

KS1 Unit 2, Lesson 2: Yom Kippur

Context: In this lesson pupils will be introduced to the festival of Yom Kippur.

Overview:

- Understand what happens and why at Yom Kippur.
- Talk about what this says about saying sorry and being forgiven.

Essential core: There is no essential core about Yom Kippur at KS1. For your interest, this is the guidance for KS2.

- Know that Yom Kippur is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar.
 - This period starts with Rosh Hashannah and ends ten days later with Yom Kippur.
 - It is during this time of fasting,
 - So Jews show how sorry they are, and attend the synagogue as often as they can, listening to the Torah; for asking for forgiveness from those who they have wronged, forgive those who have wronged them and ask G-d to forgive them; saying, "And for all these, God of forgiveness, forgive us, pardon us, and grant us atonement."

Resources: shofar, <http://wgno.com/2014/10/02/young-students-celebrate-yom-kippur/>
www.reonline.org.uk/specials/jwol/

Vocabulary: forgiveness, pardon, atonement, Rosh Hashannah, Yom Kippur, shofar.

INTRODUCTION

Ask the children if they have ever had to say sorry. Were they sad about what they had done? Did saying sorry help make things better?

Today David has brought a shofar - a ram's horn that is blown at the end of Yom Kipur, the day of atonement and the holiest day in the Jewish year. The ten days between Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur is a time when Jewish people fast and say sorry to God. At the end of Yom Kippur, they celebrate God's forgiveness. What questions might the children want to ask? Why do Jewish people want to say sorry to God? Fasting is a way of saying sorry to God.

Go to time - festivals - Yom Kippur. Listen to Sarah explain about saying sorry, and David talk about fasting. www.reonline.org.uk/specials/jwol/

CELEBRATE:

Talk about the difference between saying and being sorry. What things might we do to show that we are really sorry and want things to be different? Sing "On This Day" from the two candles burn cd.

Be inspired by these Jewish Children making a shofar (rams horn trumpet) and talking about when it is blown at Yom Kippur. The Shofar is blown to say "Wake up! Think about saying sorry and doing what is right!"

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REFLECT:

Between Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur Jewish people spend ten days fasting and thinking about saying sorry to God for the wrong things they have done? They also take this time to plan to do things differently. They might give money to charity. They might think about the things they say and do.

PLENARY & FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

What is it so important to say sorry? Yom Kippur is a special time to say sorry to people and to God. How do you feel when you have said sorry and been forgiven? How do you think Jewish people feel to know that God loves them and forgives them?