

Believing

Year: 2 Term: 1 and 2

Key question: Who is Jewish and what do they believe?

- The Jewish day of worship is known as Shabbat (or Sabbath). It begins on Friday evening and ends on Saturday evening. This is known as a day of rest when Jewish people will go to the synagogue or temple to worship.
- The six-pointed star called the 'Star of David' is a symbol of the Jewish people. It is believed to grant the protection of David, who was an important Jewish king.
- Israel is known as the Holy Land to the Jewish people, as it is where Judaism started. Jerusalem in Israel is known as the Holy City.
- Some Jewish households have a mezuzah. This is a tiny scroll with writing from the Torah that is placed in a case and hung on a doorpost. It is a reminder that God is always there.
- There are different types of Judaism. Orthodox Jews follow stricter rules, such as worshipping in synagogues that have separate areas for men and women. Progressive, or Reform Judaism, has adapted these stricter rules for the modern age, with men and women being allowed to worship together, for example.

Vocabulary

Jewish religion	Judaism is the religion of the Jewish people. It is a religion based on the belief that there is only one God, dating back
Shabbat	In Judaism and Christianity, the Sabbath is the day of the week set aside for worship and rest.
Chanukah	Hanukkah (also spelled Chanukah or Chanukkah) is a Jewish holiday that lasts for eight nights and usually occurs in December. It is also known as the Festival of Lights.
Mezuzah	A mezuzah is a small box that is placed on the right doorpost of Jewish homes.
Torah	Jewish scriptures. In Hebrew the word Torah means "to teach" or "to show the way."
Synagogue	It is a place where people come to pray, study the Torah, and come together for events.
Pesach	A celebration to remember when God used Moses to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt

Key Questions:

- What is precious to us? What is precious to Jewish people?
- What does a mezuzah remind Jewish people of?
- How and why do Jewish people celebrate Shabbat?
- What does the story of Chanukah make us think about?
- How do Jewish people think about miracles at Chanukah?



Mezuzah



Torah