

WORSHIP - JUDAISM

1: WORSHIP IN THE HOME AND IN THE SYNAGOGUE

For the individual Jew home can be the most important place of prayer and spiritual development. A Jewish home is often distinguished by a Mezuzah fixed to the doorpost.

To find its origin:

READ Judaism page 74

And then...

WRITE about the Mezuzah and it's importance in everyday Jewish life

To find out something about Jewish food laws:

READ Religions page 44 (food laws - sheet)

And then...

WRITE about what foods are Kosher foods.

Most Jews like to go to a synagogue to worship God every Shabbat (Sabbath). The Shabbat evening service in the synagogue is a short one, however it is welcomed into the home by lighting candles. Men must cover their heads as a mark of respect. They usually wear a yamulkah. At morning services they also wear a tallit and sometimes tephilin.

To find out about the significance of these items:

READ Judaism page 105 - 107

And then...

DESIGN an instruction sheet for Jewish boys approaching the age of 13, explaining what tephilin, tallit and yamulkah are, and how to wear them.

To find out about the morning service:

READ Six Religions pages 137 -140 (Sabbath Service - Sheet)

And then...

WRITE a letter to a friend describing a Shabbat service in detail.

EVALUATION/DISCUSSION

Are symbolic actions (religious or otherwise) of value?

2:SHABBAT

Shabbat begins at sunset on Friday evening and lasts until sunset on Saturday. It is a weekly festival that reminds Jews of the story of the creation of the world and how God rested on the seventh day. It also commemorates the story of the Exodus from Egypt to freedom. Jews regard Shabbat as a special gift; a day of peace and rest given to them by God, therefore no work is allowed

To find out about Shabbat:

READ Judaism pages 119 - 120

And then...

WRITE 5 activities that a Jew is **not** allowed to do on a Sabbath

And then...

READ Judaism p121

And then...

WRITE about what happens when the Sabbath arrives both in the home and in the synagogue

And then...

READ Skills 2 pages 28 -29 (Shabbat - sheet) or Judaism p121-123

And then...

WRITE notes on Kiddush, Hallah and Havdalah

And then...

DO 'Things to Do' numbers 1 and 3 on page 29.

EVALUATION/DISCUSSION

What you would call 'work' on Shabbat? Jews think of Shabbat as a special gift and a blessing. Is it necessary for every human being to keep one day a week as a day of rest.