

Exploring Judaism: A Grade 3 Assessment

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

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to assist with your answers where appropriate. Write clearly and show your working for any calculations.

Ellie the elephant has been visiting the local community center to learn about the Jewish faith. She discovered that Judaism is a monotheistic religion with a rich history spanning thousands of years. Jewish people follow the teachings found in their sacred texts and observe special traditions that connect them to their heritage and to one another.

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

1. Identify the building where Jewish people gather for communal worship and study. (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. What is the name of the most holy scroll used in Judaism, which contains the first five books of the Hebrew Bible? (1 mark) (1 mark)

3. Explain the significance of Shabbat. Why is this period of time considered distinct from the rest of the week? (3 marks) (3 marks)

4. A 'Mitzvah' is often described as a commandment or a good deed. If a child performs three Mitzvot in a week, and each act helps someone in a small way, describe how these actions contribute to 'Tikkun Olam' (repairing the world). (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. Zara the zebra notices that patterns are very important in Jewish art and symbols. Describe one symbol used in Judaism and explain what it represents. (3 marks) (3 marks)

6. Compare and contrast the role of a Rabbi with the role of a teacher in a school. How are they similar and how might their responsibilities differ? (4 marks) (4 marks)

7. Max the monkey is helping organize a charity event. If he collects £15.50 for a Jewish community food bank and then receives an additional £9.75 in donations, how much has he raised in total? Show your calculation. (2 marks) (2 marks)

8. Extended Writing Task: Imagine you are explaining the importance of the Covenant between God and Abraham to a friend. Why is this promise so central to the Jewish faith, and how does it influence the way Jewish people live their lives today? (5 marks) (5 marks)

9. Total: /25

Draw: Draw a picture of a Menorah and label the candles, explaining how many are lit during the festival of Hanukkah.



Extension challenge: Justify your answer: If a person were unable to attend the synagogue, in what other ways could they show their devotion to their faith and maintain their connection to their community? What might happen if traditions were never passed down through generations?