



Activity 3:



Exploring the Popularity of the Bible

A thinking skills activity

The bible is the world's best-selling book ever. The whole Bible has been translated into over 800 languages.

In this simple thinking skills task, pupils in groups of two or three are asked to take the six explanations opposite for why the Bible is so popular, and make a six slice pie chart – (see template on page 2). The six slices on the 'pie' are to be of different sizes: for example; the biggest slice for the best explanation, the smaller slices for ones the pupils judge to be not as good, a mere sliver for the least satisfactory explanation. This can be simplified for younger pupils, but 8-year-olds can do this simple judgement task through discussions.

The bible is a best seller because...



...it is the words of God, so people who read it hear God's voice for themselves.

...all Christians think they should own one, even if they don't read it.

...it tells great stories, about family, God, love and death – with excitement.

... it's a mystery book. It changes some people's lives, and gives messages of love, peace or faith to readers. People keep hoping to get the message.

...churches and schools buy hundreds of them to be kept in their cupboards.

...it is the most given-away book ever. People give it to prisoners, hotels, babies, school children and anyone else who will accept it. This boosts the sales.



