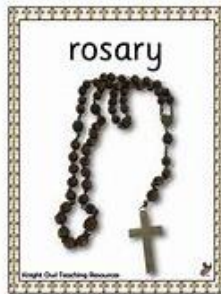


Sacred texts and special things

Christians

- Christian artefacts include the cross, candles, Bible, chalice, priest's stole and rosary beads
- They are items used in worshipping God, usually in a church.
- Each artefact has a special meaning.
- For example, a Baptismal candle represents the child passing from darkness into the light of God.
- Different types of Christians use different artefacts. Rosary beads are used by Catholic Christians.



Jews

- The Torah is also the Old Testament of the Christian Bible.
- It is written in ancient Hebrew. Torah means "teachings".
- In around 1250BC, God spoke to Moses and what He said was written in the Pentateuch.
- Moses gave the Torah to the Jews, to guide their beliefs and lives.
- There are 613 rules from God in the Torah.
- It is hand written on scrolls of animal skin, not in a book – this is an ancient art. The scrolls are the holiest objects in Judaism.
- When a scroll is being written, any mistake is not allowed so if an error is made, the writer has to start all over again!



Christian artefacts



The Torah



Key Vocabulary

Hebrew	Jewish language
Pentateuch	The five books of Moses in the Torah
chalice	A special drinking cup, used for holding wine.
stole	The robes worn by a priest during a religious service
Rosary beads	A string of beads that show the number and type of prayers to be said by a worshipper.