

Years 1 and 2 RE Home Learning Project Term 5: To explore facts about Judaism.

Web links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znwhfg8/articles/zh77vk7> BBC Bitesize Judaism

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-t-659-mezuzah-powerpoint> Twinkl Powerpoint

Topic activity: To find out facts about Judaism.



Activity 1: What does the word 'precious' mean? Make a list of 5 objects in your house that are precious to you and your family. Talk to your family about why these objects are precious, where you keep them and how you feel when you see them or touch them.

Activity 2: This year we have learnt about what many Christians believe and how they worship. Now we are going to find out about a different religion, Judaism. Let's find out about what many Jewish people believe and how they worship.

Watch the video 'What is Judaism?' with an adult (See BBC Bitesize website above). What have you found out together?



Activity 3: Look at this...

What can you see?

What do you think it might be?

How might it be precious to Jewish people?

How might a Jewish person feel when they touch it?

Activity 4: Look at the information on the next page to find out more.

(Or read through the Twinkl PowerPoint - website link above)



Activity 5: Get making! (See the next page)

Have fun!

The Mezuzah

What is a Mezuzah?

The Mezuzah is a scroll which Jewish people keep inside a case.



Where does a Mezuzah belong?

The Mezuzah is fixed to the right side of their doorframe and when Jewish people fix it there they chant 'Blessed are you, Lord, our God, Sovereign of the Universe'.



Why is the Mezuzah important?

The Mezuzah is placed on doorframes to constantly remind Jewish people of God's presence.



What do you do with a Mezuzah?

Whenever a Jewish person goes through their door they touch the Mezuzah to remind themselves that God is there.



Make Your Own Mezuzah

Instructions for Making a Mezuzah

1. Cut around the edge of the two mezuzah parts by following the solid black lines.
2. Next, fold down the dotted lines to create hill folds.
3. Fold up the dashed and dotted lines to create valley folds.
4. Apply glue to the larger tab on the golden section and stick this to the section on the opposite side. This should begin to form the mezuzah's shape.
5. Apply glue to the smaller tab on the golden section and glue down inside the mezuzah to seal one end.
6. Place the folded plain section inside the mezuzah. This represents a piece of parchment with writing from the Torah.
7. Seal the final open-ended section of the mezuzah by gluing together the two triangular tabs.

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