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## Jewish Literacy Programme Year 6

## **Judaism in Focus:**

Questions for Discussion and Creative Writing

- 1. "Judaism is a beautiful religion."
  - Explain what you think is beautiful about Judaism.
- 2. "Shabbat is a 'central pillar' of Judaism."

How would you explain this to a non-Jewish friend?

- 3. From the following, choose which you think is the best description of תּוֹרָה,
  then explain your choice. a book of laws - an instruction manual - a guide book a friend - a well-signposted road -
- 4. "Kashrut is far more than just dietary laws." Explain.
- 5. " בֵּרֶךְ אָרֵץ קְדְמָה לְתּוֹרָה " What is this statement teaching us?
- 6. "In Judaism, eating and drinking can be religious experiences." How do you understand this statement?
- 7. "In the תוֹרָה there are 613 Mitzvot.

However, the whole is more than the sum of the parts."

Think carefully about the second sentence, then explain it.

8. The Rabbis teach us:

גָדוֹל מִצוּנֶה וְעוֹשֶׂה מִמִי שֶׁאֵינוֹ מְצוּנֶה וְעוֹשֶׂה (קידושין דף ל״א עמוד א)

- "Greater is he who is commanded and does than the one who is not commanded and does." What do the Rabbis mean by this?
- 9. In Judaism, having the 'free choice' (בְּחִירָה חוֹפְשִׁית) to behave how we wish is considered both important and precious. Explain why this is so.
- 10. Why is תפלה important?
- 11. Do you think 'ה prefers מְצְווֹת between man and 'ה or מְצְווֹת between man and man? Explain your answer.
- 12. Why do we have to say בַּרֶכוֹת?

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