least 2 different areas
- At least 10 rides
- Restaurants
- Keywords
- Lots of colour
- A strong name

N.B. All theme park areas, rides and restaurants should be connected to your learning on the Bible.

You can create your theme park on paper or in the box below:

Write a short guide to your theme park. Explain why you've made the following choices:

- Name of the theme park
- Areas, rides and restaurants
- Layout choice

PLENARY: What If?

What if...

...the Bible was banned?

...the Bible had never been written?

What difference would this make to a Christian's life?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Imagine you are a Christian. Write an email to a friend explaining why you read the Bible.

Include:

Why you think the Bible is important

How you read it

What you get out of reading it