

Judaism and Hinduism

This term our RE focus is on Why are Holy Books important to Jews and Hindus? Year 3 will identify the beliefs of Judaism including; How Judaism began? Where Jews worship? An overview of Jewish beliefs and symbols. Children will be able to explain the key beliefs and practices of Hindus including; Origins of Hinduism, places of worship, beliefs of Hinduism and symbols of Hinduism. We will review why the Torah is important to Jews and how it is treated with respect accordingly. Students will be able to explain what the Vedas are and why they are important to Hindus.

Key facts

What do Jews believe in?

Jews believe that there is only one **God**. They believe they have a special agreement with God called a **covenant**. Jews promise to obey God's laws to say thank you to him for looking after them.

What is the Jewish holy book?

The Jewish holy book is called the **Torah**. The Torah is written in Hebrew. It is the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. Christians call this book The Old Testament. The Torah has **613** commandments which are called **mitzvah**. They are the rules that Jews try to follow. The most important ones are the **Ten Commandments**.

What do Hindus believe in?

Hindus believe in a universal soul or God called Brahman. Brahman takes on many forms that some **Hindus** worship as gods or goddesses in their own right. Hindus believe that there is a part of Brahman in everyone and this is called the Atman.

What is the Hindu holy book?

The most ancient **sacred texts** of the **Hindu** religion are written in Sanskrit and called the Vedas. **Hinduism** does not just have one **sacred book** but several scriptures. The Vedas scriptures guide **Hindus** in their daily life.

Key Vocabulary

Synagogue	Jewish place of worship.
Mandir	Hindu place of worship.
Vedas	The most ancient sacred texts of the Hindu religion are written in Sanskrit.
Torah	Jewish holy book, written in Hebrew.
Shabbat	Jewish people attend services at the synagogue on Saturdays during Shabbat .
Commandments	A rule that must be obeyed, especially one handed down by God.
Reincarnation	The rebirth of a soul in another body.

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Prior Learning:

Year 1:

Christianity:

What can we learn from sacred books?

The main teachings of the bible.

Year 2:

Islam:

What can we learn from sacred books?

The main teachings of the Quran.

Are there any similarities to the teaching of the Bible?

Following on:

Year 4:

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What do different people believe about God?

Year 5:

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If God is everywhere, why go to a place of Worship?

Year 6:

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Why do some people believe God exists?

· Observe and consider different dimensions of religion, so that they can explore and show understanding of similarities and differences within and between different religions and worldviews.

Where do Jews worship?

Jews worship God in a **synagogue**. Jewish people attend services at the synagogue on Saturdays during **Shabbat**.



Where do Hindus worship?

The building where Hindus worship is called a **mandir**. There are mandirs all over the world and they can be large buildings or small shrines in someone's home.

