

Dialogue and Encounter

Year 5

Pentecost 2

Key Vocabulary	
Old Testament	The Old Testament is the first part of the Bible. It tells the story of God’s relationship with His people before Jesus was born. It includes books like Genesis, Psalms, and the stories of Moses, David, and the prophets
Sacred texts	Sacred texts are special books that people of different religions believe come from God or help them to live good lives. They are treated with great care and respect because they are holy.
Sacred scripture	Sacred Scripture is another name for the Bible. It is a holy book that tells us about God’s love, His promises, and how He wants us to live. Christians believe it is God’s Word written by people who were inspired by Him.
Scripture	Scripture means the holy writings found in the Bible. Christians believe Scripture is God's Word, teaching us how to love Him and live good lives. It includes stories, prayers, songs, and messages from God.
Ark	The ark is a special cupboard or cabinet in a synagogue where the Torah scrolls are kept. It is the holiest place in the synagogue and is treated with great respect.
Monotheism	Believing in only one God. Jewish people believe there is one true God who created everything and cares for His people.



Parts of the Jewish faith	
Tefillin	A small black boxes with straps that Jewish people wear on their arm and head during prayer. Inside the boxes are words from the Torah, including the Shema, to help them remember God’s laws.
Mezuzah	A small case fixed to the doorposts of Jewish homes. Inside is a tiny scroll with words from the Shema prayer. It reminds Jewish people to love and follow God every day.
Yad	A yad is a special pointer used to read the Torah. It helps people follow the words without touching the scroll, to show respect and keep it clean.
Torah	The compilation of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, namely the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.
Tanakh	The Jewish Scriptures comprising the books of law, the prophets, and collected writings
Shema	The Shema is a central Jewish prayer that declares the oneness of God. It begins with the words "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord is one". The word "Shema" itself means "hear" in Hebrew, and the prayer emphasizes not just hearing, but also listening and responding to God's word with action and obedience.

Did you know?

- The Catholic Bible contains 73 books.
- The Old testament contains 46 books
- The New Testament contains 27 books

The Old Testament shows how God prepared people for Jesus.
The New Testament shows Jesus fulfilling promises made in the Old Testament.
Many of Jesus' teachings and actions connect to Old Testament scriptures.

The Bible is true because God is the author — but not all parts are meant to be read literally, like a science textbook. The Church helps us understand what God is saying through the Bible