



# St. George's RE Knowledge Organiser

Look Discover Respect

## The Synagogue

# Judaism

A synagogue is not just a building. It is a community of people. It is like a big family. A Synagogue is a place where Jewish people go to worship and pray. It is a place where they study. It is also a place where they gather as a community. The word "Synagogue" actually has three names in Hebrew. Each name stands for one of the ways in which the synagogue is used. **House of Gathering (Beit HaKnesset)**, **House of Prayer (Beit HaTefillah)**, **House of Learning (Beit HaMidrash)**.

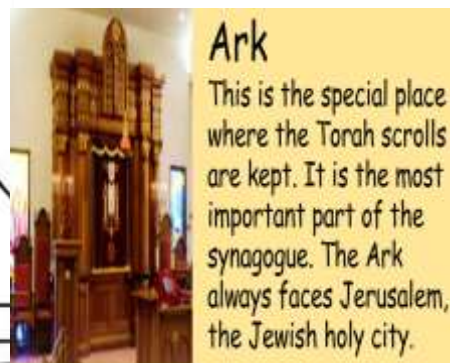
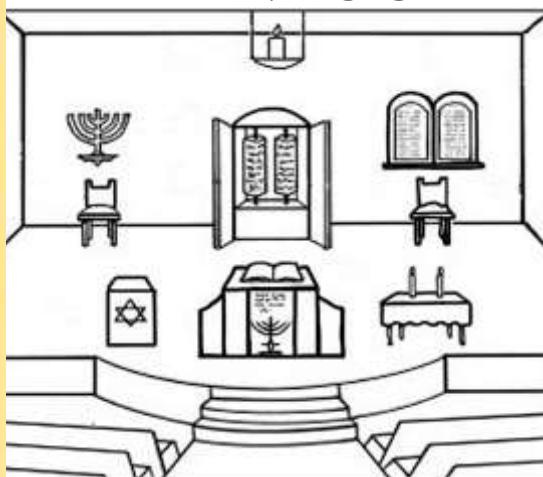


## Inside a synagogue

### Bimah



The bimah is the podium located in the centre of the sanctuary. The Torah is read from the bimah, and some of the prayers are led from there as well.



### Ark

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## Jewish Artefacts



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This is a yad. The Torah is so holy that you must not touch it with your hands. You use this special pointing stick to help you read the words of the Torah.



This is the Jewish holy book. It contains the first 5 books of the Old Testament. They are written on scrolls by scribes.



This is a Tallit. It is a prayer shawl that is worn by men during times of prayer. It is blue and white, the colours of the flag of Israel and it has tassels with knots to remind the Jews of the many Jewish laws.



This is a Rabbi. A Rabbi is a Jewish priest but also a teacher. He leads prayers and runs the synagogue.

### Kippah

A Kippah is a skullcap or small hat that Jewish men wear on their heads.



## Vocabulary

worship, synagogue, kippah, prayer shawl, tallit, The Ark, Sefer, Torah scrolls, bimah, rabbi



### Make links

Can you make links to artefacts found in a church?



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# Gift

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS – LOVING

Live it out

Give reasons

Make links

This Topic: learning outcomes

- The demands and joys of visitors - Explore
- **Advent**: waiting for the coming of Jesus - Reveal

**Advent**: four weeks of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

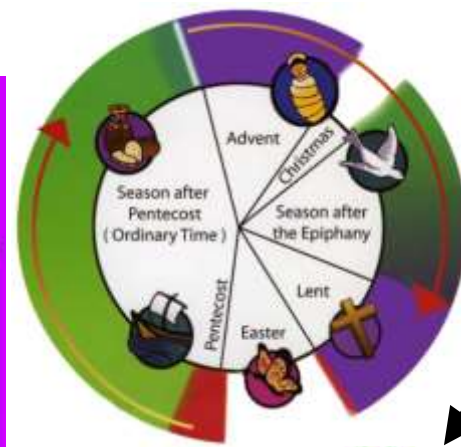
**Advent** is a time of waiting.

**Advent** means "the coming".



**Our Big Question**

What's so special about Gifts?



We prepare ourselves and get ready for Christmas during **Advent**. During **Advent** we think about how we can encounter Jesus in our lives.



Purple is the liturgical colour of Advent. The priest wears purple vestments during Lent. The altar and tabernacle are covered with purple cloths. We use a purple cover on our focus tables.



Advent Calendar



Advent Wreath

### Scripture

**Ephesians 1:3-6** Give thanks to God for the gift of his son.

**1 John 1:4,9-12** God sent his Son

**Isaiah 25:8-9** '...and now we are happy and joyful because he has saved us.'

**Isaiah 40 9-11** '...Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all people will see it.'

### Sign and Symbols

- Advent wreath
- Advent Calendar
- Advent candle
- Jesse Tree
- Purple



### The Annunciation

- Angel Gabriel
- The Magnificat
- The Hail Mary



### The Nativity

- Bethlehem, stable, star,
- Joseph, Mary, shepherds,
- star, angel

### Christian Life and beliefs

Jesus is God's gift to the world.

Christ is the promised one of God. The Messiah

### The Advent Wreath

- 3 purple candles
- 1 pink candle
- 1 white candle
- Green leaves
- Red berries
- Never ending circle

### Make links



### Vocabulary

Advent, Joys, demands, visitors, Isaiah, Messiah, Advent, Annunciation, The Visitation, Magnificat, Joyful Mysteries, Nativity

### The Wise Men

The Wise Men brought Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. The three gifts had a spiritual meaning: gold as a symbol of kingship on earth, frankincense (an incense) as a symbol of deity, and myrrh (an embalming oil) as a symbol of death.

