

RE - Day 4

These pictures all show a different story from the Torah. Do you recognise any of the stories?

Did you know that these stories are all in the Christian Bible? The Torah and the first part of the Bible, called the Old Testament, are the same.

What is the Torah?

The sacred writing of the Jews is called the Torah. This means 'teaching' in Hebrew, the language the Torah is written in. The Torah is made up of the first five books of the Bible. The books are very special to Jewish people because they are the word of God. The books tell the story of how the Israelites spent over 400 hundred years in slavery before being freed by God who worked through Moses. God revealed the Ten Commandments to Moses and this is the main message in the Torah. The Torah is written on parchment scrolls which are handwritten. It takes about a year to finish writing the Torah. It is written in Hebrew and if the writer makes a mistake they have to start again.



Key Terms

- **Parchment:** type of paper the Torah is written on
- **Torah Scrolls:** Jewish scriptures
- **Ark:** Chest where Scrolls are kept
- **Yad:** pointer used to read the

Watch the following videos which explains the Torah:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02mxb1j>

and the story of Moses and the Ten commandments:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHKFvxgQOFI>

Now you have learnt about the Ten Commandments you are going to make some of your own rules. What do you think is important to follow? Write your rules out on your very own scroll.

Challenge: Write them out (or some key words) using the Hebrew alphabet. Use the alphabet word mat to help you.

The Hebrew Alphabet

Tet (T)	Chet (Ch)	Zayin (z)	Vov (V/O/U)	Hay (H)	Dalet (D)	Gimel (G)	Bet/Vet (B/V)	Alef (silent)
Samech (S)	Nun Sofit (N)	Nun (N)	Mem Sofit (M)	Mem (M)	Lamed (L)	Kaf Sofit (Ch)	Kaf/Chaf (K/Ch)	Yud (Y)
Tav (T/s)	Shin (Sh/S)	Raish (R)	Koof (K)	Tzadi Sofit (Ts)	Tzadi (Ts)	Fay Sofit (F)	Pay/Fay (P/F)	Agin (silent)

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