

Discovering Judaism

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

Max the monkey is helping to organize a display about world religions! Answer the questions below to help him share what we have learned about Judaism.

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

1. What is the name of the Jewish place of worship, and who is the leader who often teaches the community there? (2 marks)

2. The Torah is the most important set of scrolls in Judaism. What do these scrolls contain and how are they handled with respect? (2 marks)

3. Explain what 'Shabbat' is. When does it start and end, and how might a family celebrate this special time? (3 marks)

4. Match the symbol to its meaning: Which symbol is a six-pointed star used to represent the Jewish faith, and which symbol is a candle-holder used during Hanukkah? (2 marks)

5. If a Jewish friend invited you to a celebration, why is it important to be respectful of their dietary laws (such as keeping Kosher)? (2 marks)

6. Many religions have a 'Golden Rule' about treating others with kindness. How does this idea fit into the way Jewish people are encouraged to live their lives? (2 marks)

Draw: In the box below, draw a picture of a Menorah or the Star of David, and use bright colors to make it stand out.



Extension challenge: Can you research and write down one phrase in Hebrew that is used during Jewish prayers or celebrations?