

Religious Education Year Y2 Term 6 Thankfulness - What different things and times do we associate with saying thank you?

Overview: You will learn how and why Jewish people say thank you to God. You will learn why Jewish people believe that they are God's special people and will learn about the special promises made between God and the Jewish people and how these promises influence the way in which Jewish people live their lives. You will also have time to make connections about beliefs about God, Jewish beliefs and reflect on what it means to me. We will be reading the book **Tamar's Sukkah** by Ellie Gellman to help you understand the importance and meaning of Sukkot/Sukkah.

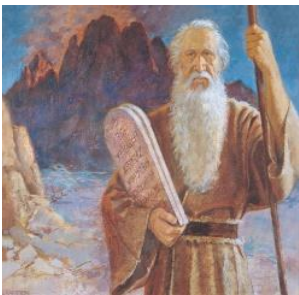
What is Judaism?

Judaism is one of the world's oldest religions.

It began nearly **4,000 years ago**.

It started in a place called the **Middle East**, where Asia, Africa and Europe meet.

People who follow Judaism are called **Jews**.



Moses - A very important leader. He helped the Jewish people escape from Egypt by crossing the Red Sea. God gave Moses special rules, including the **Ten Commandments**.



What do Jews believe?

Jews believe there is **one God**.

They believe they have a special **agreement** with God called a **covenant**.

Jews try to follow God's rules to say thank you for looking after them.

Important Words

- **Covenant** - A special **agreement** between God and the Jewish people.
- **Mitzvot** - These are God's **rules** or **commandments** that help Jews live good, happy, healthy lives.



Sukkot

A festival that remembers when the Jewish people lived in the **desert** after escaping Egypt.

- People build special huts called **sukkahs**.
- It is also a **harvest festival**, thanking God for food.

Key Facts to Remember

- Judaism is a very old religion.
- Jews believe in **one God**.
- Moses is an important leader in Jewish history.
- A covenant is a special promise.
- Festivals help Jews remember important events and say thank you to God.

Passover :A very important festival.

Jews remember when they were freed from **slavery in Egypt**. They say thank you to God for keeping them safe. Families share a special meal called the **Passover meal**.

