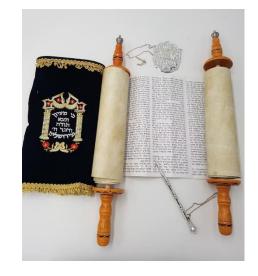




Key Vocabulary				
Torah	The five books of Moses, the holy book of Judaism, written in Hebrew			
Tenakh	Jewish Bible			
Judaism	The Jewish faith			
Synagogue	Jewish place of worship			
Shabbat or Sabbath	The Jewish holy day, celebrated on Saturday			
Hannukah	Jewish festival of lights			
Mezuzah	Found on doorposts, containing words from the Torah			
Shema	Special Jewish prayer, saying there is only one God			
Rabbi	Jewish leader and teacher			

Year 2

Our big question: Who is Jewish and how do they live?



Powerful knowledge

Jewish people believe in only one God and it is important to love God. Jewish people go to a synagogue to worship. The most important part of the synagogue is the Ark. This is where the Torah is kept. The Torah is treated with great respect. Jews are not allowed to touch it.

The Tenakh is a Jewish bible which contains lots of stories which teach about God looking after his people e.g. David and Goliath.

A very special day of the week is Shabbat when Jewish people remember how God rested after creating the world, it is a day of rest.

There are a number of Jewish festivals during the year including Hannukah, celebrated in November or December.

What I already know

Christianity and Islam are two of the world religions. Judaism is another one, the oldest, and began in Israel. There are many stories found in the Old Testament of the Christian bible that come from the Torah. They tell of how God chose Jews to be his special people.



Do you have special times you celebrate with your family?

A mezuzah

The Sabbath lasts from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. Jews celebrate as a family. They enjoy a special meal with prayers and songs.

