



2.2 What do Jewish people believe about God, creation, humanity and the natural world?

Religions – Jewish

Key Vocabulary	
Religion	What someone believes and how they show it in their lives.
Jewish	People who follow the teachings the Tanakh, or Jewish Bible.
Judaism	The religion of Jewish people.
Synagogue	The Jewish place of worship.
Symbol	A drawing, shape or object that represents something.
Torah	Jewish holy (special) book, the first part of the Tanakh. The 5 books of Moses.
Bimah	The podium or platform in a Synagogue where the Torah is read.
Sukkot	A Jewish harvest festival that commemorates the years that the Jews spent in the desert, on their way to the promised land.
Creation story	A story about the creation of the world.
Worship	Love shown to a being or object considered sacred.

Big Questions

How did the world begin?
 What does it mean to be grateful? How do we show we are grateful?
 How does it feel to be thanked?
 How should we look after the world around us?

Special People

Moses

Special Stories – The Book of Genesis and the Book of Exodus from the Torah

The 7 days of Creation
 40 Years in the Desert

Prior Learning

Moses and the story of Exodus (2.1)
 The Torah (1.4, 2.1)
 Shabbat (1.1)
 Jewish beliefs about God (1.2)

Special Times

Sukkot – The Jewish harvest festival (festival of shelters)
 Shabbat – the Jewish day of rest (Friday night to Saturday night)

What do Jewish people believe about God, creation, humanity and the natural world?

Jews believe that God created the world and loves his creation. The world is God's gift to humans. In the desert, God gave the Israelites enough food and water to keep them alive. Harvest festivals are a way of giving thanks to God for the world and all its good things. Jews believe that humans should care for the world God has created for them.

7 Days of Creation

