



**Unit of work:**  
What do Jews believe about God?

**Year group:**  
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**Prior learning:**  
This is the first time children have specifically learnt about Judaism in primary education.

**Knowledge/skills**

**Why is the Torah important for Jews?**  
The Torah is the first part of the Jewish bible. It is the central and most important document of Judaism and has been used by Jews through the ages. It is a scroll and it is written in Hebrew.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/texts/torah.shtml>

**What do Jews believe about God?**  
Jews believe that there is one God who is a Creator, Sustainer, Eternal, a King and powerful.

**Who was Joseph?**  
Joseph was the 11<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> sons and he was seen as the most important son to his father Jacob by all of his brothers.

**How did Miriam show courage and truthfulness, and choose between right and wrong?**  
Miriam is Moses' sister. Moses became a prince and Miriam was a slave.

**Which rules are important for Jews?**  
The Torah has rules for living which guide the Jewish people. It has rules such as, 'show respect for old people and honour them' or Leviticus 19: 18 - 'love your neighbour as you love yourself'.

**What do Jews believe about a creator God?**  
God created the world which is something special and they should continue to look after it.

**RE Skills to develop**

- I can retell and suggest meanings to some religious and moral stories.
- I can explore and discuss sacred writings and sources of wisdom and recognising the communities from which they come.
- I can recognise some different symbols and actions which express a community's way of life, appreciating some similarities between communities.
- I can find out about questions of right and wrong and begin to express my own ideas and opinions.

**Vocabulary and definitions**

Word	Definition
<b>5 Fingers</b>	<b>Judaism, Jews, Torah, Hebrew, Synagogue.</b>
<b>Torah</b>	<b>The first 5 books of the 24 books in the written Torah. The Law of God revealed to Moses.</b>
Yad	A pointer used to point to the text when reading from the Torah. Can be made from silver or wood, has Star of David symbol on it.
Joseph	He was the son of Jacob and Rachel. He lived in Canaan with his 12 brothers. He was his father's favourite son and was given a special coat.
Miriam	Moses's big sister who watched over him in the basket in the river. She saw the Egyptian Princess pick him up and fetched her Mum to look after him for the Princess.
Moses	Miriam's little brother. Led the Jews out of Egypt. Was given the 10 Commandments by God on Mount Sinai.
Commandments (Mitzvot)	Special rules given by God to his people. Christians follow 10 Commandments, but Jews have 613 Mitzvot (Commandments) to follow.
Courage	To be able to do something that frightens you. Another word for bravery.
Slavery	When a person owns another human being. The slave has to work hard and do as they are told. They are not free to do what they want.
Respect	A positive feeling shown towards someone or something important.
<b>Holy</b>	<b>Something very special because it is connected to God.</b>
Special	Someone or something different from normal, more important than other things or people.

**Significant people**

Joseph (and his dreamcoat)      Moses and Miriam



**Artefacts and symbols**

