

**Key Facts**

- The Bible is God’s special book. It is all about how much God loves and cares for people. The Bible is the most important book that Christians use, because it is God’s Word, so it is always treated with reverence.
- There are two main sections in the Bible. The Old Testament tells us about the time before Jesus. The New Testament tells us about Jesus and the beginning of the Church. Some of the books are called by the name of the person thought to have written them: Mark, Jeremiah, Peter.
- The parish family listens to God’s Word in the Gospel.
- The lectionary which is used at Mass contains the scriptures used by the community throughout the year.
- Many parishes use Mass books to enable the parish community to join in with the Mass responses.

**Big Question**

**Why do we need books?**

**Key Vocabulary**

**I can explain what these key words mean**

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| <b>books</b>         | A written or printed work consisting of pages glued or sewn together along one side and bound in covers.      |
| <b>Scripture</b>     | Sacred writings.  |
| <b>Reverence</b>     | To show deep respect for someone or something.  |
| <b>Lectern</b>       | A tall stand with a sloping top to hold a book. Used in Church to hold the Bible which is read from.          |
| <b>Gospel</b>        | The teaching of Christ told by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.  |
| <b>Old Testament</b> | The first part of the Bible containing stories from the Prophets.   |
| <b>New Testament</b> | The second part of the Bible containing the Gospels and other books with stories of Jesus’ life and teaching. |
| <b>Missal</b>        | A book containing the texts used in the Catholic Mass.  |

**Scripture I will hear:**

The collage features several elements:
 

- Top left: A person reading a book.
- Top right: A blue box with the text 'I will hear according to what I have heard.' and 'I will hear according to what I have heard.'
- Middle left: A person reading a book with the text 'I will hear according to what I have heard.'
- Middle right: A Bible with the text 'I will hear according to what I have heard.'
- Bottom left: A person reading a book with the text 'I will hear according to what I have heard.'
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**REFLECTION**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon who did not die until he had been privileged to welcome the Messiah. In Sacramental Celebrations we meet the Risen Christ. May he continue to give us life. Amen.



