

Key Knowledge

Learning about religion

Jewish people believe that there is only one God who not only created the world, but with whom they can have a personal and individual relationship.

Jewish history began with the Covenant (an agreement/promise) between God and Abraham almost 4000 years ago.

God made a special promise with Abraham that He would look after him and all of his descendants. He confirmed this by giving Abraham and his wife a son even though Abraham was very old at the time.

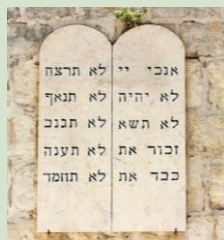
A promise back to God was then made by Moses on the top of Mount Sinai. He stayed there for 40 days and 40 nights whilst God gave him instructions about how Jewish people should live their lives. There were known as the 10 commandments.

A Mezuzah is found in the doorway of Jewish homes. Inside it is a scroll with Hebrew writing and is called the Shema, a declaration of faith in one God.

Learning from religion

By sticking to the promises we make, we can show that we are dedicated to something.

Key images



Possible experiences

Writing their own set of life rules

Inviting in a Jewish person to speak about their relationship with God

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- explore extracts from the Tenakh which teach Jews that there is One God who created the world, human beings and everything in the world.
- explore how family and community life, the home, the synagogue and the rabbi, help children understand how to live as good Jews.
- explore how symbols and objects in the home are a constant reminder of the presence of God and the history of the Jewish people e.g. the mezuzah.

Prior learning

- In EYFS children will have had some experiences of different religions and festivals celebrated within the community.
- In Year 1, they learnt about how Jewish people recognise Shabbat and Chanukah/Hanukkah.

Key vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Jew	a follower of Judaism
Relationship	a connection between people
Covenant	an agreement or promise
Promise	an agreement to do or not do something
Descendent	a person's children, their children's children, and all the people who live after them who are related to them
Commandment	an order or law
Mezuzah	a small box that is placed on the right doorpost of Jewish homes
Tenakh	the Jewish holy book
Declaration	to say strongly or firmly

Possible deeper thinking questions

Should you always keep a promise?

Is there only one God?

What is the best way for Jewish people to show they honour their God?