

KS1 Unit 4, Lesson 2: Torah

Context: In this lesson pupils will continue to explore the origins and role of the Torah in Jewish daily life and worship.

Overview:

- Discuss the origins and importance of 'the Law' in Judaism
- Begin to understand the importance of obedience to the Law in Jewish daily life

Essential core: Know that the Torah means 'teaching' is the most important part of Jewish scriptures. Know that it contains the first 5 books of the Hebrew Bible.

It teaches Jews what God is like and how they should live their lives.

Understand how special the Torah is for Jews: The Torah is read every week in the synagogue.

Raise and suggest answers to relevant questions in response to the Jewish teachings on the Torah.

Attempt to support their answers using reasons and/or information

Resources: mezuzah, materials to make mezuzahs (tubes, paper, glue, scissors, blu tack), persona doll, <http://www.reonline.org.uk/specials/jwol/>

Vocabulary: - Law; Torah; Moses, Simchat Torah

INTRODUCTION

This week David has brought a mezuzah in his bag. He touches it as enters his home and remembers that he wants God's Law (Torah) to always be obeyed in his home.

STORY:

GOD GIVES THE LAW TO MOSES (Exodus chapters 19&20) GODLY PLAY - you will need play sand (just slightly moist) in a stout tablecloth, a Moses figure (a shepherd or Joseph from a Christmas crib), a small cardboard representation of the two stone tablets of the 10 Commandments. Script attached.

CELEBRATE:

Look at "what is a mezuzah? And "make a mezuzah" on Jewish way of life. Go to "what we do" - "space" - "what is a mezuzah?" and "make a mezuzah".

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As the pupils make their own mezuzah, talk about what David thinks about as he touches it.

Why is it so important to him to be reminded to read and obey what he believes is "Gods Law"?

What things are helpful reminders to us?

What things do we believe are important?

What guides us?

PLENARY & FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

What is "The Torah"? Why is reading and obeying "The Torah" so important to Jewish people?

Do we have 'laws' that we must obey that tell us what is right and wrong?