



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

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

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.



