



**Unit of work:**

How do Jews demonstrate their faith through their communities?

**Year group:**

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**Prior learning:**

- The Torah is the holy text
- Jewish people believe in one God
- Jews believe that God created the world
- Jews have 613 Mitzvots (Commandments) to follow
- The name and significance of items at a Shabbat meal (Kiddush cup, challah, candles, prayers, etc)
- The story of Moses and Joseph and his dreamcoat

**RE Skills to develop**

- I can explore belief in action and make connections with my own life and communities.
- I can give thoughtful responses using different forms of expression.
- I can discuss why worshippers choose to attend a particular place of worship and what it means to belong.

**Knowledge/skills**

**What is a Synagogue?**

A **synagogue** is a place of worship for people of the Jewish religion. Jews also use **synagogues** as places to meet and study. ... A **synagogue** is sometimes called a temple or a shul, which is a Yiddish word. The layout and design of **synagogues** can vary greatly.

**What happens at Pesach (Passover)?**

Jews celebrate the holiday of **Passover** every Spring. The holiday lasts for eight days and nights. On the first two nights of **Passover**, a special meal called a **seder** is held. At the **seder**, families and friends sit around the table and read the story of Moses leading the Jewish people from ancient Egypt.

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/more-find-out/festivals-and-holidays/passover/>

**What is Shavuot?**

Originally an ancient harvest festival celebrating the grain crop, Shavuot means "weeks" in Hebrew. It is the holiday is celebrated seven weeks after Passover begins. Shavuot is also recognized as the anniversary of the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai and most Shavuot celebrations are centered on Torah study and other Jewish learning. On the first night of the holiday many people stay up all night studying Jewish texts.

**Vocabulary and definitions**

Word	Definition
5 Fingers	<b>Judaism, Jews, Torah, Hebrew, Synagogue.</b>
Synagogue	The place where Jews meet to worship God (church for Christians). It means 'meeting place' in Greek.
The Torah	that Jews believe that the Torah is God's way of communicating with them. It is his most precious gift to them. (The first 5 books of the Christian Bible)
The Ark	The most important thing inside a <b>synagogue</b> is the <b>ark</b> , or cabinet, that holds the Torah scrolls.
Bimah	A raised platform in a synagogue from which the Torah is read.
Shavuot	Commemorates the revelation of the Torah on Mt. Sinai given to Moses and the <b>Jewish</b> people. (The Ten Commandments—Christianity)
Ner tamid, "Eternal Light"	Burning before the ark. (In Christian churches the sanctuary <b>lamp</b> , also called a chancel <b>lamp</b> , is placed before the tabernacle to signify the presence of the Lord/Blessed Sacrament.
Pesach/Passover	Celebrates the freedom of the Jews from slavery in ancient Egypt. Moses ( the most important prophet in Judaism but also an important prophet in Christianity, Islam and the Bahá'í Faith.
Sedar	This is the <b>seder</b> plate, and each food is symbolic for an aspect of <b>Passover</b> : A roasted shank bone <b>represents</b> the Pesach sacrifice, an egg <b>represents</b> spring and the circle of life, bitter herbs <b>represent</b> the bitterness of slavery, haroset (an applesauce-like mixture with wine, nuts, apples, etc.)
Sukkot	Commemorates the years that the <b>Jews</b> spent in the desert on their way to the Promised Land, and celebrates the way in which God protected them under difficult desert conditions. <b>Sukkot</b> is also known as the Feast of Tabernacles

**Key Stories**



**Artefacts and symbols**

Bimah



Ner tamid



cedar plate



Synagogue

