

Why is the Torah special? : RE : Year 1/2

	Learning Objective	Overview	Assessment Questions	Resources
Lesson 1	To find out about Judaism.	Children will identify Judaism as one of the major world religions. They will find out how Judaism started by reading the story of Abraham. They will go on to explore some of the key beliefs, traditions and features of Judaism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know that Judaism is one of the main world religions? Do children know that Abraham is known as the father of the Jewish people? Do children understand the meaning of 'faith' and 'courage'? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 1A/1B/1C/1D/1E Information Cards Jewish Religious Artefacts
Lesson 2	To find out about the Torah.	Children will identify the Ten Commandments as laws given to Moses on Mount Sinai by God. They will explore what these laws are and what they mean before relating them to rules they have to obey in their own lives. They will identify the Ten Commandments as the beginnings of the Torah.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know that Jews believe Moses was told the Torah by God? Do children know what the Ten Commandments are? Can children describe rules they follow in their own lives? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 2A/2B/2C Commandment Cards Game Cards (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 3	To find out how the Torah is used today.	Children will find out about the Torah and its significance for Jews today. They will find out how Jews use the Torah to worship and learn about God, as well as some of the practices surrounding the use of the Torah (such as using a 'yad' so that the scroll is not touched).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know what the Torah is? Can children explain some of the reasons why the Torah is important to Jews? Can children describe how Jewish people look after the Torah today? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 3A/3B Question Cards Information Sheet Help Sheet (FSD? activity only) Cardboard tubes, dowelling, paper, etc. (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 4	To think about the meaning of stories in the Torah.	Children will find out about some of the different types of writing in the Torah and some of its well-known stories. They will read the story of Jacob and consider what we can learn about the history of the Jewish people and their relationship with God. Children are encouraged to consider where Jacob demonstrates both courage and faith throughout the story and to think about times when they have needed courage or faith in their own lives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children understand that Torah includes different types of writing, including rules and stories? Can children describe some of the moments that Jacob showed faith and courage in the story? Can children reflect on times when they have shown faith or courage? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Story Sheet Story Cards 4A/4B/4C Word Bank Courage Cards (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 5	To think about some of the other laws in the Torah.	Children will find out about some of the other rules set out in the Torah, particularly in relation to food and eating. Children will learn about kosher and non-kosher foods and identify some foods that fit into these categories.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children understand that the Torah provides many different rules for Jewish people to live by? Do children know that some laws in the Torah tell Jews what they should and should not eat? Can children identify some foods that are kosher and non-kosher? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 5A/5B/5C Information Sheet Picture Cards (FSD? activity only) Role-play Area (FSD? activity only)
Lesson 6	To find out what the Torah teaches Jews about helping others.	Children will find out about some of the ways in which the Torah teaches them to be kind and generous to others. They will find out how and why Jews give money to charity and some of the other ways they help out people in their communities. Children are challenged to relate this to their own experiences of helping others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do children know that the Torah teaches Jews how they should treat other people? Can children describe some of the ways in which Jews help others? Can children relate this to their own experiences of helping others? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides Worksheet 6A/6B Scenario Cards Pushke Templates (FSD? activity only) Cardboard Boxes and Art Materials (FSD? activity only)