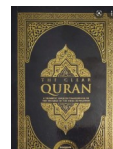




## What is the significance of a Holy book to members of that faith?

### 1. What makes a book special?

-The bible is a special book for Christians. The Qu'ran is a special book for Muslims. These books teach people how to live their lives based on their religion.



- When touching these special books there are special rules to follow.

- If you touch the Qu'ran then you must wash your hands first. The book must never touch the floor and must be placed on a special stand. When not being read the Qu'ran needs to be kept in a high place.

- The Bible needs to be kept on a book case.



### Key words

**Muslim**—A follower of the religion of Islam.

**Allah**—The Arabic name that Muslims use for God.

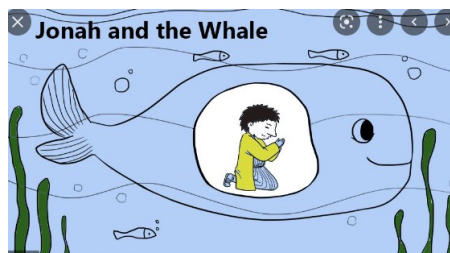
**Sacred**—Important to that religion/person. For example, 'a sacred book'.

**The Qur'an**—Muslims religious holy book.



### 3. Can I retell the stories from a religious book?

Together we will retell either one of the two special stories that we have learnt about.



2. What are the similarities and differences between the stories of Jonah and the Whale (Christianity) and Yunus and the Whale (Islam)?

**Jonah and the Whale**—God sent a big whale to swallow Jonah and to save him from drowning. While in the belly of the big whale, Jonah prayed to God for help. For three days and three nights, Jonah sat in the belly of the fish...

**Yunus and the Whale**—The whale obeyed Allah's command and swam to the nearest shore and ejected Yunus. Yunus's body was inflamed as a result of the acids in the whale's stomach. He had no protection against the sun and wind so Allah commanded a tree to grow over Yunus... to provide him with food and shade...

The moral of the stories—never give up and always show resilience.

