

Year 5 Religious Education Assessment: Understanding Judaism

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

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of Jewish traditions and beliefs to provide clear, thoughtful answers. Ensure your writing is legible and reflects your understanding of the key concepts.

Ellie the elephant has been studying the rich history of Judaism. She explains that Judaism is one of the oldest monotheistic religions in the world. It is based on a special agreement, known as a Covenant, between God and the Jewish people. Central to this faith are the teachings found in the Torah, which guide daily life through acts of kindness and obedience to divine laws, often referred to as Mitzvot.

Word bank: Torah · Synagogue · Covenant · Shabbat · Mitzvot · Menorah · Rabbi · Ten Commandments

1. Define the term 'monotheism' and explain why it is significant to the Jewish faith. (2 marks)

2. Identify two items found inside a synagogue and describe the purpose of each. (2 marks)

3. What is the Torah, and why is it treated with such great respect within the Jewish community? (2 marks)

4. Explain the importance of Shabbat. How do families typically observe this day from Friday evening to Saturday evening? (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the role of the Mitzvot in the life of a Jewish person to the concept of 'rules' in a school setting. What are the similarities and differences? (4 marks)

6. Justify why many Jewish people believe that following the Mitzvot is an act of showing love and gratitude to God. (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: 'The Covenant is the foundation of Jewish identity.' Discuss this statement. Consider the history of the Jewish people, their relationship with God, and how these ancient promises influence their actions in the modern world today. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a diagram of a Menorah and label the significance of the candles, or illustrate a scene depicting a family preparing for the Shabbat meal.



Extension challenge: What might happen to the structure of a Jewish community if the Torah were no longer central to their daily lives? Provide a reasoned argument for your answer. Total: /25