

Sacred Texts in Judaism

Lesson Plan



This lesson Plan includes:

- **Pre-Test** – To see where emphasis is needed
- **Hebrew Word List** – Handout to help with some of the important words
- **Activity** – Tanach Puzzle & Craft
- **Work Sheet** - for the Prayer
- **Post-Test** – To check retention

Overview

The texts that we are concentrating on in this lesson are those of the TaNaCh. TaNaCh stands for Torah, Niviim and Ketuvim.

The Torah is the 5 books of Moses. We read a portion of this each week. The portion is called a Parasha. There are 54 parashiot in the Torah. The Torah starts at the creation of the world and ends around 1273 BCE (Hebrew Year 2488) with the Israelites going into Israel.

The 5 books are:

- Bereshit (Genesis)
- Shemoth (Exodus)
- Vayikra (Leviticus)
- BeMidbar (Numbers)
- Devarim (Deuteronomy)

They are often referred to as the Chumash, which means “five”. The Torah scroll itself is hand written by a scribe in black ink on parchment. The parchment sheets are sewn together with the veins of a kosher animal. Wooden rollers are attached to the ends so that we can read from portion to portion on the scroll without the parchment being handled, this is because it is all hand written and the ink becomes brittle with age. Looking at a Torah scroll you can see that there are no vowels or punctuation marks.

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Nevi'im (Prophets) covers 853 years of history, starting after the death of Moses, and ending with the rise of the Greek empire. It has 8 books that cover the former prophets and the later prophets. It covers the time from about 2488 (Hebrew Year - 1273 BCE) to 3627 (Hebrew year - 420 BCE).

- 4 Books: Former Prophets:
 - Yehoshua (Joshua)
 - Shoftim (Judges)
 - Shmuel I (I Samuel)
 - Shmuel II (II Samuel)
 - Melachim I (I Kings)
 - Melachim II (II Kings)
- 3 Books: Latter Major Prophets:
 - Yeshayahu (Isaiah)
 - Yirmiyahu (Jeremiah)
 - Yechezkel (Ezekiel)
- 1 Book: Latter Twelve Minor Prophets

Ketuvim (Writings)

- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Job
- Song of Songs
- Ruth
- Lamentations
- Ecclesiastes
- Esther
- Daniel
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Chronicles 1 & 2

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Pre-test answers

- (1) C
- (2) A
- (3) B
- (4) A

Post-test answers

- (1) C
- (2) C
- (3) B
- (4) A

Puzzle solution

P + M + + H + K W +
 L R + I A + E + R +
 L + O R I T + + I +
 O + O P U V + + T +
 R T + V H + E + I +
 C + I + + E + N N +
 S M + + + + T + G +
 H S A M U H C S S +
 + + + + + + + + + +
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(Over,Down,Direction)
 CHUMASH(7,8,W)
 KETUVIM(8,1,SW)
 NEVIIM(8,6,NW)
 PROPHETS(1,1,SE)
 SCROLL(1,7,N)
 TORAH(2,5,NE)
 WRITINGS(9,1,S)

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1. **How many books in the Torah**
 - a. **Six**
 - b. **Three**
 - c. **Five**
 - d. **Twelve**

2. **What does Niviim mean?**
 - a. **Prophets**
 - b. **Writings**
 - c. **Witness**
 - d. **Chronicles**

3. **What does TaNaCh abbreviate?**
 - a. **Torah Nehemiah Chronicles**
 - b. **Torah Neviim Ketuvim**
 - c. **It doesn't mean anything**

4. **The five books of the Torah are also called _____**
 - a. **Chumash**
 - b. **TaNaCh**
 - c. **Exodus**

PRE-TEST

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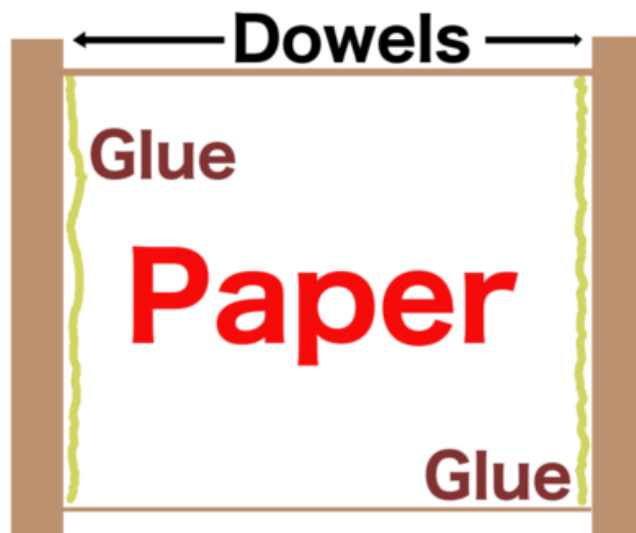
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Make your own Torah scroll

Materials :

- 2 Dowels (1/2" in Diameter 10" long)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers
- Paper



Put the paper down and glue the edges. Roll the dowel so that the paper sticks to it. Do the same on the other side. Roll both together so that it is evenly rolled from both sides put a rubber band around it so that it holds it while drying. Once the glue is dried decorate your own Torah scroll.

TANACH Craft

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Find the words

P	K	M	D	C	H	R	K	W	P
L	R	C	I	A	M	E	N	R	E
L	L	O	R	I	T	L	A	I	Z
O	K	O	P	U	V	R	F	T	Z
R	T	X	V	H	B	E	S	I	J
C	D	I	K	S	E	V	N	N	W
S	M	E	W	E	K	T	W	G	Z
H	S	A	M	U	H	C	S	S	F
H	N	N	S	A	E	K	T	A	B
I	K	Z	S	B	L	I	J	C	N

CHUMASH
PROPHETS

KETUVIM
SCROLL

NEVIIM
TORAH

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