



Year 1

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Does visiting the synagogue help Jewish children  
feel closer to God?

Vocabulary

Star of David	a six-pointed star. It is a symbol of Judaism
Pilgrimage	a journey (often a long one) to a holy place
Torah	first 5 books of the Jewish Holy Texts. Written in Hebrew.
Yad	a special pointer used when reading the Torah
Ark	a large cupboard facing Jerusalem. It holds the Torah and is the holiest place in the synagogue
Ner tamid	hangs above the ark. It is a light that never goes out. It is a symbol that God is eternal or present
Bimah	this is a raised platform with a reading desk where the Torah is read
Rabbi	a Jewish religious teacher. They lead services at the synagogue
Siddur	a prayer book
Mezuzah	A small rectangular shaped box which can be found on the doorframe of homes which has the Shema prayer for Jewish people to remember God
Kippur	is a head covering typically worn by men and boys
Tallit	is a shawl with fringed corners worn by men during prayers

What are the  
important  
features of a  
synagogue?



What might it feel like to  
go somewhere which  
makes you feel like you  
are part of something  
worldwide?



Why do Jewish  
families go to a  
synagogue to  
celebrate shabbat?



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Where  
would I say  
I belong?