

# Introducing Judaism

Prayer, worship and reflection/ Symbols and actions/ Human responsibility and values

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## Background information

Judaism is a religion that began nearly 4000 years ago in the Middle East. Followers, called Jews, believe in one god. The Jewish place of worship is a Synagogue and the sacred text is the Torah. Key religious celebrations and practices include Hannukah, Sukkot, Shabbat and Passover.

## Knowledge and Understanding

In this unit pupils will learn...

- which objects are important to Jewish believers and why
- what are the rules to reading and handling the Torah
- what is it like in a synagogue
- which stories are important to the Jewish people (Moses, Joseph)
- why is the menorah special
- how is Shabbat celebrated
- what is similar about Christianity and Judaism

## Key Vocabulary:

Ark  
Bimah  
Jewish  
Mezuzah  
Moses  
Passover  
Star of David  
Synagogue  
Torah  
Yad  
Accept  
Express  
Hanukkah  
Peace  
Respect  
Shabbat  
Tolerance  
Tzedakah

## Enquiry skills and Key concepts

- Suggest how Moses and Joseph may have felt in sources of wisdom
- Describe what you would find in a Synagogue
- Explore Jewish artefacts to deepen understanding of symbols
- Gather evidence to show how light is a symbol in Christianity and Judaism
- Compare key messages and rules in Christianity and Judaism