

Discovering Judaism

Join Leo the Lion on a journey to explore the rich traditions of Judaism!

- **Judaism is one of the oldest monotheistic religions, which means Jewish people believe in one God.**
- **The synagogue is the place of worship where the community gathers to pray and study.**
- **Shabbat is a special day of rest from Friday evening to Saturday evening, spent with family and friends.**
- **The Star of David is a six-pointed star that is a famous symbol of the Jewish faith.**
- **Hanukkah is known as the Festival of Lights, celebrated by lighting a candelabra called a menorah.**
- **The Torah contains the laws and teachings that guide how Jewish people live their lives.**

Did you know? Did you know that the Torah is written by hand on a long scroll of parchment? It is treated with great respect and is read in the synagogue using a special pointer called a yad, so the sacred ink is not touched by fingers!

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