

# Why is the Torah so important within Judaism?

**Key concepts covered:** The special place of the Torah within Judaism, the importance of the status of the Torah in Judaism and the traditions that govern how the Torah is treated.

**Skills covered:** The exploration of the place of the Torah, as the most important source of authority, within Judaism, enabling you to learn about the content of the Torah, how different Jewish groups understand its origin, the place that it plays within services within the synagogue and the way that it is treated by Jewish people.

## Key vocabulary:

Torah

Sefer Torah

Mitzvot



## Must-know knowledge:

- The 5 books that comprise the Torah,
- What the Torah is and its role within Judaism.
- What a kosher scroll is and the actions needed should a scroll become damaged.
- What a yad is.
- The importance of dressing, storage, procession and burial of the Torah.
- The ways in which the Torah is similar to sacred texts from other religions.

What is the significance of the silver item in this picture?



What are the names of the 5 books that comprise the Torah?

