

Key Characters:	Stories (Learning About):	Ethical Issues (Learning From):
<b>Abraham</b>	Abraham entered into a <b>Covenant</b> (an agreement) with God. If Abraham and his descendants promised to worship and obey the one true God, he would make Abraham the father of many nations, and give his people the Promised Land of Canaan.	Exploring the concept of Covenant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreements</li> <li>• Promises</li> </ul>
<b>Isaac</b>	God tested Abraham's willingness to obey his command and keep the Covenant by instructing him to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. At the last moment God said 'Stop!' Abraham sent his trusted servant to Mesopotamia to find a wife (Rebekah) for Isaac.	Exploring the concept of sacrifice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making an offering to a God/gods.</li> <li>• Giving something up for the benefit of others.</li> </ul> Briefly explore the concept of arranged marriages.
<b>Jacob</b>	Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons called Jacob and Esau. Esau was the eldest, but Jacob tricked him and Isaac into giving him the birthright and responsibility for the Covenant. Jacob fled to Mesopotamia and married cousins Leah, and then Rebekah. They had 12 sons.	Exploring the concept of deception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Betrayal/disappointment/anger</li> <li>• Disappointment/guilt</li> <li>• Revenge/forgiveness</li> </ul>
<b>Joseph</b>	Joseph had a gift for interpreting dreams. His brothers were jealous of him, and sold him into slavery in Egypt, but told Jacob he was dead. After serving time in prison for a crime he didn't commit, Joseph was appointed by Pharaoh to prepare for a coming famine.	Exploring the concepts of jealousy and rejection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Envy</li> <li>• Telling lies</li> <li>• Consequences of actions</li> </ul>
<b>Moses</b>	After Joseph died, the Hebrews in Egypt grew in number. The Pharaoh enslaved them, and killed all of the baby boys, bar one who was hidden. He was Moses, who eventually freed the slaves, received the Ten Commandments, and led them to the Promised Land.	Explore the concept of slavery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploitation/Freedom/Equality</li> </ul> Explore the concept of rules and laws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are the Ten Commandments still relevant today?</li> </ul>
<b>Curriculum Links</b>	Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses are known as the Patriarchs. They are the founding fathers of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Judaism, Christianity and Islam, which are studied in Year 8, all regard these characters as prophets, messengers of God/Allah.	