Abraham

* Abram is Abraham’s original name. It was changed to Abraham when he is assigned a mission to be “the father of all host of nations”.
* Abraham and Sarah do not have any children. This was a terrible curse as children were a sign of God’s blessing.
* God visited him and told him to move to a place where God would bless him and make of him a great nation. This was God’s “*covenant*” or God’s promise to give the Israelites land and a home.
* Abraham responded to the promise (covenant) by obeying God and trusting in God’s promises.
* Abraham and his people enter the land of Canaan where *polytheism* – *belief in multiple Gods*- was practiced.
* The Israelites were *monotheists*- *belief in one God*.
  1. Read Genesis 21.
  2. Describe the story of how Abraham had a son named Ishmael and how he had a son named Isaac.

* 1. How did this become a problem for Abraham?
  2. Today’s Jews are descended from Abraham’s son Isaac. Today’s Arabs are descended from Abraham’s son Ishmael. Write the TWO verses that tell us that the sons of Abraham will both become great nations.
  3. How is that a problem until today?

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Moses

1. Moses was a prophet from the Hebrew Testament. What is a prophet?
2. Discuss the Hebrew meaning of the name of Moses.
3. Explain why Moses’ life was in danger at the time of his birth?
4. God made a promise to Moses, called a **Covenant.** Explain what that promise was.
5. How did God speak to Moses?

Why are the Jewish people considered the **Chosen People?**