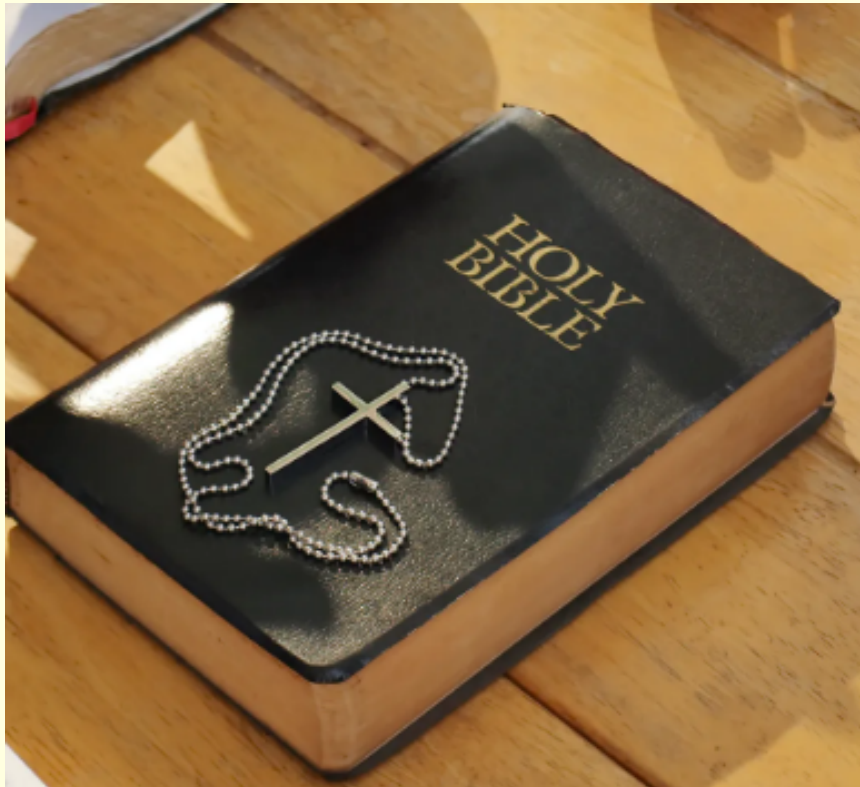




Christianity

What is the good news that
Jesus brings?



What is this book?

Which religion
has this as its
special book?

There are 2 parts to the Bible - the old and new testament.

The 1st book is Genesis – which tells us all about creation (God created heaven and earth)

This unit is going to start in the book of Matthew (the first book in the new testament)

The first four books are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and they tell us about Jesus and His life on earth.

They are called the Gospels.

Jesus picked 12 men to follow Him.

They were called Disciples.

They stayed with Jesus and saw all the wonderful things He did.

The Disciples saw all the people that Jesus healed.

They heard all the new teachings that Jesus preached.

Activity 1

We are going to think about the roles of 3 people.

The farmer - he works hard all day on his farm to look after the animals and grow crops. He sells the crops to make money

The tax collector - he comes to the farmer and forces him to pay taxes. He takes lots of money from the farmer and does not leave him with much

The Roman soldier - he works for the tax collector. He has a sword and he forces the farmer with his sword to give the tax collector some money. He gets paid a little bit by the tax collector, but not much

Think about these people.

Who would you most like to be friends with and why?

Who would help you the most?

Let's talk about one of the men that Jesus picked to be a Disciple.

Watch this video

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgy6TWuUkK0>

One day, Jesus met a man sitting at his tax booth. His name was Matthew. Tax collectors took money from the people and gave it to the Roman government. People didn't like the tax collectors because they cheated the people and charged more for their taxes and kept the extra money. Jesus knew that most people didn't like the tax collectors.

But Jesus loved Matthew! Jesus loves everyone! Jesus went to the tax booth and told Matthew to "Follow Me." What do you think Matthew did? Matthew got right up and left his tax booth to follow Jesus. Matthew left right away to be with Jesus!

Matthew invited Jesus and the other disciples to go home with him to eat a great feast. Matthew also invited some of his friends to his house. Some of the people that saw Jesus with Matthew and his friends couldn't believe Jesus was with Matthew! They asked the Disciples why Jesus was eating with people like Matthew? He is a tax collector and a sinner! But, Jesus heard them and said that He came to help the sinners. Jesus loves everyone!

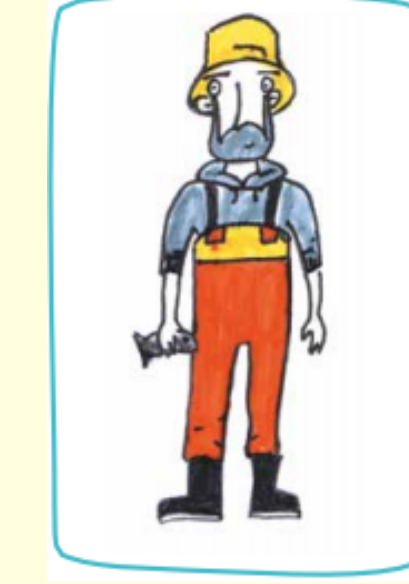
Jesus is a friend to the friendless.

Activity 2

If you needed 12 people to change the world who would you choose? Why?

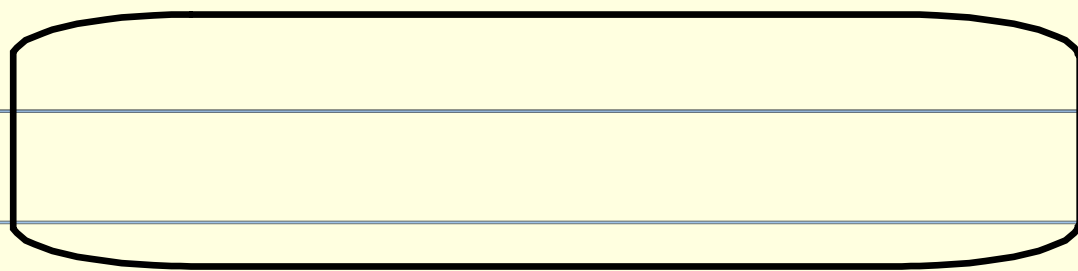
What qualities do they need?

Strong, caring, clever, kind, admires, successful



Who

Why



My world-changers

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