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Judaism – Commitment

Year 4

Spring 2

Key Knowledge

Learning about religion

Christianity and Judaism are closely linked and the stories from the beginning of both religions are very similar. Moses was a Jew and was chosen by God to pass on the rules to live by – these are commonly known as the 10 commandments. Jewish people have 613 rules in total – each of these is called a Mitzvot.

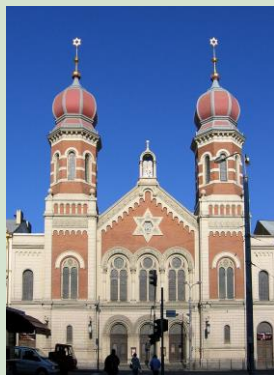
Other than following the Mitzvah, there are many other ways Jewish people show commitment to God:

- attending the Synagogue
 - learning Hebrew
- only eating certain food prepared in certain ways
 - celebrating their bar/bat mitzvah
 - participating in Mitzvah Day

Learning from religion

Showing commitment to a belief can give a person great purpose, organisation and focus in their lives

Key images



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- make connections between narratives about key figures and events from the Tenakh and the Jewish understanding of their people's relationship with God
- make connections between Judaism and other religions in relation to, for example, teachings about loving God and a responsibility to care for others, which motivate individuals, communities and Jewish aid agencies.
- make connections between the Jewish belief in a Creator God and the role assigned to humans in taking responsibility for others and for the environment

Prior learning

- In Year 1, children will have been given a brief overview of some Jewish practices.
- In Years 2 and 3, children will have learnt about the rules Jewish people live by and some stories from the Torah.

Key vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Mitvot	a commandment – a rule/order/law
Commitment	a promise or firm decision to do something and sticking to it
Synagogue	a Jewish place of worship
Hebrew	the language spoken by the people of Israel
Bar mitzvah	a ceremony of a Jewish boy who has reached the age of 13 and is ready to commit to the religion
Bat Mitzvah	a ceremony of a Jewish girl who has reached the age of 12 and is ready to commit to the religion
Torah	the Jewish holy book

Possible deeper thinking questions

What are you committed to?

How do you show your commitment?

What rules do you stick by in your lives?

At what age are you old enough to give your full commitment to something?

Possible experiences

Take part in a social action project

Invite someone in to speak about their lives