

Class 5 Religious Education Assessment: Understanding Judaism

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Jewish beliefs, sacred texts, and practices.

Read each question carefully. Answer in full sentences where requested. Ensure your spelling is accurate.

Judaism is one of the world's oldest monotheistic religions. Jewish people believe in one God who created the world. Their sacred writings are found in the Tenakh, which includes the Torah, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. Jewish life is often centred around the home and the synagogue, a place for prayer and learning. Many traditions, such as keeping Shabbat from Friday evening to Saturday evening, are central to the Jewish faith.

Word bank: Torah · Synagogue · Shabbat · Rabbi · Tenakh · Kippah · Menorah · Covenant

1. Define the term 'monotheistic' and explain why it is used to describe Judaism. (2 marks)

2. Name the sacred text that contains the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. (1 mark)

3. What is the role of a Rabbi within a Jewish community? (2 marks)

4. Describe what happens during Shabbat and explain why it is important to Jewish families. (4 marks)

5. Identify two items found in a synagogue and explain their significance. (4 marks)

6. Explain the concept of a 'covenant' in the relationship between God and the Jewish people. (3 marks)

7. Ellie the Elephant is learning about how different religions celebrate special times. Write a paragraph (approx. 100 words) explaining how Jewish traditions and values influence the daily life of a person of the Jewish faith. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a Menorah and label the significance of the candles.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research task: Find out what a 'Mezuzah' is and where it is placed in a Jewish home. Why is it placed there?