



Aim

• I can explain why Shabbat is important to Jewish people.

Success Criteria

- I can tell you what Shabbat is.
- I can tell you how Shabbat is celebrated.



What Is Shabbat?

The Sabbath or Shabbat (the Hebrew word for 'Sabbath') is the seventh day of the week.

Jewish people celebrate the Sabbath every week.

The Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and lasts until nightfall on Saturday.

Jewish people look forward to Shabbat as it is a time for resting. Time is spent eating and relaxing with family and friends.



Why Is Shabbat Important to Jewish people?

During Shabbat, Jewish people remember how God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh day.



'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.'

What Happens Before Shabbat?

As Shabbat is a time for resting, everything has to be ready before sunset on Friday.

Jewish families will go shopping, cook and clean before Shabbat starts and dress up in their best clothes.



The Shabbat Meal

Just before sunset, two candles are lit by the woman of the house.

The father or grandfather of the house blesses the children.

The father of the house pours wine (or grape juice) into a special cup, says a blessing and passes the wine around.

Challah bread is uncovered, cut and sprinkled with salt.

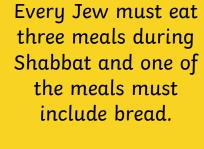
Everyone sits down and eats the Shabbat meal.

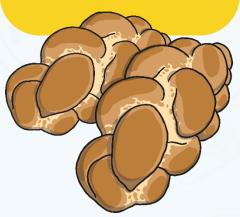
Families talk about the week, tell stories and sing songs.



What Happens During Shabbat?

During Shabbat
Jewish families will
often visit the
Synagogue. Special
prayers are said and
parts of the Torah
are read out.

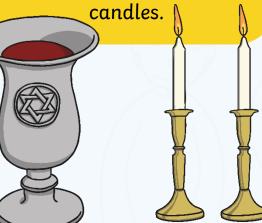




The end of Shabbat is called Havdalah, which means 'separation'.

Havdalah separates

Shabbat from the rest of the week. Blessings are said over wine, spices and candles.

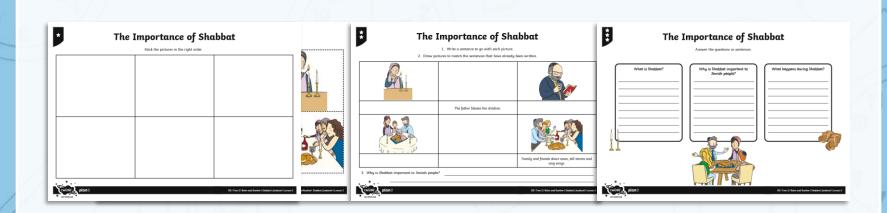


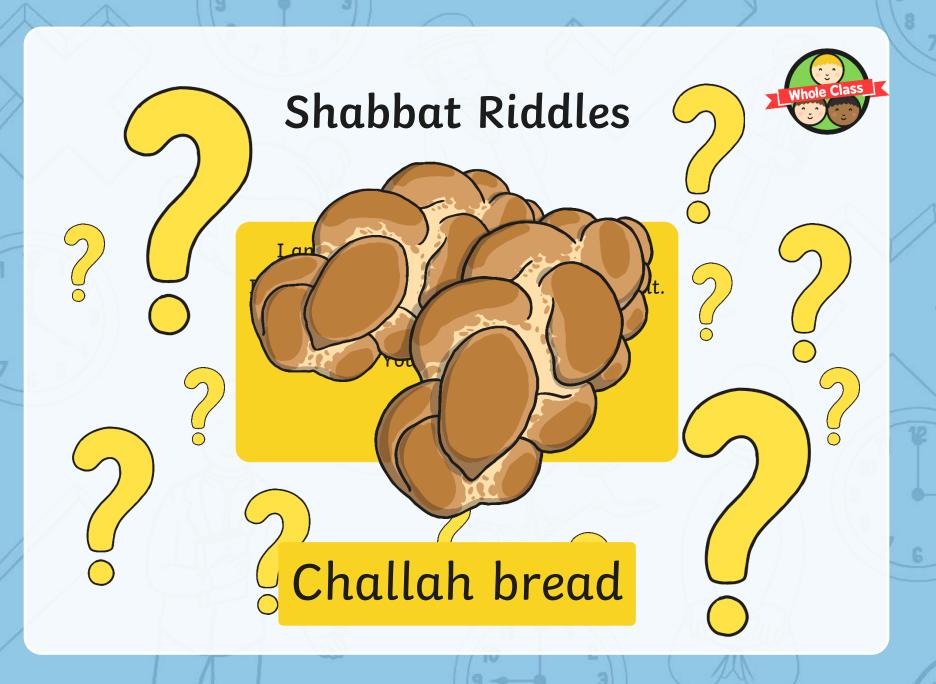


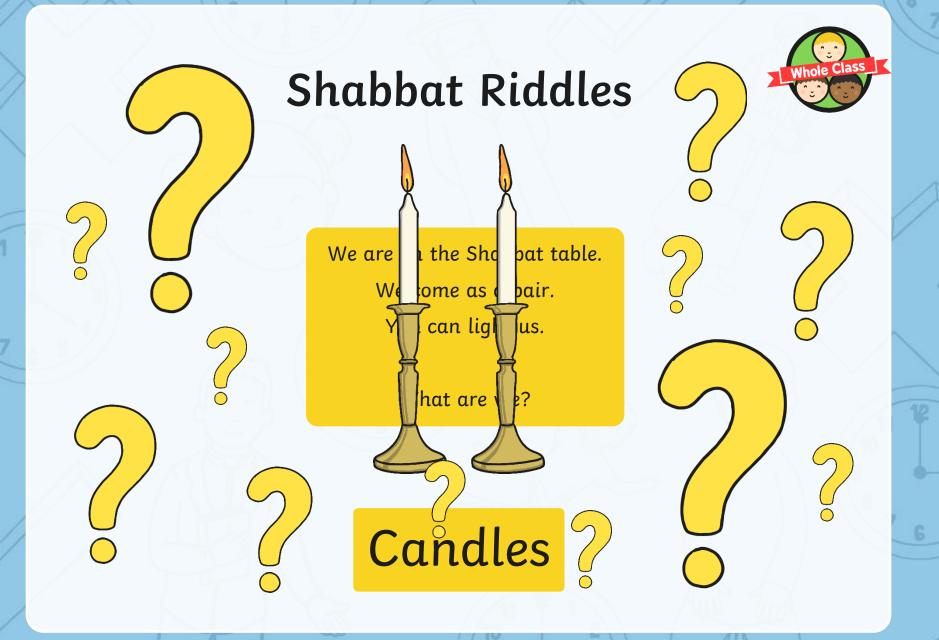


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