



KEY VOCABULARY

sacred

connected with God or a god or dedicated to a religious purpose and so deserving great respect

holy

is a similar term to **sacred**, often applied to things that are regarded with awe

divine

connected with a god, or like a god

Bible

religious text for Christians – a book believed by Christians to contain the revelations of God

Old Testament

the first part of the Bible – Christians and Jewish people believe it tells the story of how the world and people were created (and how God guided people before Jesus was born)

New Testament

the second part of the Bible – Christians believe it tells the story of Jesus' life, teachings and the beginnings of Christianity and it includes stories that Jesus told

Holy Spirit

Christian view of the power of God which is active in the world, drawing people towards God – it can often be depicted as wind, fire or in the form of a dove

parable

a short, simple story that teaches or explains an idea (especially a moral or religious idea)

The Bible contains stories, commandments, letters, poetry, songs and historical accounts. Some of these include:

The Creation Story is found in Genesis in the Old Testament – it tells of God making the world



The Ten Commandments are ten laws that Christians follow from the Bible, believed to be the word of God



Parables are short stories within the **Gospels** that are told to teach a lesson – for example, the parable of the lost sheep



The Gospels

These are four books of the Bible: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – they are found in the New Testament and tell stories about the life of Jesus

