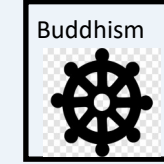
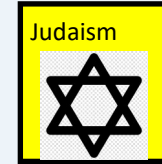
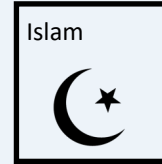
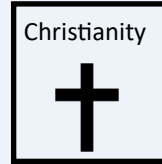


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Year 5 – Why is the Torah so important for Jewish people?



Key vocabulary to remember and use in your learning

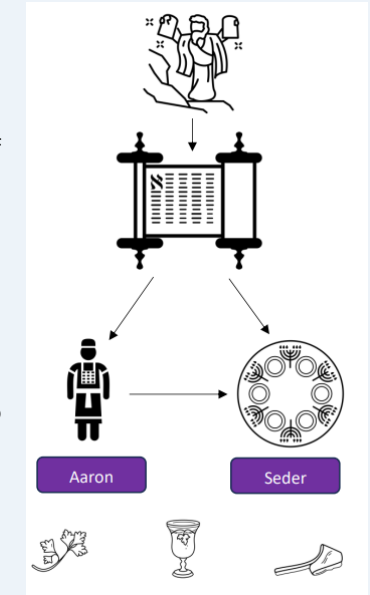
Word	Definition
Sefer Torah	The scrolls containing the Torah which are kept in the ark in the Synagogue
Orthodox	A worldview in Judaism following the traditional interpretation of Jewish law
Pesach (Passover)	The festival remembering the Israelites leaving slavery in Egypt
Synagogue	The Jewish place of worship sometimes called shul
Kosher	Something which follows Jewish laws
Progressive	Worldview in Judaism which says that the laws of the Torah should be inter-
Kashrut	Jewish law about the suitability of food
Secular	Not connected with religious or spiritual matters

The Torah

The Torah is important to all Jewish people and is made of the five books of law. Every Synagogue will have a Sefer Torah, contained in an ark, to show how important and special it is.

Kosher

The Torah will tell Jewish people what God allows them to do and what God wants them to do. Anything that God allows Jewish people to do is known as Kosher.



Key knowledge to know and use

- A Jewish person cannot eat pork as God forbids it.
- Orthodox Jewish people will follow what God has told them exactly in the Torah as it is the word of God.
- Progressive Jewish people believe that the Torah was written by humans and reflects the place of God in the life of the author. They will interpret the Torah for modern day life as some of the laws cannot be followed today.
- Secular Jewish people identify as being Jewish but do not tend to identify with Jewish beliefs.