



Religious Education: Y2, Autumn Term - Judaism

How Do Jews Show Faith Through Practices and Celebrations?

Theme: Pride- Local Focus



RE Skills to Develop:

Ask and respond to questions about what communities do, and why.

Identify what differences belonging to a community might make.

Notice and respond sensitively to some similarities between different religions and worldviews.

Our Enquiry Questions:

What rules do Jewish people follow?
 How do Jews remember Shabbat?
 What is the symbolism of the Shabbat meal?
 How did Esther show bravery and honesty?
 How is this remembered at Purim?
 How do Jewish families and communities celebrate Hanukkah?
 How are the Jewish celebrations similar/different to other religions?

Key Artefacts and Symbols:



Key Vocabulary	Definition
5 Fingers 	1. Judaism, 2. Jews, 3. Torah, 4. Hebrew, 5. Synagogue.
Shabbat 	The Jewish day of rest. Families share a special meal to remember the Earth was created in 7 days.
Mezuzah	Metal or wooden prayer holder placed on each doorway (not toilet!). Contains the Shema. Jews touch it to remember God.
Shema	Jewish prayer which is held inside the mezuzah.
Purim	Jewish holiday to remember the Jews being saved from Haman. Celebrated with music, food, drink, costumes and dance.
Hanukkah	Festival of lights. Celebrates the Jews taking back the temple for God.
Esther	A beautiful Jewish lady who became Queen of Persia. She saved the Jews from being harmed by being brave and honest.
Bravery	Having the strength to face something or someone dangerous, scary or difficult.
Honesty	To speak and act truthfully.
Respect	A positive feeling shown towards someone or something important.
Holy	Something very special because it is connected to God.
Special	Someone or something different from normal, more important than other things or people.