

## The Parent Connection



Guide for: ***A Torah is Written*** by Paul Cowan

**Child's Name**

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### Understanding the Story

1. Why is the Torah so special to the Jewish people?
2. What sort of "paper" is used to make the Torah? What is it made of?
3. Does the scribe use a regular pen to write the Torah? If not, what is used?
4. What does the scribe have to do if a mistake is made?

### Words to Watch

1. Sefer Torah
2. Scribe (sofer)
3. Bimah
4. Mikveh
5. Etz Hayyim (tree of life)

### Jewish Concepts

1. The Torah contains the laws and history of the Jewish people.
2. The Torah is handwritten under very strict rules.
3. After it is written, the Torah is checked 3 times to be sure it is perfect.

### Beyond the Book

1. Have you ever seen a Torah up close? What do you remember about it?
2. Think of a time when you went to services at Temple and heard a portion of the Torah being read. What was done before and after the reading of the Torah?

### Complementary Activities

1. Find the small Torah that you received for your Consecration. Open it and look at the letters. How hard do you think it would be to write all these words perfectly?
2. Find an English copy of the Torah-The Five Books of Moses. Read the first few paragraphs. Randomly choose and read a few more passages. Discuss how they describe part of the laws and history of the Jewish people.

✓ ***Please check those activities completed.***