

Key words

Sacred - Something special or holy and often holding religious significance

Mitzvah - Commandment. A mitzvah is something a Jewish person must do.

Community - A group of people living in the same place or having something in common.

Initiation - Becoming part of a community, often through taking part in a ceremony or ritual.

Laws - Rules set by a community - usually things we do not want people to do.

Values - Ideas that are important to us, like treat everyone equally.

Holy Book - Books and scripture that all religions have, containing stories, traditions, laws and values.

Sects - Religions often have different groups within them. These sects usually share the same core beliefs but may have different ways of worshipping.



The Island

Initiation



Holy Book and they have a big family party.

Year 7-Term One:

During this unit, we explore what may happen when lost on a desert island. How do traditions develop? How do we preserve our stories? How do communities change over time?

Jewish boys have a Bar Mitzvah and girls have a Bat Mitzvah.

It is an initiation ceremony where a Jewish child becomes a full, responsible member of their community.

The child reads from their

Holy Book and they have a big family party.

Preserving the story



The Jewish Holy Book is called The Torah and was given by God to Moses.

Each copy is sacred. They are handwritten and take 18 months.

It is in the Ancient Hebrew language - translating may lose meaning.

It is kept in a special place called 'The Ark' in the synagogue.

Sects and Differences



ORTHODOX

The Torah is the exact word of God - it should never be changed.

Men and women must worship separately.

Stick to all 613 laws and values, including strict food laws like no pork or shellfish.

Sacred



A tefillin is a sacred object worn

by Jewish men.

Worn on the head and heart showing they should serve God with their thoughts and heart.

It is a Jewish Mitzvah but it is also a tradition passed through generations.

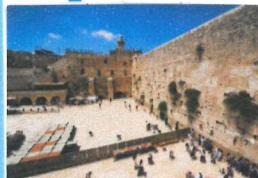
Laws and Values



When Moses escaped from Egypt with the Jews, he needed some laws and values to help his community live well together.

Jews believe that God provided Moses with the 10 most important rules. These include laws like 'do not kill' and values such as 'always respect your parents.'

Special Place



Synagogue. Jews come together on Holy Days to worship + read The Torah.

They treat the building with respect by wearing a Kippah on their heads.

Jews also have a special place called the Western Wall. It is the only wall left of the first synagogue in Jerusalem.

Some Jews travel here to celebrate the festival of Shavuot. This remembers the time when God first revealed the Torah to Moses.

The Torah is important but was written by humans. There may be mistakes + it can be updated.

Stick to the main 10 Commandments but believe the others are outdated.

Women have more of a role. They worship alongside men, lead services and read The Torah. Girls can also have a Bat Mitzvah.

REFORM

