Exploring Judaism: A Fact-File with Ellie

Learning objective: To identify and describe the key beliefs, practices, and traditions within Judaism, reflecting on their significance to Jewish people.

Ellie the elephant has been reading about world religions and wants to know what you have discovered! Use your classroom resources to complete this fact-file. Write in full sentences and make sure to use the correct terminology.

Word bank: Torah · Synagogue · Shabbat · Kippah · Mitzvot · Hanukkah · Rabbi · Covenant

1. The Sacred Text: Identify the holy book used in Judaism and explain why it is important to the community. (2 marks)

2. Places of Worship: Describe the role of the Synagogue and explain what happens when Jewish people gather there. (2 marks)

3. Living by Faith: Explain what 'Mitzvot' are and give an example of how they might influence a person's daily life. (3 marks)

4. Special Traditions: Choose one Jewish festival or the weekly practice of Shabbat. Describe how it is celebrated. (3 marks)

5. Reflection: Why do you think it is important for religious communities to have shared rituals and traditions? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are explaining the meaning of the Kippah to a friend. Write a short paragraph explaining its purpose and why some Jewish people choose to wear it.