

Exploring Judaism: Class 4 Religious Education Flashcards

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

Read the front of the card and test your knowledge. Flip the card mentally to check the answer provided after the 'Answer:' separator.

What is the Torah?

The Torah is the most holy book in Judaism, containing the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, written on large parchment scrolls.

What is a Synagogue?

A Synagogue is a place of worship and a community centre where Jewish people gather to pray, study, and celebrate.

What is Shabbat?

Shabbat is the Jewish day of rest, lasting from Friday evening until Saturday night, observed to remember the creation of the world.

What is a Menorah?

A Menorah is a sacred candelabrum with seven or nine branches, often used during the festival of Hanukkah to represent the light of faith.

What is a Kippah?

A Kippah is a small, brimless cap worn by Jewish men and boys as a sign of respect and reverence for God.

What does the term 'Kosher' mean?

Kosher refers to food and practices that follow Jewish dietary laws, such as not mixing meat and dairy products.

Who is a Rabbi?

A Rabbi is a religious leader, teacher, and scholar who guides the community in understanding and following Jewish laws.

Who is considered the first patriarch of Judaism?

Abraham is considered the founding figure of Judaism, who made a covenant with God.

What is a Covenant?

A covenant is a sacred, formal promise or agreement between God and the Jewish people.

What is the Mezuzah?

A Mezuzah is a small decorative case attached to the doorpost of a Jewish home, containing a scroll with sacred prayers.

Explain why the Synagogue is considered more than just a building for prayer.

It serves as a 'Beit Knesset' (house of assembly), a 'Beit Midrash' (house of study), and a 'Beit Tefillah' (house of prayer), making it the hub of community life.

Justify why Shabbat is described as a 'sanctuary in time'.

It creates a set period of 25 hours where people disconnect from their busy daily work to focus on family, spirituality, and rest.