

Outcomes:

By the end of this unit all pupils should know:

- Know that the Torah means 'teaching' is the most important part of Jewish scriptures.
- Know that it contains the first 5 books of the Hebrew Bible.
- To know it teaches Jews what God is like and how they should live their lives.
- To know that one day a week Jews observe the Sabbath: they rest, have a meal on Friday evening with their family. Jews believe that bringing the family together once a week when no one works is important.

By the end of this unit pupils should have developed the following skills:

- It teaches Jews what God is like and how they should live their lives.
- One day a week Jews observe the Sabbath: they rest, have a meal on Friday evening with their family. Jews believe that bringing the family together once a week when no one works is important.
- Understand how special the Torah is for Jews: the Torah is read every week in the synagogue, the end of one cycle is celebrated in Simchat Torah.
- Raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to the Jewish teachings on the Torah.
- Attempt to support their answers using reasons and/or information

Progression:

Prior Learning: Year 1

- To know some information about Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish New year
- To know about Yom Kippur (the end of 10 days of fasting)
- Know that Jews believe in one G-d who created the universe.
- Know basic elements of the story found in Genesis:
 - G-d made the world from nothing
 - G-d Makes everything in the world, including plants and animals
 - Man is the last to be made
 - Man is made last and is given responsibility to care for the world G-d has created
- Know that Jews have coming of age ceremonies: Bar and Bat Mitzvah (for boys and girls, respectively)
- Know that Jews believe in one God who created the universe.
- Be able to recognise the Star of David as a symbol of Judaism, which represents the 6 days of creation found in Genesis.
- Know that the Jewish name for God is Adonai which mean 'Lord'. Jews use the name with great respect, never carelessly. Sometimes Jews write the words as God because of its sacredness.
- Know that Jews live all over the world, but Israel is considered very special as it was promised to Abraham and his descendants by God.

Building Towards: Year 3

- To know that on the Shabbat Jews attend the synagogue, where they worship G-d. Doing this develops a sense of community.
- To know that the reading of the Torah is central to the service: during the service there will be readings from the Torah.
- Know the Torah is written in Hebrew.
- To know that Jewish scriptures are called the Tenakh, which are made up of 3 sections: Torah, Nevi'im and Ketuvim. The word Tenakh, is made up of these 3 types of writing.
- Know that the Torah is the most important because it tells Jews what God is like and how they should live. Know that the teachings in the Torah are summed up in the Shema, which is kept on the doorpost of Jewish homes. It says "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one ..."

Vocabulary

Law; Torah; Moses, Simchat Torah, Challah, kippah, tallit. yad Torah scroll. Chupah, ketubah, mazel tov.

Assessment Opportunities:

By the end of this unit pupils should have had these opportunities:

Questions

Vocabulary check

AMV/UC Assessment Grid