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Jewish websites suitable for students

- **Judaism** <http://www.nelsonthornes.com/secondary/re/links/judaism.htm>
- **Regular public Torah readings** <http://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/readingp.htm>
- **Life Cycle Events** http://collections.ic.gc.ca/art_context/tcycle.htm
The content of this site is text based making it a little drab but it nicely gathers together clear notes on the life events of a Jew including circumcision/naming, Bar/Bat Mitzvat, recognition of a member of the community, marriage, the uniting of a man and woman, and death and funerals, the conclusion of life's cycles. *This site is very readable.*
- **Judaism 101** <http://www.jewfaq.org/index.htm>
A superb Internet encyclopaedia on Judaism. Go to the table of contents to see the introduction to the religion which covers all aspects of belief and practice. It has a particularly useful search facility and there is an option for downloading the site onto your hard drive which could then be made available to students when you are not connected to the internet.
- **Site on Holocaust** <http://www.history.ac.uk/ihr/Focus/Holocaust/websites.html>
- **The following site can be an interesting resource for teachers**
Introduction to **Judaism**-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program Classroom Materials
<http://www.jhsm.org/html/documents/IntrotoJudaism.pdf>
To introduce non-Jewish students to Judaism, by providing an overview of some of its religious traditions through a multi-sensory program which allows students to listen to liturgical music and to handle religious artifacts
- **Jewish resources** *Be sure to read about the principles of the organisation which is first link on the page. This sets the parameters for interpreting the information given. It is fairly reader-friendly and I think year 6, 7 could handle this with some assistance.*
<http://www.ahavat-israel.com/>
A comprehensive encyclopaedia exploring the land, culture and people. Many aspects of Jewish faith, festivals and life have. Easily navigated it also has sections on humour and games as well as links to free software downloads.
- **The Chief Rabbi Website** <http://www.chief Rabbi.org/> The website of the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, Jonathan Sacks, has speeches, Radio 4 thoughts for the day, news articles and many related Jewish resources. A valuable source for teachers looking for Jewish reflections and students of Judaism.

Jewish websites suitable for students (...cont)

- **Top ten Jewish sites for teens** Although this caters for Jewish teenagers it still has potential for use by non-Jewish students
http://judaism.about.com/od/jewishhumor/tp/sites_teens.htm
- **RE web sites** <http://www.devon.gov.uk/dcs/re/sites.htm> Lends itself to use as a site for students to use on research based tasks...teaching about Judaism in non-Jewish circumstances for pupils to research...
- **Multifaith and religion sites list** <http://www.conjure.com/religion.html> Extensive links to resources on religious and multifaith sites ... especially among (but not restricted to) Judaism, Christianity, and Islam ...
- **Engagement** <http://www.angelfire.com/ny5/bingjcsc0203/engagement.htm> Jen helps everyone realise this, even the non-Jewish students ... learn about other students' views of Judaism. I learned so much about my ... *This looks like an interesting site re personal response to Judaism*
- **Jesus Institute-first century context of Palestine**
<http://www.jesus-institute.org/historical-jesus/jesus-firstcenturycontext.shtml>

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CW resources for Band C students

- **A Lion Handbook-The World's Religions ISBN 9 780745 927459** This a good text for teachers as it gives you quite comprehensive information, acts as benchmark for additional information that can be gleaned form Internet. Good year 7-9 readers should also be able to use this text for their research.
- **World religions (A guide to the faiths that shape the world)-a Lion Manual ISBN 9 780745 925417** This is a greatly reduced version of the above, very suitable for use by students in Band C
- **Religions and beliefs in Australia (Issues in Society series) Editor Justin Healy Volume 197 ISBN 1-920801-06-5** visit website for catalogue www.spinneypress.com.au This is student friendly and will give you up-to-date information and statistics related to Australian context. In fact this series is worth looking at because of the way this series can support what you do in Christian Studies. It is not designed to give religious information but a good support text.
- **My Christian Year by Cath Senker. ISBN 9 780750 240628** This is part of a series on festivals (My Jewish Year, My Hindu Year, My Muslim Year, My Buddhist Year, My Sikh Year) and more suitable for Band B but students having literacy difficulties in Band C would find this series very accessible.
- **People and their God by Jon Mayled (published by Nelson) ISBN 9 780174 370345** Very suitable text for Band C students. It looks at different religions from perspective of issues and how religion deals with the issues.
- **Why so many gods? By Tim Baker and Kate Etue (published by Nelson) ISBN 0-7852-4763-7** A useful text, brightly coloured that gives a four page summary of numerous religions, secular worldviews, cults, occult religions and practices.
- **Thinking about God-Maureen Harrison and Sharon Kippax ISBN 0-00-322128-8** There is a student book and teacher's Book. The text looks at question of God from different religious perspectives. Published by Collins Educational.
- **Introducing Philosophy of education by Dilwyn Hunt (Neslon Thornes) ISBN 9 780748 794669** Very student friendly and allows students to explore questions related to the existence of God, evil and suffering.
- **Young person's Guide to Philosophy by Jeremy Weate (a DK publication) ISBN 0-7513-5779-0** Very student friendly and I think has a lot of potential to be used in all sorts of ways by teachers. It is very easy to show students the development of thought and its impact and implications for how we think today and give students some grounding to examine their own worldview.

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Judaism

- **Israel and Judaism Studies** <http://www.ijs.org.au/>
Festivals have Biblical, historical and religious origins and customs as described under *Shabbat, Festivals & Fasts*. Judaism in Australia. The expression of Judaism.
- **National Council of Jewish Women of Australia Ltd** <http://www.ncjwa.org.au/>
Gaza-a fascinating history through archaeology. Judaism. Beth Din-Rabbi Gavriel Cohen. Chabad-Lubavich. Hebcal Hebrew Calendar. Hebrew alphabet (Aleph Bet) Judaism 101. Jewish Australia
- **Synagogue in Sydney** <http://www.greatsynagogue.org.au/>
This looks like an interesting site put together by Synagogue in Sydney. It offers a summary of beliefs etc. need to scroll down page.
- **Gold's world of Judaica** <http://www.golds.com.au/>
This is site of Jewish shops that stocks all things Jewish. It is situated in Melbourne.
- **Judaism 101: What Do Jews Believe?** <http://www.jewfaq.org/beliefs.htm>
The basic Jewish beliefs, including Maimonides' 13 Principles of Faith, the importance of actions ... This is a far more difficult question than you might expect. Judaism has no dogma, no formal ...
- **Judaism 101** <http://www.jewfaq.org/index.htm>
An encyclopedia of information about Judaism, **Jewish** practices, holidays, people and **beliefs**. ... Answering Frequently Asked Questions about Judaism for more than 10 years!
- **Modern Jewish Beliefs Concerning the Coming Messiah**
<http://www.idolphin.org/messiah.html>
Jesus said to the Jews, 'I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.' (John 5:43)
- **Jewish beliefs about abortion** http://www.religioustolerance.org/jud_abor.htm
When does human personhood begin? Belief 4: Jewish beliefs
- **Judaism** <http://www.religioustolerance.org/judaism.htm>
Menu: Judaism, beliefs, practices, Jewish-Christian relations, news...Search within this site.
- **Religion facts: just the facts on religion**
<http://www.religionfacts.com/judaism/beliefs.htm>
Religion facts is a site where writers acknowledge their source.
- **Google blog search**
<http://www.google.com.au/blogsearch?hl=en&ie=UTF-8&filter=0&q=judaism&btnG=Search+Blogs>

Judaism (...cont)

- **Three books on Judaism suitable for primary**
Sacred Texts The Torah and Judaism by Vivienne Cato. Publisher: Evan Brothers Limited, 2003 ISBN 0 237 52349 3
Great Religious Leaders Series-Moses and Judaism by Sharon Barron White-Thompson Publishing 2002 ISBN 0 7502 3704X
Festivals Series-My Jewish Year by Cath Senker. Publisher: Hodder Wayland 2002 ISBN 0 7502 4060 1

Primary sources

- Halacha Brura and Berur Halacha Institute <http://www.halachabrura.org/>
- E Sefer <http://esefer.net/>
- Seforim online <http://www.seforimonline.org/>
- Come and hear <http://come-and-hear.com/talmud/index.html>
- Mechon-Mamre <http://www.mechon-mamre.org/>

Indexes

- Rambi: the index of articles on Jewish Studies <http://jnul.huji.ac.il/rambi/>
- Index of Jewish periodicals <http://www.jewishperiodicals.com/>

Useful nonacademic sites

- My Jewish learning <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/>
- Jewish virtual library <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org>
- E-Jewish info <http://ejewish.info>
- Aish.com <http://aish.com>
- Chabad.org <http://chabad.org>

Special topics

- Academy of the Hebrew language <http://hebrew-academy.huji.ac.il/english.html>
- The bibliography of the Hebrew book <http://www.hebrew-bibliography.com/>
- Hebrew university's dinur center for research in Jewish history <http://dinur.org>
- The holocaust martyrs' and heroes' remembrance authority <http://yadvashem.org/>
- US holocaust memorial museum <http://www.ushmm.org/>

Websites in brief

- The internet sacred texts archive <http://www.sacred-texts.com/jud/index.htm>
- Shamash: the Jewish network <http://shamash.org/>
- The orthodox union <http://www.ou.org/>
- The center for Jewish history <http://www.cjh.org/>

Islam

- Islam and Islamic Studies resources <http://www.uga.edu/islam/>
- USC-MSA compendium of Muslim texts <http://www.usc.edu/schools/college/crcc/engagement/resources/texts/muslim/>
- Islam and human rights <http://www.law.emory.edu/ihr/>
- Islamic art from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art http://www.lacma.org/islamic_art/islamic.htm

Buddhism

Comprehensive Sites

- **Buddhist Digital Library and Museum**
<http://buddhism.lib.ntu.edu.tw/BDLM/front.htm>

Reference Works

- **Wikipedia** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buddhism>
- **Digital dictionary of Buddhism** <http://www.buddhism-dict.net/ddb/>

Listservs and Discussion Groups

- **H-Buddhism** <http://www.h-net.org/~buddhism/>

Other Online Resources

- **Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center** <http://www.tbrc.org/index.xq>
- **The International Dunhuang Project** <http://idp.bl.uk/>

Websites in Brief

- **Chinese Buddhist Electronic Text Association** <http://www.cbeta.org/>
- **Journal of Buddhist ethics** <http://www.buddhistethics.org/index.html>

Hinduism

General Hinduism

- **Virtual religion index** <http://www.virtualreligion.net/vri/hindu.html>
- **University of Wyoming Religious Studies department**
<http://uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/religionet/er/hinduism/index.htm>
- **Wikipedia** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hinduism>

Texts

- **Asia Center at Syracuse University**
<http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/moynihan/Programs/sac/>

Temples and Religious Life

- **The huntington photographic archive of Buddhist and related art at the College of Arts, Ohio State University** <http://kaladarshan.arts.ohio-state.edu/>
Vasudha Narayanan, Professor of Religions at the University of Florida
<http://www.clas.ufl.edu/users/vasu/>

Sects and Philosophical Traditions

- **Shiva Shakti Mandalam** <http://www.shivashakti.com/>
- **Sri Vaishnava** <http://www.ramanuja.org/>

Websites in Brief

- **Harappa** <http://www.harappa.com/>
- **Chitra** <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/chitra/index.html>
- **Hinduism for schools** <http://www.btinternet.com/~vivekananda/schools1.htm>

Resources for Christianity in the world (CW) strand

(Titles with * are in LEQ library)

TITLE	AUTHOR	ISBN	Band appropriate
* Thinking about God	Maureen Harrison and Sharon Kippax	0-00-322128-8	Band C, D
* The story of philosophy	John Wright	1-876633-65-4	Band D, E teacher resource
* Introducing Ethics	Dave Robinson and Chris Garratt	1-84046-077-6	Band C to E, Teacher resource
*The thinker's guide to evil	Peter Vardy and Julie Arliss	190381633-5	Bands C-E Teacher resource
* The thinker's guide to God	Peter Vardy and Julie Arliss	190381622-X	Bands C-E, Teacher resource
* Young person's guide to philosophy	Jeremy Weate (D&K)	0-7513-5779-0	Bands B-D
* Walk lightly upon the earth	Kevin Treston	0 9581320 11	Bands C-E
Ethical studies	Robert A Bowie	0-7487-5798-8	Bands D, E Teacher resource
Thinking about God and morality	Lesley Parry	0-340-79966-8	Bands C, D
* Resources for studying Ethics in primary schools	Department of Education, Queensland 1996	0 7242 7497 9	Bands A-C but could easily be used in Band D
* What's fair?	Val Catchpoole (video)		Bands B and C
*World religions made easy	Mark Water	1-85078-341-1	Bands C and D
* Ethics for today	Tony Mordini	1-875938-87-7	Bands C-E Teacher resource
* Ishmael my brother	Anne Cooper & Elsie A Maxwell (eds)	0-8254-6223-1	Bands D, E Teacher resource
* People and their god	Jon Mayled	0-17-437034-2	Bands B-D
* Religion and life	Victor Watton	0-340-74305-0	Bands C-E
* Sexuality, making sense of sex	video	1-929801-35-1	Bands D, E
* Eric the show	video		Bands C, D
* What if	video		Bands A, B, C

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TITLE	AUTHOR	ISBN	Band appropriate
* Christians	John Drane	9 780745 925165	Band B
Living faith; windows into the sacred life of India	Dinesh Khannam Pico Iyer	0-06-057823-8	Bands B-E
The soul's religion (cultivating a profoundly spiritual way of life)	Thomas Moore	0-7322-7583-0	Band E Teacher reference
God, a brief history (DK); the human search for eternal truth	John Bowker	1-4053-0490-1	Band C-E (maybe B)
Right and wrong; how to decide for yourself	Hugh Mackay	0-7336-1549-X	Band E Teacher reference
The philosophy files	Stephen Law	1 84255 053 5	Bands C-E
The way of the Bodhisattva	Shantideva	1-59030-057-2	Bands C-E
Why Buddhism	Vicki Mackenzie	1-86448-781-X	Band E Teacher reference
Choose peace and happiness-a 52-week guide	Susyn Reeve	24297 030591	Bands D, E Teacher reference
Making moral decisions	Ed John Holm with John Bowker	0-8264-5302-3	Band E Teacher reference
The Qu'ran a short introduction	Farid Esack	1-85168-231-7	Bands D, E Teacher reference
Introducing Islam	Ziauddin Sardar & Zafar Abbas Malik	1-84046-363-5	Bands B-E
The paradoxical commandments (finding personal meaning in a crazy world)	Kent M Keith	0-7336-1526-0	Bands C-E
Being me, what it means to be human	Pete Moore	0-470-85088-4	Band E Teacher reference
Being Human	Peter Vardy		Band E Teacher reference
Fifty key contemporary thinkers	John Lechte	0-415-07408-8	Band E Teacher reference
Five moral pieces	Umberto Eco	0-099-27696-8	Band E Teacher reference

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TITLE	AUTHOR	ISBN	Band appropriate
An interesting series by the name of OVERLAND eg Australian idealism, Refuge Island		0-9579554-8-0	Teacher reference with bits and pieces that can be adapted to classroom
The ABC of fen-shui	Debra Jarvis		Would be a reference text with parts used in classroom
The Idiot's Guide to philosophy (to the life of Christ, to interpreting your dreams, to Islam etc.)	Published by ALPHA		Very classroom friendly and gives teachers a good starting point for their personal education Bands C-E
The essence of Buddha	Ryuhō Okawa	0 7515 33556	Teacher reference with use in Band D and E
Buddhism for Dummies (spirituality for...religion for... see www.dummies.com for full catalogue	Jonathan Landaw & Stephen Bodian	0-7645-5359-3	Very teacher and students friendly from Band C up
Encyclopedia of religion (DK publications) for complete catalogue go to www.dk.com		1-4053-0305-0	Lots of pictures, illustrations so Band B-E
The world of Islam	George Negus	0 7322 7623 3	Bands D, E
The consolations of Philosophy	Alain de Botton	0 14 027661 0	Bands D, E Teacher reference
Philosophy: a guide to happiness	Presented by Alain de Botton	ABC video series	Bands D, E Teacher reference
What philosophers think	Ed. Julian Baggini & Jeremy Stangroom	0-8264-6180-8	Band E Teacher reference
Bhagavad Gita (new translation)	Stephen Mitchell	0-609-81034-0	Band E Teacher reference
Six questions of Socrates	Christopher Phillips	0-393-05157-9	Band E Teacher reference
The big questions	Lou Marinoff	0 7475 6585 6	Band E Teacher reference
The story of philosophy	Bryan Magee	0 7513 3332 8	Bands C-E