

What is the Bible?

The Bible is an account of God's:

- relationship with His people,
- His concern for them,
- and their response to His love.

Each book of the Bible is divided into chapters and verses.

- The chapters are indicated by large numbers.
- The verses are indicated by small numbers.

Genesis is the first Book in the Bible.

It is the Christian Holy Book.

The word 'Bible' means 'books'

It has been translated into about 2,000 languages

It is the Word of God

The Catholic Church counts seventy-two books in the Bible.

These are divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
New Testament	The 27 books of the Bible including the gospels that begin with the birth of Jesus and tell the story of how the Church began
Old Testament	The 45 books of the Bible which tell the story from creation until before the birth of Jesus
Descendants	Those in your family who come after you, your children, grandchildren and their children
Creation	All that God creates in the universe, the world, animals, plants and people
False Gods	Things that take the place of God in our lives
Worship	To adore, respect, praise
Prophet	A holy person in the Bible, who hears God's word and tells others about it

Old Testament

Forty-five books

Written mostly in Hebrew

They are about God and Israel before the time of Jesus.

New Testament

Twenty-seven books

Written in Greek

They are about how God became man in Jesus

The stories of the apostles and Beginnings of the Church.

It contains four types of books.

- The Gospels
- The Acts of the Apostles
- The Letters
- The Book of Revelation

