

# Stained Glass Windows

Few people were able to read or write in the Middle Ages. Stained glass windows told the stories of the Bible, and guides, perhaps monks, would explain their content to the pilgrims. The Latin inscriptions in many panels were reminders of the story to those guides who could read.



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The oldest window at Canterbury Cathedral shows Adam digging in the garden of Eden. It dates from about 1176 AD

Alabaster window from [St. Peter's Basilica](#), Rome, C16th.

*This window shows two symbols used to remind us of God. Can you guess what they are? Here's some clues:*

*"The Holy Spirit came down like a dove"*

*Jesus said "I am the Light of the world"*



Can you see what Bible story is in this window from Southwell Minster?

Can you spot baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, angels and shepherds? How many sheep can you count?



Design your own stained glass window for a church. Use bright colours!

- You might like to use symbols of Christianity that you have found out about (eg cross, dove, light)
- You might like to tell one of more Bible stories in the panels of the window (eg Jesus' birth, miracles, death, resurrection)

