



Key Knowledge



- The Christian Old Testament and Jewish Torah share the same stories and people.
- The people in these stories can teach us how to be brave, trustworthy, persistent, as well as overcome obstacles and forgive.
- These 'bible heroes' also make mistakes but learn from them and are forgiven by God.
- The Sefer Torah is found in all synagogues – it is very special and must not be touched by human hands. A stick called a yad is used to point at the words.

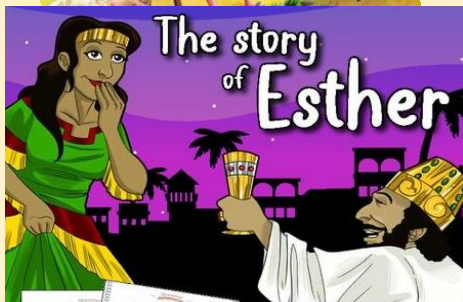
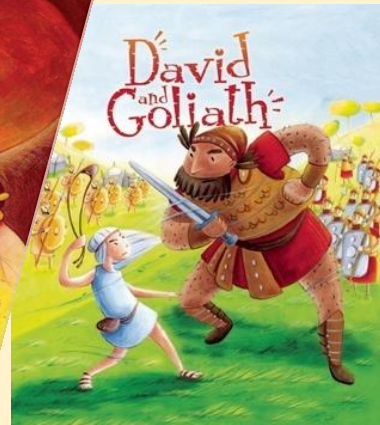
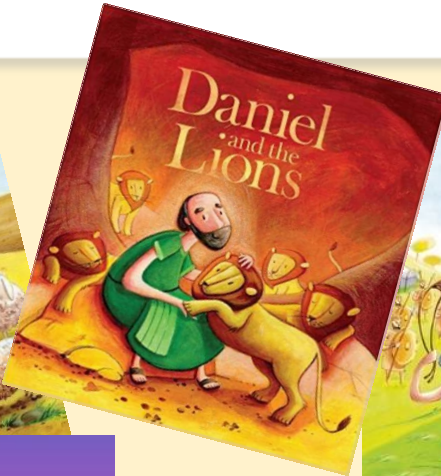
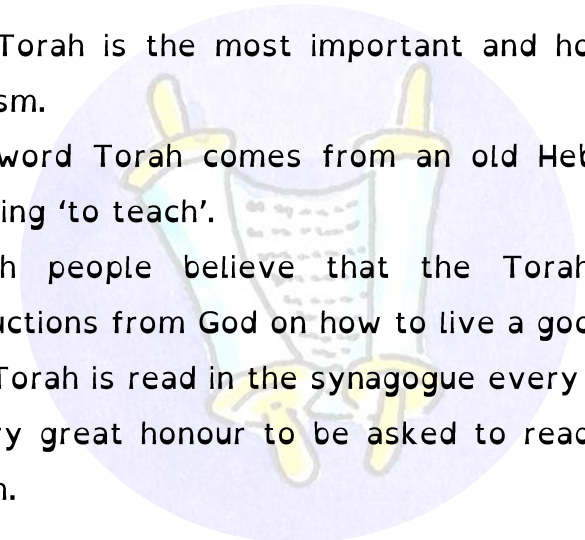
The Torah

The Torah is the most important and holy text in Judaism.

The word Torah comes from an old Hebrew word meaning 'to teach'.

Jewish people believe that the Torah contains instructions from God on how to live a good life.

The Torah is read in the synagogue every week. It is a very great honour to be asked to read from the Torah.



Torah and Old Testament
Heroes

Vocabulary

Torah: the most important and holy text in Judaism.

Synagogue: A special place where Jews go to worship and be close to God.

Holy: Something very special to religious people often linked to worshipping God.

Sacred: believed to be holy and special to God.

Old Testament: the first part of the Christian Bible containing many stories that are also in the Jewish Torah.