Exploring the Jewish Faith: A Guided Reflection

Learning objective: To describe and explain the core beliefs and practices of Judaism, including the importance of the Torah and the Synagogue.

Use this writing frame to organise your thoughts about Judaism. Ensure you use the word bank to help connect your ideas and provide specific examples for each section.

Judaism is one of the world's oldest religions, based on the belief in one God and a special covenant between God and the Jewish people.

Word bank: covenant · monotheism · Torah · Synagogue · Shabbat · sacred · tradition · furthermore · consequently · in addition · on the other hand · significantly

1. The Importance of the Torah: Explain what the Torah is and why it is treated with such great respect during services. Start your paragraph with: The Torah is considered the most sacred text in Judaism because... (3 marks)

2. Life in the Synagogue: Describe the role of a Synagogue in the community. Start your paragraph with: A Synagogue serves as more than just a place of worship; it is also... (3 marks)

3. The Celebration of Shabbat: What happens during Shabbat and why is it important for families? Start your paragraph with: Shabbat is a special time of rest that begins on Friday evening when... (3 marks)

4. Comparing Beliefs: Choose one Jewish tradition or belief and explain why it helps Jewish people connect with their history. Start your paragraph with: One tradition that stands out is... because it reminds believers of... (3 marks)

5. Reflection: Why is it important for people to learn about different religions? Start your paragraph with: Learning about Judaism helps us to understand that... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research the importance of the Menorah or the Star of David. Write a short paragraph explaining the symbolism behind one of these items and how it relates to Jewish identity.