

Jewish Celebrations : RE : Year 3

	Learning Objective	Overview	Assessment Questions	Resources
Lesson 1	To recap facts about Judaism and Jewish beliefs.	Children will consider what they already know about Judaism. They will be given an overview of the Judaic faith, identifying what Jews believe, where Jews worship, what the Torah is and who rabbis are. They will identify Judaism as one of the major global religions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know that Judaism is one of the world's oldest religions? Do children know that Jews believe in one God? Can children describe some of the main features of Judaism? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 1A/1B Sentence Cards Domino Cards Information Sheet True or False Cards (FSD? activity only) Dice (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 2	To find out about the Jewish festival of Passover.	Children will read the story of Moses and the exodus from Egypt. They will understand what Passover represents and identify how it is celebrated by Jews today. They will look at the Seder plate and understand the symbolism of each of the objects of the plate in relation to the story.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know the story behind the Passover celebrations? Can children describe some of the ways in which Passover is celebrated today? Can children identify symbols associated with Passover? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Seder Plate Cards Worksheet 2A Paper plates Ten Plague Cards (FSD? activity only) Character Cards (FSD? activity only) Blank Cards - optional (FSD? activity only) Lolly sticks or art straws (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 3	To find out about the Jewish festival of Sukkot.	Children will recap the story of the exodus from Egypt before finding out what happened to the Israelites in the desert. They will understand what the festival of Sukkot commemorates and how it is celebrated by Jews today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know that the Israelites wandered the desert for forty years before reaching the Promised Land? Do children know why Jews celebrate Sukkot? Can children describe some of the main features of Sukkot celebrations? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 3A/3B/3C Picture Cards Materials for creating a sukkah (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 4	To find out about the festival of Purim.	Children will identify the main characters and events in the story of Esther. They will understand what is being celebrated at Purim and why it is such a lively and joyous festival. They will describe the main features of Purim and understand how it is celebrated by Jews today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children retell the main points from the story of Esther? Do children know why Purim is a joyous and important festival for Jews? Can children describe some of the ways in which Purim is celebrated? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Story Cards A/B Story Sheet Mask Templates (FSD? activity only) Additional art materials (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 5	To find out about the festival of Hanukkah.	Children will start by thinking about what they would do if someone tried to force them to do something they knew was wrong. They will go on to read the story of the Maccabees and the Miracle of Oil. They will understand how and why Jews celebrate Hanukkah today, considering the importance of the symbol of light.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know that Hanukkah is known as the Festival of Lights? Can children retell the main points in the story of the Maccabees? Can children describe some of the main features of the celebrations of Hanukkah? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 5A/5B/5C Dreidel Template (FSD? activity only) Game Card (FSD? activity only) Game Pieces (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 6	To find out about the festival of Rosh Hashanah.	Children will identify Rosh Hashanah as the Jewish New Year. They will understand that it marks the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, and identify some of the ways in which it is celebrated today. Children will have the chance to consider things they have done wrong in the past year, as Jews do during Rosh Hashanah, and think about who they would want to ask for forgiveness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know that Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year festival? Can children describe some of the ways in which Rosh Hashanah is celebrated? Do children understand what the Days of Awe are and relate this to things they have done wrong themselves? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 6A/6B/6C/6D Foods for Rosh Hashanah celebration (FSD? activity only) End of Unit Quiz