



2.4 Jewish and Christian Stories. How and why are some stories important in religions?

Religions – Christianity and Judaism

Special People

Joseph

Jonah

David

Special Stories

Genesis: Joseph and his brothers

Jonah: Jonah and the Big Fish

Samuel: David and Goliath

Prior Learning

Good leaders 2.1

The Torah 1.4, 2.1, 2.2

The Bible 1.3, 2.3

Big Questions

What happens in the stories of Joseph, Jonah and David?

What values do they have?

How do their values affect what happens in each story?

Why do Jews and Christians love to tell these stories?

Key Vocabulary

Torah	Jewish holy (special) book, the first part of the Tanakh. The 5 books of Moses.
Christian	People who follow the teachings of Jesus and believe He is the Son of God.
Church	Christian place of worship.
Synagogue	Jewish place of worship
Bible	The Christian holy book.
Forgiving	To be kind and accept someone who has upset or harmed you.
Courage	To be brave and strong.
Persistence	To keep trying even if you fail and not never give up.
symbol	A small sign or mark which makes you think of a bigger idea.
God	The being who created the universe
Religion	What someone believes and how they show it in their lives.
Jewish	People who follow the teachings the Tanakh, or Jewish Bible.
values	The things you think are important to live a good life.
Prophet	Someone who passes on God's word.
Obedience	Doing as you are told

The story of Joseph tells how the Israelites came to Egypt, where they became slaves. It is a story about jealousy and forgiveness.

Jonah was given a difficult task by God and at first he didn't want to do it. It is a story about God's forgiveness and the importance of obedience.

David is a very important figure for Jews (and Christians too). His story is about courage, and judging people on their values and skills, not what they look like. The 6 pointed star, the star of David, has become the symbol of Judaism.