



Y4 Judaism- Rites of Passage and good works

Key Knowledge:

We are learning to understand different ways that Jews show their commitment to God, comparing their practices in order to explore which shows the most commit.

When a Jewish boy reaches the age of 13 he can have a Bar-Mitzvah and a girl can have a Bat Mitzvah. This means that they have become an adult in their religion. They read from the Torah. On Friday night they have special prayers and a special meal. They rest on a Saturday which is the Sabbath day, because this is the day that God rested after creating the world. Jews also show commitment to God by going to the synagogue. Different Jews will find different things more important than others because everyone is different and people show commitment in different ways.



Key words

Tenakh	Jewish Scriptures.
Torah	the books of Jewish law.
Bar-Mitzvah	a Jewish religious celebration for boys when they turn 13 to become an adult in the eyes for the Jewish faith.
Synagogue	A synagogue is a Jewish house of worship and a cen-
Bat Mitzvah	a Jewish religious celebration for girls when they become an adult in the eyes for the Jewish faith.
Sabbath day	Religious day of rest.

Learning Questions

When am I old enough to make my own decisions and take responsibility?

What is the best way for Jews to show commitment to God?

How to Jews show commitment to God thorough Bar and Bat Mitzvah?

How and why do Jews show commitment to God?

What am I committed to and how do I show commitment?

What else do you know?