

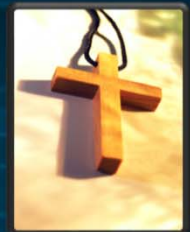


Christianity

WHY IS THE BIBLE IMPORTANT TO CHRISTIANS?

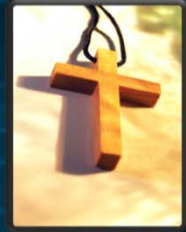
Learning Objectives

- All: will be able to describe why the Bible is important to Christians
- Most: will be able to explain why the Bible is important to Christians
- Some: will be able to consider why the Bible is important to Christians



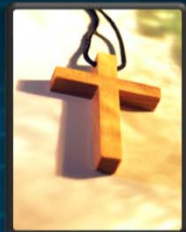
Key Words

- Bible
- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Chapter
- Verse
- Gospel
- Epistle



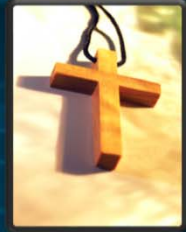
Starter

- Write down what you think are the main purposes and uses of the Bible.
- Find someone who agrees / disagrees with you.
- Add their opinions to your own.



Christians use the Bible for:

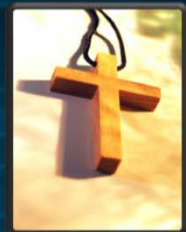
- Advice / guidance
- Encouragement
- Understanding God more
- Thanksgiving
- Learning about the past (like a history book).



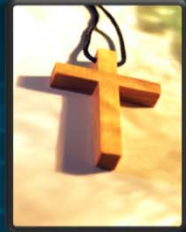
What is this about?

- The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.
- And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.

(Genesis 6:11-14, 17-20)

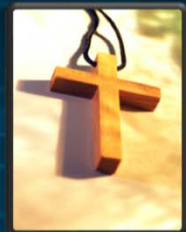


Bible Teachings



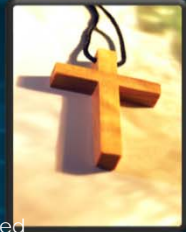
Bible Passage	What topic is the passage referring to?	What advice does the passage suggest?
Proverbs 20:1		
1 Corinthians 7:9		
Exodus 20:16		
Proverbs 12:10		
1 Corinthians 13:4-7		
Psalms 23:4		
Isaiah 56:11		
Proverbs 11:13		

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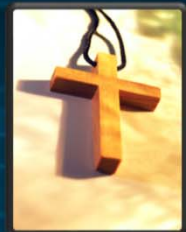
- *Proverbs 20:1*
- *Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.*
- *1 Corinthians 7:9*
- *But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.*
- *Exodus 20:16*
- *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour*
- *Proverbs 12:10*
- *A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel*

Bible Teachings



- *1 Corinthians 13:4-7*
- Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
- *Psalms 23:4*
- Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*
- *Isaiah 56:11*
- Yea, *they are* greedy dogs *which* can never have enough, and they *are* shepherds *that* cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.
- *Proverbs 11:13*
- A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.

Bible Teachings



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Proverbs 20:1	Alcohol	Getting drunk is a fool's game
1 Corinthians 7:9	Sex and Marriage	Do not have sex before marriage
Exodus 20:16	Lying	Do not lie
Proverbs 12:10	Animal welfare	Look after your animal
1 Corinthians 13:4-7	Love	Be patient, kind, calm, give love to another, be trusting
Psalms 23:4	Loneliness / being afraid	Do not worry as God is with you
Isaiah 56:11	Greed	Do not be greedy and look to your own gain (dogs-derogatory)
Proverbs 11:13	Keeping secrets / confidences	Be trustworthy and keep people's secrets

Plenary

- Discuss with a partner:
- What might people mean if they say that they use the Bible as a trouble-shooter?

