

RE: What is the Torah and why is it important to Jewish people?

The Torah is the Jewish holy book.

- It contains rules to help Jewish people live good lives.
- It contains rules that make life fair for everyone and help them worship God.

It is special because:

- It contains the holy words of God.



Key Vocabulary:

Torah – lit. ‘the Law’, but also the name of the Holy book for Jews

Scroll – a long roll of paper

G_d – (see above*) God, the Creator of everything

Moses – one of the first leaders of the Jewish people, to whom God gave the Ten Commandments.

Ten Commandments – the ten rules given by God as a sign of the covenant promise he made with his people, the Jews.

Synagogue – the building where Jewish people go to worship God

Ark – the special cupboard where the Torah is kept in the synagogue

Tallit – prayer shawl, worn over the shoulders, often by Jewish men

Kippot – a small dome-shaped hat, worn out of respect for God’s presence



tallit



synagogue



Torah



Ark



yad

Previous Knowledge - the Christian Bible, which contains stories about God and his people, the story of creation