

Judaism Knowledge Mat

Sticky knowledge

Judaism - Jewish religious belief is that there is one eternal God who is a spirit and has no human form.

Star of David - key symbol of Judaism represented by a six pointed star

Hanukhah - Jewish festival commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. It is also known as the Festival of Lights. Celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods.

Sukkot - is a weeklong Jewish holiday celebrates the gathering of the harvest

Sabbath (Shabbat)- Jewish holy day from nightfall Friday to nightfall Saturday.

Yom Kippur - also known as the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. Its central themes are atonement and repentance. Jewish people traditionally observe this holy day with an approximate 25 hour period of fasting and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in synagogue services

Synagogue - a building in which Jewish people worship and study their religion Judaism. Teachers of the Jewish faith are called **rabbis**. They lead worship in the synagogue, conduct marriage and funeral ceremonies and give people advice on religious matters.

Key words	Definition
Torah	Jewish Holy book
Kiddush prayer	blessing recited over wine or grape juice to sanctify the Shabbat and Jewish holidays.
Sukkah	tent-like structures made during Sukkot they represent the huts in which the Israelites lived in during their 40 years of wandering in the desert after escaping from slavery in Egypt.
Kosher	"clean" or "pure," refers to food that has been ritually prepared or blessed so it can be eaten by religious Jew

How do Jews worship the Sabbath?

How is Christian worship similar/different to Jewish worship?

Exploring the Incarnation

Sticky Knowledge

Incarnation - Christians believe that the birth of Jesus represents God coming to Earth.

Key vocabulary

Nativity, Jesus , Mary, Joseph, God, Bethlehem, Christmas, angels, Wise men, shepherds, star

Why do you think God wanted to come to Earth?



Knowledge Mat Jewish artefacts

Torah	The Torah scroll contains the laws by which Jews try to live. Sections of the Sefer Torah (the first 5 books of the Bible) are read during the Shabbat service.
Mezuzah	A small case made from wood, metal, pottery or plastic used to remember God. Nailed to the upper right of the door. Jews touch it as they pass then kiss their fingers. It is a reminder of God's presence and that the people living in the home follow his law.
Yad	A pointer, often made of silver, used when reading from the Torah because it is too precious to be touched by hand.
Skull cap - Kippah	Worn as a witness of Jewish faith, to show respect, as a reminder that there is always something separating us from God & that God is 'looking down'. Orthodox Jews always wear one, others only for prayers.
Menorah	7 branched candlestick lit daily in the Temple. At Hanukkah a 9 branched candlestick (Hanukkah) celebrates the temple re-dedication
Tallit	Prayer shawl. Blessings are said before the put the shawl round the shoulders, giving a feeling of shelter and belief that God is all around.
Kiddush cup	Cup used to hold the wine for the saying of the Kiddush prayers at Shabbat & Pesach.
Challah	Bread used on Sabbath table



Can you name the different artefacts and say how they are used in Jewish prayer?

Shabbat (Sabbath)

Sticky Knowledge

Shabbat is the weekly period of rest from Friday evening until Saturday night. This is not strictly a religious festival but a Jewish practice. The word Shabbat means rest, and remembers when God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.

Key word	Definition
Kiddush	A blessing said using wine or grape juice
Challah	Bread, often braided
Havdalah	Blessing marking the end of Shabbat
Torah	Jewish holy book

Can you name these artefacts and say what they are used for?

How can Shabbat be a challenge to Jewish people in the modern world?





Moses



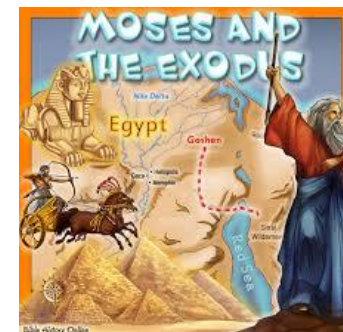
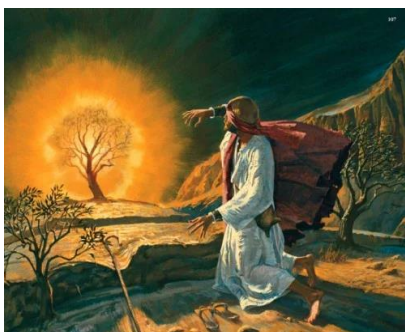
Sticky Knowledge

Moses was an important Jewish prophet thought to have saved the Jewish slaves in Egypt

Key word	Definition
Hebrew	Ancient people living in Israel and Palestine
Pharoah	Egyptian King
Plague	Causing continual trouble or distress
Exodus	leaving

What sort of leader do you think Moses was?

Can you describe what is happening in the pictures?



Passover

Sticky Knowledge

Passover (Pesach) is the springtime holiday observed by Jewish people remembering when God took the Jewish people out of Egypt. It lasts for eight days (seven days in Israel), during which no bread, or anything that contains grain that has fermented is eaten.

Key words	Definition
Seder	Special feast held at Passover
Matzah	Cracker like food
Maror	Bitter herbs



How is Passover similar and different to how Christians celebrate Easter?

Synagogue

Sticky Knowledge

A synagogue is a Jewish place of worship

Key word	Definition
Torah	Jewish holy book
menorah	Jewish six armed lampstand
Rabbi	Teacher of the Torah

How are Christian churches and synagogues similar?



Creation

Sticky Knowledge

Christians believe that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.

Genesis is the story of creation in Christianity and Judaism

Key words	Definition
firmament	Heavens or sky
Sabbath	Day of rest

How do you think the world was created?

Why do Christians and Jews tell the same creation story?



Fairness

Sticky Knowledge

Tzedakah (charity) is an important part of the Jewish way of life

Key words	Definition
Pushke	Jewish charity box
charity	The voluntary giving of help

Which charity appeal would you support?

Discuss if giving to charity makes you good person?

Do you have to be religious to help others?

