



TerraCuddles and Religion?

Question: *I understand TerraCuddles were developed without reference to any particular religion, but I'm interested in using TerraCuddles with my Sunday School class. Can TerraCuddles be connected to the Bible?*

Answer: Yes, all TerraCuddles and their stories can be connected to the Bible, Tanakh, Qur'an and many other sacred texts. TerraCuddles were developed to be consistent with the teachings all major world religions, as well as crossing over to the secular population.

Because TerraCuddles do not promote any specific religion, we have found that TerraCuddles can avoid many of the controversies barring governments in the United States from "an establishment of religion." Therefore, we believe TerraCuddles may even be extended into public schools and other public venues – wherever teaching, inspiring or recognizing positive character is considered important.

We intend to partner with certain religious organizations to develop supplemental materials that provide lesson plans for those wishing to use TerraCuddles in a religious setting. An example, using TerraCuddle Belle, is shown below. This is not intended to be an exhaustive review, but is presented only as a sampling of the potential application of TerraCuddles to sacred texts.

Truthfulness

Ringin' True – A TerraCuddles Story



Grandpa Clay's grandson, Dusty, pockets a toy from a local store, evades the alarm bell, and then gets entangled in a web of lies to conceal his deed from his friends and parents. Already becoming bothered by his conscience, he is visited in the night by Angel Belle, who rings her tiny bell, speaks to Dusty about being **truthful**, and says:

'School bells, door bells and church bells, too,
Wherever you go and whatever you do,
let all bells be a reminder to you,
your heart and words must always ring true.'

A ringing doorbell from a visiting neighbor brings an end to Dusty's deceit, and the **truth** comes out. A lesson is learned and a happy ending results, with a promise of future behavior:

I will tell the **truth**.
I will encourage others to be **truthful**.
I will not cheat or steal.
I will admit it when I am wrong.
I will not exaggerate to make things
seem different than what they are.



Sample of TerraCuddle Belle's Truthfulness for religious applications:

<i>Holy Bible</i> <i>New International Version</i>	<i>Tanakh</i> <i>Torah, Prophets & Writings</i>	<i>The Holy Qur'an</i> <i>Translated by M.H. Shakir</i>
<p>Proverbs 12:17 A truthful witness gives honest testimony, but a false witness tells lies.</p> <p>Proverbs 12:19 Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.</p> <p>Proverbs 12:22 The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.</p> <p>Proverbs 14:5 A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies.</p> <p>Proverbs 14:25 A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.</p> <p>Jeremiah 4:2 and if in a truthful, just and righteous way you swear, 'As surely as the LORD lives,' then the nations will be blessed by him and in him they will glory."</p> <p>John 3:33 The man who has accepted it has certified that God is truthful.</p> <p>Romans 3:7 Someone might argue, "If my falsehood enhances God's truthfulness and so increases his glory, why am I still condemned as a sinner?"</p> <p>2 Corinthians 6:7 in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left;</p> <p>Ephesians 4:25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.</p>	<p>Proverbs 12 / Hebrew - English Bible / Mechon-Mamre 17 He that breatheth forth truth uttereth righteousness; but a false witness deceit.</p> <p>Psalms 89 / Hebrew - English Bible / Mechon-Mamre and justice are the foundation of Thy throne; mercy and truth go before Thee.</p> <p>Isaiah 25 / Hebrew - English Bible / Mechon-Mamre wonderful things; even counsels of old, in faithfulness and truth.</p> <p>Psalms 91 / Hebrew - English Bible / Mechon-Mamre His pinions, and under His wings shalt thou take refuge; His truth is a shield and a buckler.</p> <p>Psalms 146 / Hebrew - English Bible / Mechon-Mamre sea, and all that in them is; {N}who keepeth truth for ever</p> <p>Proverbs 3 / Hebrew - English Bible / Mechon-Mamre 3 Let not kindness and truth forsake thee</p> <p>Proverbs 23 / Hebrew - English Bible / Mechon-Mamre 23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.</p> <p>Proverbs 8 / Hebrew - English Bible / Mechon-Mamre 7 For my mouth shall utter truth, and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.</p>	<p>The Family of Imran [3.17] The patient, and the truthful, and the obedient, and those who spend (benevolently) and those who ask forgiveness in the morning times.</p> <p>The Women [4.69] And whoever obeys Allah and the Apostle, these are with those upon whom Allah has bestowed favors from among the prophets and the truthful and the martyrs and the good, and a goodly company are they!</p> <p>The Dinner Table [5.119] Allah will say: This is the day when their truth shall benefit the truthful ones; they shall have gardens beneath which rivers flow to abide in them for ever: Allah is well pleased with them and they are well pleased with Allah; this is the mighty achievement.</p> <p>Marium [19.41] And mention Ibrahim in the Book; surely he was a truthful man, a prophet.</p> <p>The Clans [33.8] That He may question the truthful of their truth, and He has prepared for the unbelievers a painful punishment. [33.24] That Allah may reward the truthful for their truth, and punish the hypocrites if He please or turn to them (mercifully); surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful. [33.35] Surely the men who submit and the women who submit, and the believing men and the believing women, and the obeying men and the obeying women, and the truthful men and the truthful women, and the patient men and the patient women and the humble men and the humble women, and the almsgiving men and the almsgiving women, and the fasting men and the fasting women, and the men who guard their private parts and the women who guard, and the men who remember Allah much and the women who remember- Allah has prepared for them forgiveness and a mighty reward.</p>