



## Discovery RE Knowledge Organiser Year 1, ages 5-6

This knowledge organiser is a guide, offering key information to point the teacher in the right direction as to the beliefs underpinning the particular enquiry.

The summaries must not be taken as the beliefs of ALL members of the particular religion.

<b>Religion /Worldview:</b> Judaism	<b>Enquiry Question:</b> Does celebrating Chanukah make Jewish children feel closer to God?	<b>Age:</b> 5/6 <b>Year Group:</b> 1 <b>Optional</b>
In this enquiry, the children look at the story of Chanukah and understand how Jews believe God performed a miracle to help them. They will look at how these events are commemorated and celebrated		

Core Knowledge (see also background information documents)		Link to other aspects of belief	Personal connection / resonance
<b>Chanukah</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chanukah means “re-dedication” and celebrates what Jews believe to be one of the greatest miracles in Jewish history.</li> <li>The festival reminds Jews of a time when the Jews won a battle against the Syrians to practise their religion freely</li> <li>Chanukah is celebrated with candles in a special candlestick called a Hanukkah menorah. Jews believe that the lighting of an additional candle each day brings light into their lives through a newer emphasis on charitable donations and a commitment to the work of repairing the world (tikkun olam) during the holiday. Children also play games with a spinning top called a dreidel.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special relationship between God and Jews</li> <li>Abraham and Moses – Covenant</li> <li>Celebration of festivals at home and in the synagogue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do we like to believe in miracles? Why?</li> <li>What would you consider to be a miracle?</li> <li>Why is it important to remember old stories?</li> </ul>
Key Terms and definitions	History/Context	Impact on believer/daily life	Spiral curriculum link
<b>Chanukah:</b> festival of re-dedication <b>Hanukkah:</b> special commemorative candles	The story tells of a time of persecution and the many Jews who bravely stood up to keep their faith alive. The festival is a time of celebration as God came to their aid but also a time to recognise that there have been difficult times in their history.	Recognising the efforts their ancestors went to in order to keep the faith going could foster a sense of responsibility to commemorate this today	This enquiry looks to build on the relationship Jews have with God. Being called the ‘chosen people’ has brought times of happiness and times of struggle
<b>Home learning ideas/questions:</b> What old family stories can we share? Why is it important to remember people and events that happened a while ago?			