

**In this unit, you should:**

- Learn about Moses and how he was courageous and confident when he led the exodus from Egypt – the beginning of the Jewish faith.
- Learn how Moses received the 10 commandments.
- Look at the Jewish festival of Passover
- Visit a synagogue and understand the features seen in this place of worship.
- Discuss the symbols associated with Jewish festivals and places of worship.



**Key vocabulary:**

**Ten Commandments:** Ten important life rules for Jews given to Moses by God.

**The Sabbath/Shabat:** The holy day for Jews.

**Synagogue:** Place of worship for Jewish people.

**Rabbi:** Jewish religious leader and teacher.

**Ark:** The place where the Torah is kept in a synagogue.

**Torah:** The Jewish holy book.

**Hebrew:** A language used by Jewish people.

**Yom Kippur:** when Jews fast, reflect on the previous year and pray for God's forgiveness.

**Passover/Pesach:** when Jews remember being led out of slavery by Moses.

**Seder Plate:** The Seder tells the story of Exodus through the senses of sight, taste, and feeling.

**Links:**

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Comparisons to Christianity throughout KS2

**Key content:**

- Jews believe in one God. They also try to live by the Ten Commandments. They include using God's name with respect, remembering the Sabbath, respecting your parents and not lying or stealing. Jews believe God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses.
- Judaism began around 4000 years ago in the Middle East. Jerusalem is a place where many Jews go to on pilgrimage.
- Hebrew is a special language for Jews. Jews believe God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses in Hebrew. The Torah is written in Hebrew and Jews learn to read it.
- Jewish people go to a synagogue to worship. Men and women sit separately in some synagogues. The most important part of the synagogue is the Ark. This is where the Torah is kept. The Torah is treated with great respect. Jews are not allowed to touch it.
- Symbols are used within religions to point to or explain something more clearly. Symbols will usually have a deeper meaning. They are often displayed in places of worship or in the home, and are used as a focus during worship.

