



Totally Torah

Summary:

Discover why the Torah is central to Jewish Life. Explore the many stories in the Torah and the craft of the Sofer (scribe). Experience handling artefacts and have a go at being a scribe using a quill and ink.

Learning Objectives:

- 1) To understand the centrality of the text of the Torah as a guide to Jewish life.
- 2) To know that any Torah is an exact replica and understand the traditions associated with making a Torah.
- 3) To know that the Torah is a sacred object.

Workshop Structure (2 hours in total):

- Introduction & Welcome (5 mins)
- Mystery Object Handling in groups of 5 children per group (20 mins)
- Watch Sofer film (5 mins)
- Split into rotation groups (2 or 3 groups depending on number of children)
- Hebrew Scribing Rotation (20 mins)
- Judaism Gallery Rotation (20 mins)
- Torah Object Handling Rotation (20 mins)
- Conclusion (5-10 mins)



Shabbat Shalom

Summary:

Discover why Jewish people observe Shabbat. Explore Shabbat rituals and traditions and the symbolism of artefacts. Experience how a family prepares for Shabbat and Havdalah. Taste some kosher grape juice and challah and make a candle or candle holder to take back to school.

Learning Outcomes:

- 1) To understand the link between The Creation Story and Shabbat.
- 2) To know the universality and symbolism of Shabbat.
- 3) To leave with a positive view of what Shabbat means to Jewish families.

Workshop Structure (1.5 hours in total):

Introduction & Welcome (5 mins)

Story of Creation Activity (15 mins)

Shabbat Family Film (5 mins)

Split into rotation groups (2 or 3 groups depending on number of children)

Shabbat Table Rotation (20 mins)

Havdalah & Candle Making Rotation (20 mins)

Judaism Gallery Rotation (20 mins)

Conclusion (5-10 mins)



Festival Focus: Illuminating Hanukah

Summary:

Discover the story of Judah and the Maccabees and the miracle of Hanukah. Explore the importance of light in Judaism. Experience the taste of Hanukah with doughnuts and play the traditional Hanukah game of dreidl (spinning top).

Learning Outcomes:

- 1) To hear the story of Judah and the Maccabees.
- 2) To understand the importance of light in Judaism.
- 3) To know that Hanukah happens once a year and is celebrated at home.

Workshop Structure (1.5 hours in total):

Introduction & Welcome (5 mins)

Story of the Maccabees Activity (15 mins)

Hanukah Film (5 mins)

Split into rotation groups (2 or 3 groups depending on number of children)

Hanukiah Object Handling and Candle Making Rotation (20 mins)

Dreidl Game Rotation (20 mins)

Judaism Gallery Rotation (20 mins)

Conclusion (5-10 mins)



Festival Focus: Passover, Why is this Night Different?

Summary:

Discover the story of the Exodus from Egypt through storytelling. Explore the symbolism of the Seder plate and the various customs relating to this central festival. Experience the tastes of Passover to understand the sensory learning of the story and its importance in Judaism.

Learning Outcomes:

- 1) To know that the story of Passover is written in the Torah.
- 2) To understand that the story of Passover is retold once a year in a certain order in the exact same way wherever you are in the world.
- 3) To know the key symbolic foods and what they represent and to know the festival of Passover celebrates freedom.

Workshop Structure (2 hours in total):

Introduction & Welcome (5 mins)

Story of the Exodus Activity (20 mins) and Passover Film (5 mins)

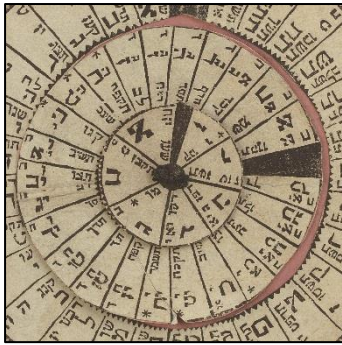
Split into rotation groups (2 or 3 groups depending on number of children)

Seder Table Rotation (20 mins)

Create your own Order of the Seder Activity Rotation (20 mins)

Judaism Gallery Rotation (20 mins)

Conclusion (5-10 mins)



Festival Focus: Journey Through the Jewish Year

Summary:

Discover the cultural and religious importance and the practices of key Jewish festivals: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Passover and Hanukah. Explore the Jewish calendar through food. Experience how Jewish people celebrate festivals in synagogue and at home.

Learning Outcomes:

1. For students to have a taste of three key Jewish festivals.
2. For students to notice the similarities between each of the festivals.
3. For students to understand the importance of symbolism in Jewish festivals.

Workshop Structure (2 hours in total):

Introduction & Welcome (10 mins)

Split into rotation groups if required (2 groups if 50 or more children)

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Rotation (20 mins)

Hanukah Rotation (20 mins)

Passover Rotation (20 mins)

Judaism Gallery Rotation (20 mins)

Conclusion (5-10 mins)