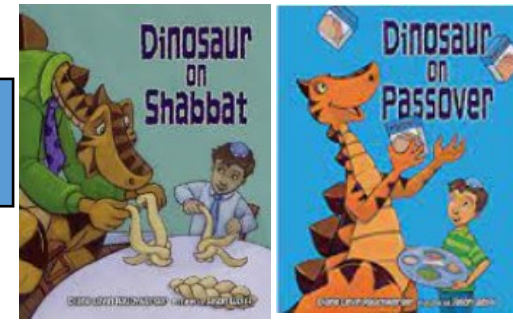


Year 1



Religious Education



A Jewish Family

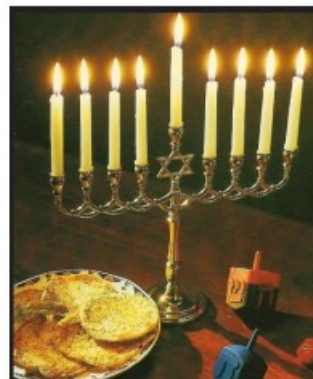
To begin to understand the Jewish faith.

Which parts of the Synagogue can you name?



The Torah scroll with a
Yad resting on top

Hanukkah Menorah



VOCABULARY

Jews	People who practice Judaism.
Jewish	Belonging to the faith of Judaism.
The Torah	The Jewish Holy Book. Every Synagogue has a Torah that is handwritten on scrolls. No one is allowed to touch the parchment.
Ark	The special cupboard in the synagogue in which the Torah is kept safe.
Synagogue	The building where Jews gather to worship together.
Rabbi	Rabbi means 'Teacher' in Hebrew. A Rabbi is a religious leader who leads services in the synagogue.
Hebrew	The language that the Torah is written in. A very, very old language.
Yad	A pointer used by the reader to follow the text during the Torah reading because it is forbidden to touch the parchment.
Sofer	Scribe. The person who makes copies of the Torah.
Shabbat	The Jewish weekly day of rest. Shabbat starts at sunset on Friday and lasts until the sun sets on Saturday. During Shabbat, Jews remember that God created the world and on the seventh day he rested. Jews believe God's day of rest was a Saturday.
Festival	A special time of celebration. Often a festival is a time to remember something from long ago.
Hannukah	A Jewish holiday that lasts for eight nights. It is also known as the festival of lights. It represents joy and a celebration of victory against enemies of the Jews.
Purim	A festival to celebrate the story of Esther, a Jewish girl who became Queen of Persia.