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T: Can I analyse a piece of writing from the Old Testament?



What is the Bible?

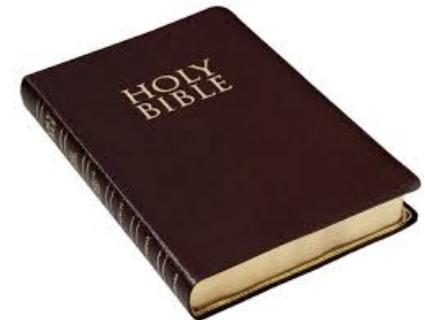
The Bible is a library of books containing different styles of writing.

The Bible is made up of chapters and verses.

The first five books of the Bible is called the “Pentateuch” but it is also known as the “Torah.”

The first five books are:

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

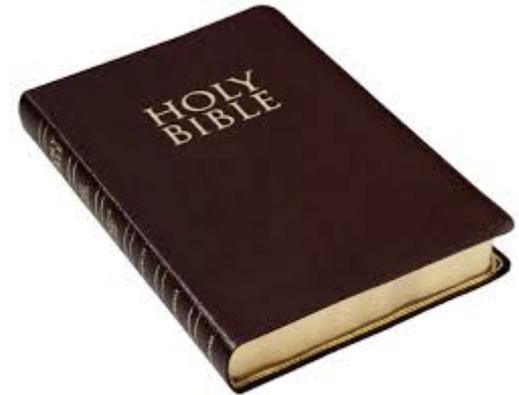


Why Is the Bible Important to Christians?

Christians believe the Bible is the Word of God. It is their sacred text.

The Bible contains laws for living according to God's rules and advice for living well.

The Bible tells the story of Jesus and the early church.



There are different styles of writing in the Old Testament.

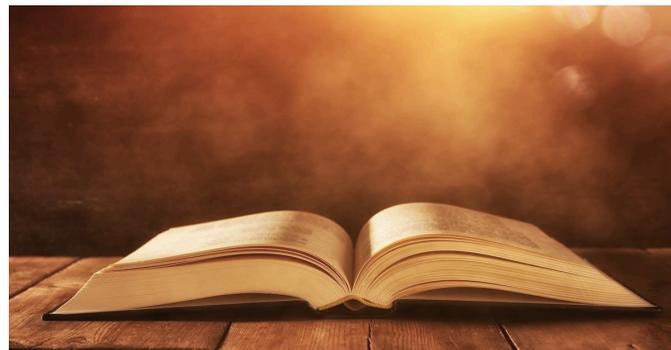
Psalm- a sacred song or hymn

Prayer- communicating with God

Story- an account of events

Proverb- something that expresses truth

Prophecy- a prediction of what will happen in the future



If you have a Bible at home, you may wish to look at the different styles of writing.

Let's take a look at Psalm 18: 1-4

I love you, LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my
stronghold.

I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,
and I have been saved from my enemies.

The cords of death entangled me;
the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

Let's take a look at the prophecy in Isaiah 11:1-5

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the
earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Let's take a look at Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Today's Task

Choose one of the texts we have looked at and answer the questions below:

- Which text do you like the best and why?
- Choose a word in the text you are unsure of and look for the definition in a dictionary.
- What does the text say about God?

Go to the next slide to see your challenge activity.

Challenge

Write a message about something you have learnt about God that you think is important. Try to use a style of writing you have seen today in the PowerPoint.

Here is an example: *I have decided to write a Proverb (revealing of truth) to describe God.*

You are never alone on your path through life. God is with you.

Whenever you feel sad or alone, God is with you.

There is nothing you can do to stop God from loving you.