



## Jigsaw 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>	Enquiry Question: Does visiting the synagogue help Jewish children feel closer to God?	<b>Age: 5-7</b>	<b>Enquiry 3</b>
In this enquiry, the children learn about Jerusalem as a place of pilgrimage for Jews and how the Synagogue may give Jews a similar feeling of belonging to Judaism.			
<b>Core Knowledge</b> (see also background information documents)		<b>Link to other aspects of belief</b>	<b>Personal connection / resonance</b>
<p>Jews believe that there is only one God, and he is sacred (Holy).</p> <p><b>Important features of a synagogue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Star of David -A six-pointed star. It is a symbol of Judaism</li> <li>• Torah- first 5 books of the Jewish Holy Texts. Written in Hebrew.</li> <li>• Yad- A special pointer used when reading the Torah</li> <li>• Ark-A large cupboard facing Jerusalem. It holds the Torah and is the holiest place in the synagogue.</li> <li>• Ner tamid- hangs above the ark. It is a light that never goes out. It is a symbol that God is eternal or present.</li> <li>• Bimah- This is a raised platform with a reading desk where the Torah is read.</li> <li>• Rabbi- A Jewish religious teacher. They lead services at the synagogue</li> <li>• Siddur -Prayer book</li> <li>• Mezuzah- small rectangular shaped box which can be found on the doorframe of Jewish people's homes. It contains the Shema prayer which is a prayer for Jewish people to remember God.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilgrimage</li> <li>• 10 Commandments</li> <li>• Shavuot</li> <li>• Shema</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where would I say I belong?</li> <li>• What might it feel like to go somewhere which makes you feel like you are part of something worldwide?</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>Tanakh:</b> Hebrew Bible</p> <p><b>Sefer Torah:</b> Torah Scroll written out by a specially trained scribe</p> <p><b>Sofer:</b> specially trained scribe</p>	<p>Judaism is one of the oldest world religions</p> <p>There are 304,805 Hebrew letters in a Torah Scroll and it takes a sofer (specially trained scribe) a year to 18 months to write. This is because every word must be checked and rechecked as there are special rules for writing the name of God.</p>	<p>Some Jews will make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, but this might not be possible for everyone, so many Jews will find their synagogue gives them a similar sense of belonging.</p> <p>God is central to the Jewish faith, and he has provided them with rules that they must follow which is very important to most Jewish believers</p>	<p>Link to earlier Judaism enquiries and EYFS special places.</p>
<b>Home learning ideas/questions:</b> Where is a special place for you or your family which gives you a sense of belonging?			