

Instructions: Read, write the notes in your notebook and answer the following questions.

Topic: Judaism

Vocabulary:

- Judaism- the monotheistic religion of the Jews, with a set of ideas about the world and the way we should live our lives
- Monotheism- the belief in or worship of one God
- Rabbi- a Jewish teacher, especially one who studies or teaches Jewish law.
- Synagogue- a Jewish place of worship

History

- The founders are Abraham and Moses.
- Judaism is the oldest religion that teaches about on God. It is a monotheistic religion. Jews believe that God chose them as His chosen people. The belief that Jews were chosen to enter a covenant with God.

Jewish Beliefs

1. They believe that there is only one God (monotheism)
2. They recite the Shema their belief statement or Creed: There is only one God
3. There is life after death.
4. 4. They believe that the Messiah will come.
5. Eat only Kosher foods (food fit to eat)
6. They worship on the seventh day (Sabbath, Saturday)

Jewish Practices

1. Observance of the Sabbath.
2. Restricted diet they only eat kosher food.
3. Circumcision as an initiating birth rite for male babies at eight days old.
4. They pray three times daily.
5. Reading the Torah during weekly services.

Holy Books

- Tanakh- Hebrew name for the Bible.
- Torah- the Jewish law it is the holiest part of the Jewish Bible
- Pentateuch- the first five books of the bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy)
- Talmud- explains what is written in the Torah

1. What is the meaning of the following words:
 - a. Judaism-
 - b. Monotheism-
2. Who are the founders of Judaism? (2)
3. List any TWO beliefs of Judaism. (2).
4. List any TWO practices of Judaism. (2)
5. What is the name of the Jewish Holy book/bible? (1)