

<b>Topic: Wise Words</b>	<b>Phase: UKS2</b>	<b>Strand: RE - Exploring</b>
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**What should I already know?**

- I know that Holy Texts like the Bible and the Qur'an contain words which help and encourage believers to lead lives according to God's laws.
- I know that there are some similarities between the beliefs of Christians and Muslims.
- I know that words of encouragement can help to support people during times of difficulty and hardship.

**At the end of the unit, I will be able to:**

- Explore the meaning of wise words used in everyday life, and identify sacred texts and match them to the religion they belong to.
- Think about why people of any faith or none rely on wise words, and why they might be guided by them.
- Reflect upon how religious stories may have been shared and passed down by generations, and what this means for believers.
- Identify important teachings from sacred texts and reflect upon the importance they have for believers today.
- Link teachings from religious texts to events from my own experience, and reflect upon how religious texts have helped to shape the world today.
- Demonstrate how stories from both religion and other sources have had an impact on the way I live my own life.

**Key Information**

They say that wisdom comes with age, and that wise sayings and wisdom quotes will give you better judgement and a sense of purpose in life. But what is wisdom exactly? Wisdom is defined as, "the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgement." If we're lucky enough to have parents, mentors and advisors, then we have heard plenty of wise sayings and quotes about life. Life's wisdom can often miss us because life moves so fast, that we have to practice standing still.

In many cultures and religions across the world, gaining wisdom is the ultimate goal. Wisdom is seen as the highest form of understanding, which can lead you towards enlightenment. This half term we will be studying the Wise Words shared by Christians and Muslims, but you may also have heard of these non-religious wise words...

- 'love, laugh, live',
- 'think before you speak'
- 'it's the small things that count'
- 'live everyday like it's your last'
- 'you reap what you sow'
- 'He who dares, wins!'

**We are MANOR!  
As learners we will ...**

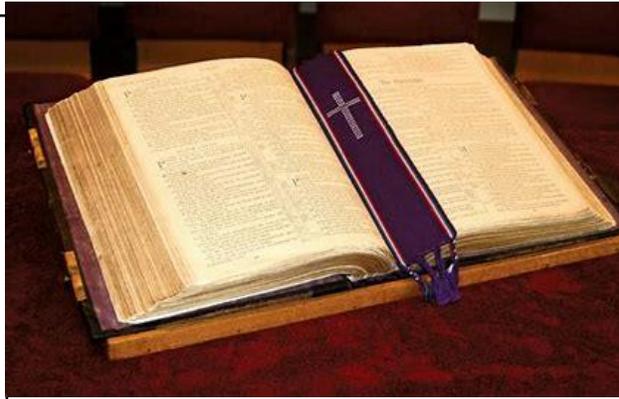
<b>Manners</b>	Develop a respect and understanding for the views and opinions of other people and share ideas about our own ideas and thoughts in a respectful manner. We will celebrate good work, value others' contributions, and discuss and debate opinions.
<b>Aspiration</b>	Learn by being challenged in a series of well-designed and interesting activities designed to deepen our understanding of the world and broaden our horizons. We will be aspirational in developing knowledge and conceptual understanding through practical activities and discussions.
<b>Nurture</b>	To recognise that we live in a wonderful world made up of many different people and ways of living. We will develop an appreciation and respect for the diverse world and environment in which we live, showing care and compassion for the people and beliefs around us.
<b>Open-Mindedness</b>	We will be open-minded so that we can learn more about others and the way in which they live their lives. We will listen respectfully to each other and not laugh at or make fun of what other people say.
<b>Resilience</b>	Engage confidently with the RE curriculum and learn that anything is possible and failure is not something to fear but to learn from. We will support each other to learn new things and share what we know so that we might help others.

## The Bible

The Bible is like a library. It is made up of lots of different books written over a long period of time by many different people. It is divided into two sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament:

The Old Testament – sometimes called The Hebrew Bible - has 39 books and includes everything before Jesus was born and the New Testament includes everything after Jesus' birth. The oldest parts of the Bible were not written down on paper. They were passed on from generation to generation through stories. This is known as an oral tradition. The oldest parts were first written on clay tablets and then on papyrus scrolls. Around the fourth century AD, this material was written on vellum in a bound book called a codex.

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23–24).



The New Testament has 27 books, written between about 50 and 100 AD, and falling naturally into two sections: the Gospels, which tell the story of Jesus (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John); and the Letters (or epistles) - written by various Christian leaders to provide guidance for the earliest church communities.

The Bible is the biggest selling book of all time, having sold over 2 billion copies worldwide. More than 100 million copies are bought and sold across the world each year!

## The Qur'an

The Qur'an is the holy book of Islam. Muslims believe the Qur'an to be the literal word of God. As such, they have certain rules and practices that must be obeyed when handling the Qur'an to show it respect. Muslims perform ritual washings or ablutions before handling the Qur'an. The Qur'an is kept on a special stand called a rihal. When the Qur'an is stored, it is placed on the highest shelf, above all other books. A cloth is used to cover the Qur'an when it is not being used.

Muslims believe that the words written in the Qur'an are the actual words that were spoken to Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) in a cave near Mecca.



Muslims believe that God tells them how they should live their lives through the Qur'an. Muslims sometimes say that the Qur'an makes them stop and think before they do things. When they get into difficult situations they are reminded, through guidance from God, what the right thing to do is.

"And fight in God's cause against those who wage war against you, but do not commit aggression - for, verily, God does not love aggressors."

"And be constant in prayer, and render the purifying dues; for, whatever good deed you send ahead for your own selves, you shall find it with God: behold, God sees all that you do."

## Muhammad and the cave

Muhammad was born in the town of Mecca in 570. Both his parents died when he was young and he was raised by his uncle and grandfather. As a young man, Muhammad worked as a camel driver between Syria and Arabia, and he soon gained a reputation for being honest and trustworthy. He met a woman called Khadijah through his business and they married when he was 25. Mecca at this time was a thriving commercial town. The Arab people who lived there worshipped many idols and cared only for materialism. This troubled Muhammad. He often went to a cave just outside of the town to meditate. Then, one day in the cave when Muhammad was 40, the angel Gabriel appeared to him with a paper in his hand. He told Muhammad to recite this new message from God to the world. Muhammad couldn't read but he learnt the words by heart although he was trembling with fear. Muhammad went back to his wife and told her what had happened. She reassured him that he had been chosen by God to be a messenger. The revelations continued until Muhammad died in 632. All the revelations that Muhammad received were passed on to other people and were written down to form the Qur'an.

## Vocabulary

Viewpoint	the way they think about things in general or about a particular thing.
Values	the principles that help you to decide what is right and wrong, and how to act in various situations
Bias	a tendency to believe that some people, ideas, etc., are better than others that usually results in treating some people unfairly
Guidance	help and advice about how to do something or about how to deal with problems connected with your work, education, or personal relationships:
Source	Where something or someone comes from – it's origin.
Wisdom	knowing things that help a person to live sensibly and make good decisions.

## Wise Words Quiz

- 1) How many books – in total – are there in the Bible?
- 2) When was the Bible first recorded on paper?
- 3) In what ways do Muslims show respect and honour to the Qur'an?
- 4) True or false – Prophet Mohammed could read and write.
- 5) Can you think of any 'wise words' that you might use in your everyday life?