



## Discovery RE Knowledge Organiser



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: Judaism</b>	<b>Enquiry Question: What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?</b>	<b>Age: 8/9</b>	<b>Year Group: 4 Summer 1</b>
In this enquiry, the children look at how the scriptures inspire Jews to help others and perform good deeds. These deeds are ways of thanking God for all he has done as well as reaching out to those in need.			

<b>Core Knowledge</b> (see also background information documents)	<b>Link to other aspects of belief</b>	<b>Personal connection / resonance</b>	
<p>This enquiry brings together all the other enquiries which show how commitment is a key part of the Jewish faith. The beliefs behind the practices are in the Jewish Scriptures- <u>Tenakh</u></p> <p>The Tenakh is made up of the Torah (Law), Nevi'im (Prophets), Ketuvim (Writings). It is written in Hebrew. The first five books are the Torah: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.</p> <p>Jewish belief is that the Torah was given to Moses by God. The teachings of the Torah influence all Jewish life as Jews are required to follow the 613 mitzvot (commandments or laws) which were expanded from the original 10 Commandments given to Moses.</p> <p>These contain instructions on worship as well as for many areas of daily life.</p> <p>Focus on Mitzvoth – the belief in doing good deeds and helping others.</p> <p>Look modern ways for Jews to express this through Mitzvah day, the website will give examples of activities planned for Mitzvah day (in November) each year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tu B'Shevat – tree planting ceremony</li> <li>• Jewish charities including World Jewish Relief</li> <li>• Worship -The teachings in the Torah influence all aspects of Jewish life including prayer.</li> <li>• Prayer and worship in the Synagogue</li> <li>• Bar and Bat Mitzvah</li> <li>• Mitzvah day - <a href="https://mitzvahday.org.uk/">https://mitzvahday.org.uk/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What am I committed to now?</li> <li>• Is there anything I was committed to that I am not anymore?</li> <li>• What will I be committed to in the future?</li> <li>• What do I feel about the way we use the environment?</li> <li>• What could I do to help the environment?</li> <li>• What could I do to help others?</li> </ul>	
<b>Key Terms and definitions</b>	<b>History/Context</b>	<b>Impact on believer/daily life</b>	<b>Spiral curriculum link</b>
<p><b>Tenakh:</b> Jewish Scriptures</p> <p><b>Torah:</b> the books of the law</p> <p><b>Mitzvoth:</b> good deeds and helping others</p>	<p>Whist Jews think about and like to connect with their past, Mitzvah day is a modern way of mobilising support locally, nationally and globally</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performing Mitzvoth (good deeds and helping others) is a way of showing God that you are following his instructions and showing him and others respect.</li> </ul>	<p>Revisit how commitment plays a large part in the Jewish faith including the covenant, Shabbat, Seder, Bar and Bat Mitzvah.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental concerns are very pertinent so the Tu B'Shevat tree planting ceremony is a way of trying to act as stewards for the earth.</li> </ul>	<p>This will lead on to the enquiry which looks at opportunities for Jews to show their faith through outreach work.</p> <p>General stewardship of the earth links to Yr1 Autumn 1 enquiry.</p>
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**Home learning ideas/questions:**  
 What could we do to help each other? What could we do to help others including family members, friends, neighbours and those far away?