

Judaism: Symbols and Traditions with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify and explain the significance of key symbols and observances in the Jewish faith.

Ellie the Elephant is visiting a local community center to learn about Judaism. Help her match the important Jewish objects and traditions to their correct descriptions. Write the letter of the correct description next to the term in the questions section.

Word bank: Menorah · Torah · Shabbat · Synagogue · Kippah · Kashrut

1. 1. Menorah: (Write the letter of the description here)

(1 mark)

2. 2. Torah: (Write the letter of the description here)

(1 mark)

3. 3. Shabbat: (Write the letter of the description here)

(1 mark)

4. 4. Synagogue: (Write the letter of the description here)

(1 mark)

5. 5. Match these descriptions to the terms above:

A) The holy day of rest from Friday evening to Saturday evening.

B) The Jewish place of worship.

C) A sacred scroll containing the first five books of the Hebrew Bible.

D) A nine-branched candelabra used during Hanukkah. (4 marks)

6. 6. Why might a Jewish person choose to wear a Kippah? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Menorah with nine candles lit, or design a pattern for a cover that might be used to protect a sacred Torah scroll.



Extension challenge: Research what 'Kosher' means. Write a short paragraph for Ellie explaining how Kashrut (dietary laws) influences the food choices of some Jewish families.