

Discovering Judaism with Max and Ellie

Learning objective: To identify and understand key symbols, traditions, and beliefs within the Jewish faith.

Max the monkey and Ellie the elephant are learning about Judaism! Help them complete the 'Faith Finder' activity. Match the key word from the word bank to the correct description by writing the word in the blank space. Then, explain why that item or tradition is important.

Word bank: Synagogue · Torah · Shabbat · Menorah · Star of David · Hanukkah

1. The _____ is the most holy book in Judaism, written as a scroll. (2 marks)

2. A _____ is a building where Jewish people go to worship and pray. (2 marks)

3. The _____ is a six-pointed star and a symbol of the Jewish faith. (2 marks)

4. _____ is the day of rest, starting Friday evening, when families spend time together. (2 marks)

5. A _____ is a candle-holder used during the Festival of Lights. (2 marks)

6. _____ is the eight-day festival that celebrates a miracle involving oil. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Shabbat table. Include a Challah loaf (braided bread) and two candles to show how a family might prepare for the day of rest.



Extension challenge: Can you explain the difference between a synagogue and a church? Think about the symbols you might see inside each building.