

Aim

Tuesday 26th January 2021

WALT: explain why Sukkot is important to Jews.

Success Criteria

- I can tell you what is remembered by Jews during Sukkot.
- I can tell you how Sukkot is celebrated by Jews.

What Is Sukkot and Why Is It Important To Jews?

Around September to October, Jewish families celebrate the Festivals of Tabernacles, (which is also called Sukkot) by building a sukkah.

During Sukkot, Jews remember when God freed them from slavery in Egypt. They left Egypt and wandered in the desert for forty years before they reached the Promised Land of Israel.

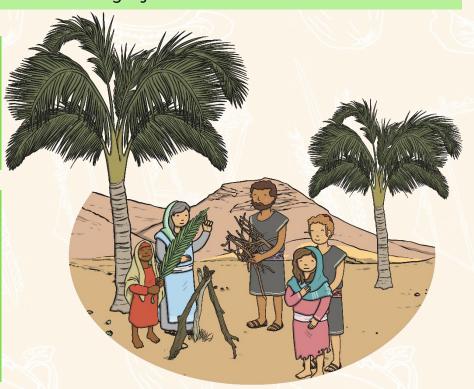


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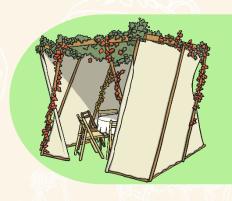
Along their way, they built temporary homes out of dry palms and branches. God looked after them by giving them enough food and water to live on.

Sukkot is a festival which celebrates the harvest and the gathering in of the crops.

During Sukkot Jews remember the years in the desert, they thank God for providing them with food and water in the desert, and to thank God for the harvest.



What Is a Sukkah?



The sukkah is a hut where Jews lived during their years of living in the desert. A sukkah must have three walls and a roof.

The walls can be made from anything, but the roof must be made from something from the ground such as plants, grasses or branches.



What Is a Sukkah?



The roof shouldn't completely protect from the environment because Jews trust in God to protect them whilst they stay in the sukkah. You should also be able to see the sky through the roof of a sukkah.

Inside the walls are decorated with things which remind Jews of the harvest, such as fruit and wheat.



How Is Sukkot Celebrated?

During the week of Sukkot Jews are commanded to 'live' in the sukkah.

They try to eat all their meals in the sukkah and also invite their family and friends around to eat in their sukkah.



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How Is Sukkot Celebrated?

The seventh day of Sukkot is called Hoshana Rabbah. On this day, Jews visit the synagogue to give thanks to God for providing food and water in the desert.

They also pray for a good harvest whilst shaking the four species. The four species are four special plants which are tied together and waved in all directions to show God is everywhere.

lulav

Palm branch with no fragrance but with fruit.

etrog

A fruit like a lemon that has a sweet fragrance and can be eaten.

avarot

Willows that have no fruit or fragrance.

handassim

Myrtles which have a nice smell but cannot be eaten.

Making a Sukkah



You will be working in groups to design and make a sukkah. Remember to make sure...

- everyone has a turn to share their ideas
- everyone listens to each other
- everyone has a job to do in the group



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