

Knowledge Organiser: Judaism

Do people need laws to guide them?

How does this link to GROW?

W : To value ourselves as unique, honest, responsible world citizens with an understanding of the importance of laws and faith



Subject Specific Vocabulary

covenant	a binding agreement or promise between two or more parties (people or groups)
guidance	advice or information aimed at resolving a problem or difficulty
authority	the power to make decisions or give orders
moral	what is right and what is wrong in how a person acts
commandment	a rule or law; often religious (like the Ten Commandments)

Key Knowledge:



It is believed that the Torah was given to **Moses** when God made a covenant with the Jewish people after they had been freed from slavery in Egypt. The Torah scroll is respected and no one is allowed to touch it with their bare hands.

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Mitzvah · מצוה

Commandment
meets VAH
Biblical Hebrew

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Books you might like:



What I've learnt previously:

I have already learned that the Torah was given to Moses and I know the story of the Ten Commandments. I have begun to develop an understanding of how this affects the life of a Jewish person.

This will help me to:

In this unit, I will further my understanding by exploring the importance of the Torah to Jewish people and how their holy text is a guide to their lives and faith. I will compare this to other holy texts I have studied.