



Year 4 Religious Education: Judaism

How special is the relationship Jews have with God?



Key Vocabulary

covenant	Agreement or promise.
Torah	The Jewish holy book.
mezuzah	Found on doorposts in Jewish homes. It contains a scroll with a Hebrew prayer called the Shema.
Shema	An important Jewish prayer which declares the Jewish belief that there is only one God.
Rabbi	Jewish religious leader.
Abraham	The founder of Judaism.
Isaac	The son of Abraham.
synagogue	Jewish place of worship.
Passover	The angel of death passed over the houses to save the first born.
Tallit	A prayer shawl with ten knots on each end as a reminder of the Ten Commandments.
Ten Commandments	Ten rules made by God to instruct people how to live and to protect people from harm. The commandments were given to Moses after the Exodus from Egypt.



Key Skills

- Give examples of agreements and contracts and explain how I would feel if one was broken.
- Identify an affirmation/promise I would like to make.
- Start to explain what makes Jewish people believe they have a special relationship with God.
- Describe some of the ways Jewish people express their special relationship with God and start to understand how that might feel.

Sticky Knowledge

Jews believe that there is one God who not only created the world, but with whom every Jew can have a personal and individual relationship.

Jewish history begins with the covenant (agreement/promise) between God and Abraham around 1812 BC.

God made a special promise that he would look after Abraham and all his descendants and confirmed this by giving him and his wife a son, even though he was 99!

God made that promise to Abraham and Jewish people believe that he has always kept his promise to look after them.

Moses was given the Ten Commandments and God asked the Jewish people to live by these as their promise to him.