



Year Group: 4

Worldview: Judaism



Enquiry Question: How do Jewish beliefs, teachings and stories impact on daily life?

Core Knowledge

Kashrut: Food laws. These rules are contained within the mitzvot (613 laws or commandments) which can be found in the Torah. Following these food laws shows obedience to God and self-control.

Food that is allowed is called kosher: land animals must have cloven (split) hooves and must chew the cud, meaning that they must eat grass (so a rabbit is not kosher because of its feet). Seafood must have fins and scales. Eating shellfish is not allowed. It is forbidden to eat birds of prey. Only clean birds, meaning birds that do not eat other animals, can be eaten. Poultry is allowed. Meat and dairy cannot be eaten together.

Passover (or Pesach in Hebrew – pronounced pay-sach) is an annual Jewish festival that takes place in spring. Families share a Seder meal together. The story of Moses as a baby (taught in F1) is revisited and how he spoke to the Pharaoh on behalf of the Israelites. It is not necessary to go into the 10 plagues in depth although they are visually represented. For the final plague, the eldest son in every family, including the Pharaoh's, died. The Israelites marked their doorposts with lamb's blood so that they would be safe. God could 'pass over' their houses and spare them.

Key Vocabulary

Kashrut: food laws.

Kosher: food which is allowed (permitted)

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Pesach: Commemorates the night the angel of death passed over Israelite houses

Impact on Believers

Jews who follow these dietary rules cannot eat cheeseburgers for example, because that would be meat and dairy together. Vegetables are Parev but have to be washed carefully to ensure that no insects are hiding inside as to eat them is not Kosher.

Orthodox Jews try to keep all the rules of kashrut. **Reform Jews** may choose to observe all of the kashrut; however they believe this is down to personal choice.

Key Questions

- What food do I avoid and why? Are there any foods I choose not to eat for any reason?
- What commitments do I show to remembering important events from the past?