

Worcestershire RE Syllabus

Judaism - initial suggestions for KS1 & KS2

Warning for teachers: the web contains some spurious websites, some of which appear to present authentic research. Anti-semitism is ever present. Make sure you use authentic and trusted websites. If in doubt contact Worcestershire SACRE or the British Board of Deputies.

| | Section | What should they know? | Elements |
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| Key Stage 1 | What Jews Believe | Jews believe there is one God. | The creator who cares for all creation. |
| | A Special Book | Torah – what is it? Why do Jews consider it to be so special? | Handwritten, by a scribe, in Hebrew, on a scroll kept in the Synagogue. Mantle – special scroll cover Yad – ‘hand’, a pointer Rimmonim – bells to put on top scroll ends A ‘Tree of Life’ - teaches about how to live a goodly life. |
| | | Tenakh – What is it? | The Jewish Bible. Printed in the vernacular and includes the Torah. Christians call it the ‘Hebrew Bible’ or the ‘Old Testament’. The Jewish Bible does <u>not</u> have the Jesus stories. |
| | | Stories of special people and events - Why are they important to Jews? | <i>For example:</i> Creation Joseph Moses Ruth Esther |
| | Family Life & Special Times | The Sabbath – How is it celebrated? Why is it kept? | Shabbat is the most important festival. Links to the story of Creation, Moses and the wandering in the desert, and the 10 Commandments. Friday evening meal – blessings over 2 candles, wine/grape juice, 2 challah loaves, followed by a proper dinner. A day of rest, family and friends. A day to reflect on the previous week. |