



Core Knowledge

Beliefs: Jewish people believe in one God.

Torah: Jewish people learn from the Torah, their holy book.

Home life: Many Jewish homes have a mezuzah on the doorpost to remind them of God.

Shabbat: Every week Jewish families rest, eat, and celebrate together on Shabbat.

Festivals: Jewish people celebrate festivals such as Chanukah (festival of lights), Sukkot (harvest), and Passover (story of freedom).

- **Chanukah:** remembers a miracle. Involves lighting a menorah, playing dreidel and eating special foods
- **Passover:** remembers the story of Moses and the freedom from Egypt. Families enjoy a special meal called the Seder.

Symbols: Objects like the menorah, mezuzah, challah, and Torah help Jewish people remember their beliefs

Key Vocabulary

Jewish – people who follow Judaism

Synagogue – a special place where Jewish people worship

Torah – Jewish holy book (written on scrolls)

Mezuzah – small case on a doorpost with a special prayer inside

Shabbat – the Jewish day of rest (Friday evening to Saturday evening)

Challah – special plaited bread eaten on Shabbat

Menorah – a candle holder used at Chanukah

Festival – a special celebration (e.g. Sukkot, Chanukah, Passover)

Rabbi – Jewish teacher or leader

Connections

Christians also worship one God, but have different beliefs.

Many religions have holy books, special festivals, and days of rest.

We all have things at home that remind us of what is important.

