



Religious Focus:

Judaism: Beliefs

Year 4

Summer Term



Background Information for Teachers

Religion has played an important role in the world. The type of religion has changed from place to place and over different times; however, we still draw many messages from it today. The children will be focussing on Judaism. Here they will explore the Passover. The children will identify and describe some of the ways Jews try to do as God asks and explain why they feel it is important to do so. They

What? (Knowledge)

Kashrut: Jewish Dietary Laws

Although the details of kashrut are extensive, the laws all derive from a few fairly simple, straightforward rules:

- Certain animals may not be eaten at all. This restriction includes the flesh, organs, eggs and milk of the forbidden animals.
- The birds and mammals must be killed in accordance with Jewish law.
- All blood must be drained from meat and poultry or broiled out before its eaten.
- Certain parts of permitted animals may not be eaten.
- Fruits and vegetables are permitted, but must be inspected for bugs (which can't be eaten)
- Meat (the flesh of birds and mammals) cannot be eaten with dairy.
- Any meat (the flesh of birds and mammals) cannot be eaten with dairy. Utensils that have come into contact with meat (while hot) may not be used with dairy and vice versa. In addition, utensils that have come into contact with non-kosher food (while hot) may not be used with kosher food.

Why do Jewish People follow Kashrut Laws?

Jewish people follow these laws because they are in the Torah. There is no explanation as to why they exist, but they follow them to show commitment to God and his laws.

Seder Plate

Beitzah	Roasted, hard boiled egg, represents sacrifice and new life
Karpas	Fresh, green vegetable, symbolises freshness of spring
Salt Water	Symbolises tears and sweat of enslavement
Charoset	Mixture of ground fruit and nuts, symbolises forced labour
Zeroa	Roasted chicken bone, symbolises offerings to God
Maror and Chazeret	Two types of bitter herbs, reminding people of the bitterness of slavery









Key Question

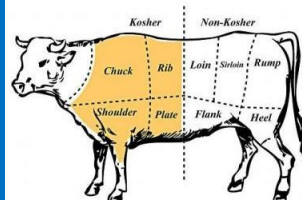
How important is it for Jewish people to do what god asks them to do?

What? Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition/Sentence
Kashrut	Jewish law focussed on suitability of food
Kosher	Food or premises meeting Jewish food laws
Exodus	Mass departure of people
Moses	Jewish prophet who freed the Israelites
Torah	Holy book of the Jewish religion
Seder	Jewish ceremonial dinner for Passover
Israelites	People of Israel
Passover	Jewish festival for the freedom of the Israelites
Commandment	Laws sent down from God

Diagrams, Images and Symbols

Kosher	Not Kosher
turkey 	eagle 
goose 	eel 
haddock 	prawn 
salmon 	lobster 



Did You Know? If packaged food is kosher, it is shown by a symbol on the label such as this one:

