

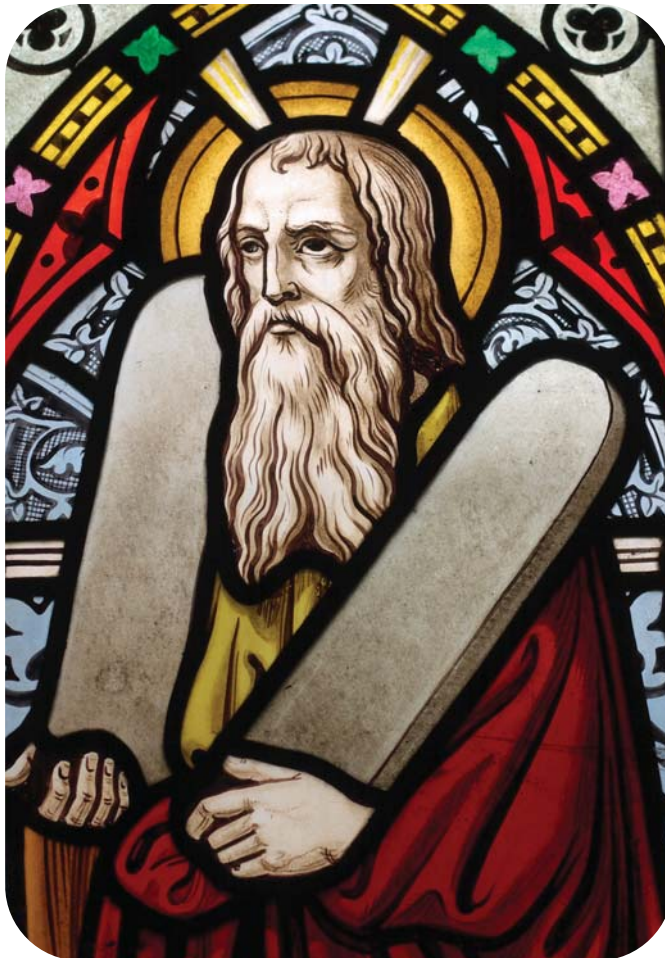
Shavuot

Shavuot begins at sunset on 26th May. Shavuot, or the 'feast of weeks', is celebrated seven weeks after Passover. Although Shavuot began as an ancient grain harvest festival, the holiday has been identified since biblical times with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. It is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot.



- ① Sit down with the children and show them the series of pictures overleaf. You may wish to lay the sheets out either on a table or the floor, and then read the story.
- ② Ask the children the following questions and discuss them:-
What was your favourite part of the story?
Which part did you not like?
What special rules do you know about at home, at nursery, at school or at your childminder?
Do you know the special rules we have to keep our Community safe? Talk to the children about them.
How do you learn about keeping rules?
- ③ Try to cook a dish that uses the special foods Jews use to celebrate Shavuot. Ideas include pancakes, cheese on toast and ice cream.

The Story of Shavuot



Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Law to Moses. The Law is very important to the Jews.



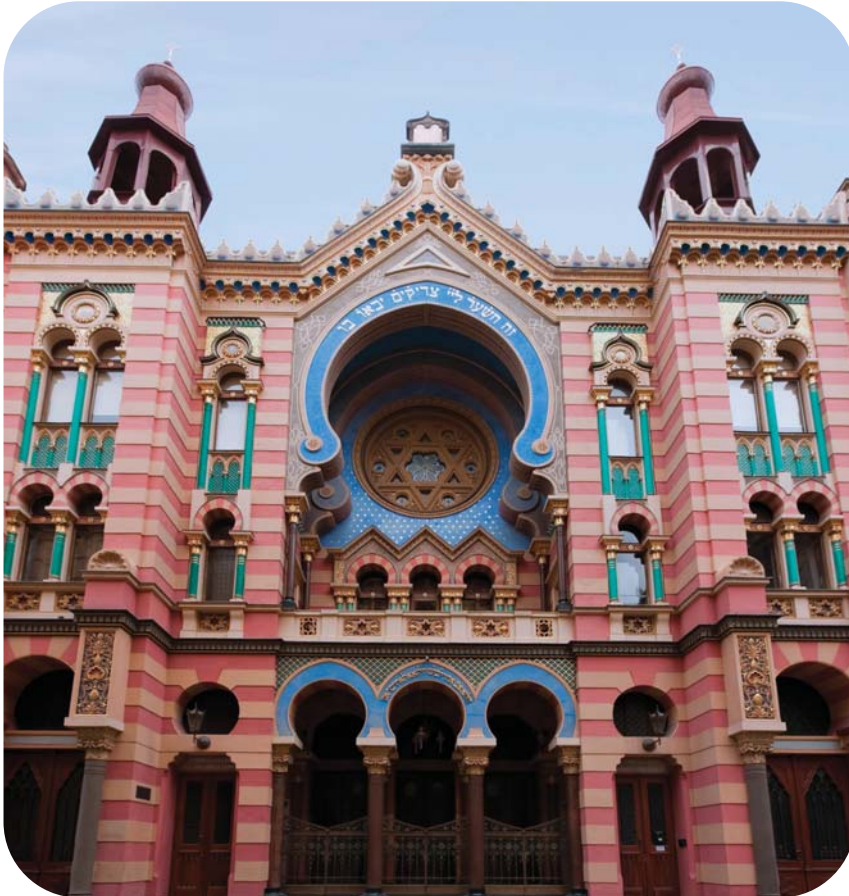
**Moses told the people that
God had given them 10
special rules to live by.**



**Moses gave the people
the Law from God on
Mount Sinai.**



We need to learn about our laws and rules and we need to be reminded of them. Here is a Jewish boy learning about the law.



**Jewish people today
celebrate this festival
in their place of worship
called a Synagogue
and they decorate it
with flowers.**



They celebrate by eating foods like cheese, pancakes and other dairy products such as ice cream.