

The Bible



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Watch this short film about the Bible:

<https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/holy-books-bible?tab=film>



Now try to answer these questions

Why might Christians say that the Bible is NOT:

1) A book?

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2) Special?

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3) The Word of God?

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4) Easy?

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How do Christians use the Bible?

The clip explains some of the ways in which the Bible is used by Christians today. You can find out more about how Christians use the Bible here: <http://request.org.uk/bible/using-the-bible/>.



Use the table below to describe 4 ways in which Christians use the Bible:

Now explain three reasons why the Bible is important to Christians

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Exam Practice Questions

Explain how Christians might use the Bible.

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Explain why the Bible is important to Christians.

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Discovering Jesus in the Gospels

One reason why the Bible is so important to Christians is because it enables them to learn about Jesus. Understanding who Jesus was, what he taught through his words and his actions is essential to Christians as they try to live their lives according to Jesus' example. The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tell Christians the most about Jesus.

Use a Bible if you have one, a general Google search or www.biblegateway.com to look for examples of Jesus doing the following things. Write down the Bible reference and a brief title or description of the incident. How examples of each can you find and how many points can you score?

Helping the poor (1)	Defending women's rights (2)	Feeding the hungry (3)
Being sad (1)	Criticising rich people (1)	Healing or restoring life to the dead (2)
Challenging prejudice or discrimination (1)	Helping his mother out (5)	Upsetting someone in authority (3)
Causing offence about religious traditions (2)	Challenging authority (2)	TOTAL POINTS:

Ask someone in your house to check your answers. Can they give you any more ideas? How about comparing your ideas with a friend from your class by email? If you are chatting with classmates online, ask how they got on and see how your score compares with theirs.

Gimme Five!

After this research on Jesus, what 5 adjectives would you use to sum him up? Put the one you feel is most important in the centre.

Is the Bible still relevant today?

How far do you agree or disagree with these statements?

Statement	Agree/disagree scale (circle one for each statement)				My reasons/ Evidence for my views
	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
If the Bible was discovered nowadays no one would believe its contents					
The Bible is the Word of God, it is the truth which is eternal and unquestionable					
Crucial parts of the Bible such as the creation account in Genesis have been disproven by science, showing that the Bible is outdated					
The Bible contains codes for living that guide people to lead good lives – this can never be irrelevant.					

Evaluation Practice

‘The Bible is no longer relevant in today’s world.’

Discuss*

*Look at the following page to see exactly how your exam board asks evaluation questions and how many marks they are worth.

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Evaluation question types for the different exam boards

Different exam boards have different ways of asking evaluation questions. When you see an 'evaluation practice' activities in the home learning materials, we will give you a statement to evaluate, and follow it with 'Discuss/evaluate'. Look up your exam board on the grid below to remind yourself of the exact wording you will see on the exam paper for an evaluation question, and how many marks you can earn from them.

AQA – 12 marks

Evaluate this statement:

- refer to the teaching of the religion in question
- give reasoned arguments to support the statement
- give reasoned arguments to support a different point of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

Eduqas and WJEC – 15 marks

Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view. Refer to religion and belief.

OCR – 15 marks

Discuss this statement.

- Analyse and evaluate the importance of points of view, referring to common and divergent views within the religion in question
- Refer to sources of wisdom and authority.

Pearson Edexcel – 15 marks

Evaluate this statement considering arguments for and against:

- refer to teachings of the religions in question
- refer to different religious points of view
- reach a justified conclusion.

BBC Bitesize GCSE Religious Studies Resources

The BBC Bitesize website has GCSE Religious Studies resources for each of the exam boards. You will find basic information relating to the topics that you need to learn about as well as useful videos and quizzes to test your knowledge and understanding. You can find these by following the link or QR code below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zb48q6f>



GCSE Religious Studies web pages for Exam Boards

The GCSE lessons to take away from RE Today have been designed to help with all the GCSE specifications available, whatever exam board you use at your school.

It is very important, especially when working at home, that you know which exam board and specification you are following. If you're not sure, have a look at your school's website or contact your teacher online, e.g. by email.

The exam boards' websites have detailed information about the course you are studying. They also have past exam papers and mark schemes. Some of them have free learning resources for you to download and use as well. Here are the links and QR codes that will take you directly to the GCSE Religious Studies pages for each of the exam boards.

AQA		https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/gcse/religious-studies-a-8062
Eduqas		https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies/gcse/
OCR		https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/religious-studies-j625-j125-from-2016/
Pearson Edexcel	 	Specification A (Faith in Practice in the 21 st Century): https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/religious-studies-a-2016.html Specification B (Beliefs in Action) https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/religious-studies-b-2016.html
WJEC (Wales)		https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies/r-religious-studies-gcse-2017/