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# Introduction



## Jewish Stories



In each of the world's six main faiths - Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and Sikhism - stories play a very important part.

They have been used for many hundreds of years to teach people about their faith in a way which makes difficult messages easier to understand. Many stories tell of times in the lives of religious teachers, leaders, gods and goddesses. Others explain mysterious events such as how the world was created or what happens when we die. Many have a strong moral or lesson to teach.



The stories in this book come from the Jewish faith.

According to Jewish scriptures, the first Jew was

Abraham, a man who lived in the Middle East more about 4,000 years ago. He taught his family and everyone he met to worship one God, instead of many different gods. Jews believe that God made a covenant (an agreement) with Abraham. God said that the Jews should live wise and just lives. Then he would look after them for ever.

In their daily lives and at festival times, Jews listen to stories to help them remember their long history. You can read some of these stories in this book.

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