**LKS2 What symbols and stories help Jewish people remember their covenant with God?**

**What should we know?**

Covenant means promise.

Jewish people believe:

* The rainbow is a sign of the first covenant with God.
* Abraham was called into a covenant with God.
* The Exodus was God’s rescue of the Jewish nation from Egyptian slavery.
* God summoned the Jewish people to Mount Sinai to renew their Covenant with them.
* God’s covenant is remembered at Passover.





**Prior learning**

Jewish people believe good deeds like helping others are important.

Jewish people say prayers and blessings to God.

Shabbat is a day of rest.

At New Year God gives people a chance to put things right.

The Torah is an important book.

**What should we be able to do?**

*Use religious words to describe how a rainbow in the Noah story is a reminder of God’s promises.*

*Explain how a mezuzah links with remembering God’s covenant.*

*Describe what Jewish people might learn from the stories of Abraham about a covenant with God.*

*Describe some different customs and practices Jewish people have as part of their Passover celebrations.*

*“This is the sign of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature.” -Genesis 9:12*

The Exodus from Egypt.

The Passover meal.

**What words should we understand and be able to use?**

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| **Exodus** | The story of the Jewish people being rescued from slavery in Egypt. | **Shavuot** | A celebration of the day God gave the Torah to the Jewish people. |
| **Passover** | The festival celebrating the freedom of the Jews from slavery in ancient Egypt. A time of great joy. | **Omer** | Between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot, the Omer is counted each evening. |
| **Seder** | The Seder is a feast that includes reading, drinking wine, telling stories, eating special foods, singing, and other traditions on the first night of Passover. |  |  |