

## KS1 Unit 7, Lesson 3: Jewish home

**Context:** In this lesson pupils will be introduced to the central place of the home in Jewish life and worship. Obedience to the commands of the Torah is lived out there.

### Overview:

- Look at the ways that the special days of the Jewish faith is lived out in the home.
- Relate this to obedience to God's laws - Torah.

### 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.
- One day a week Jews observe the Sabbath: they rest, have a meal on Friday evening with their family. Jews believe that bringing the family together once a week when no one works is important.

**Resources:** Challah loaves, two candlesticks & candles, matches, persona doll, kippah (cap), tallit (prayer shawl). White tablecloth. <http://reonline.org.uk/specials/jwol> (Shabbat)

**Vocabulary:** - Challah, kippah, tallit.

**INTRODUCTION:** For Jewish families, celebrating and living out their faith in their homes is even more important as worshipping God together in the Synagogue.

Bake and bring in two challah loaves - the recipe is attached. Every Friday night and Saturday Jewish families celebrate Shabbat - a special day for rest and worship. Lay the table for the start of Shabbat and talk about what these things are as you do.

### CELEBRATE:

Light the candles and sing "Two Candles Burn" song together. Talk about the meaning of the words. Listen to what the children say about the start of Shabbat (Friday night) on Jewish Way of Life.

<http://reonline.org.uk/specials/jwol>

You may wish to watch this 4-minute BBC video about what happens on Shabbat.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/z37s39q>

### REFLECT:

Eat the Challah bread together. Shabbat is a special day - a time for rest, family and worship. Traditionally Challah is eaten at each of the three meals over Shabbat.

This plaited bread is special - sweet and rich. It reminds people of the miracle of the manna that God provided the people of Israel to eat when they were in the desert. What might these things make Jewish people think about as they eat the Challah loaves today? What do they "say" about what God is like? What is a kippah and tallit? They are worn as a sign of respect for God as Jewish men and boys pray. Let the pupils try them on if they wish. Emphasise these are special things.

### PLENARY & FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT:

Draw a picture of the challah loaves and candles and write with them why Shabbat is a special day of rest. What do the things Jews do on this day "say" to them about what God is like and the way He wants people to live.