

### **Asking for Forgiveness**

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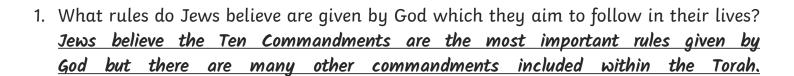
1.	What rules do Jews believe are given by God which they aim to follow in their lives?			
2.	'Jews believe that God has a covenant relationship with the Jewish people.' What does this statement mean? How is this idea linked to how Jews understand forgiveness?			
3.	What is meant by the word 'teshuvah'?			
4.	What are the steps a Jew would go through when doing teshuvah?			
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- 2. 'Jews believe that God has a covenant relationship with the Jewish people.' What does this statement mean? How is this idea linked to how Jews understand forgiveness? Jews believe that God has made an agreement with the Jewish people. At the time that Moses shared the Ten Commandments with the people gathered at the bottom of Mount Sinai, the Hebrews there (and, as a result of this, all Jews from that day onwards) agreed to follow those rules and to try to make the world a better place by doing good deeds. Jews, therefore, believe that when they break a God-given rule they are breaking their agreement with God and want to repair this.
- 3. What is meant by the word 'teshuvah'?

  <u>Teshuvah is concerned with repentance in the Jewish faith. It translates as meaning</u>

  'return' because to go through teshuvah is to take steps to return to God's path.
- 4. What are the steps a Jew would go through when doing teshuvah? Jews will confess the sin committed.

They will apologise to, and ask for forgiveness from, another human being if anyone has been affected by the sin.

They will vow never to repeat the sin.

They will be charitable, either by giving money to charity or by helping others.

They will try to make up for the sin by living a better life and doing good deeds.

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