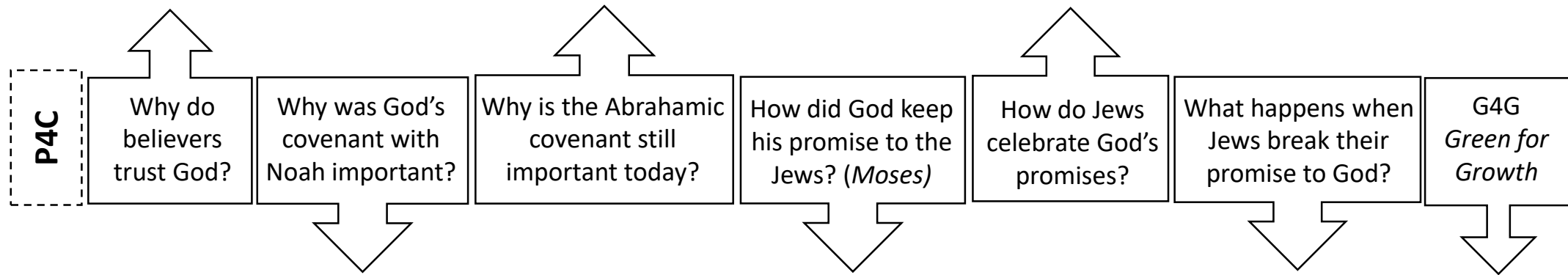
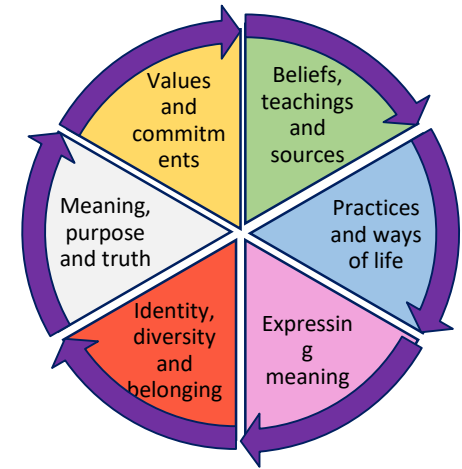


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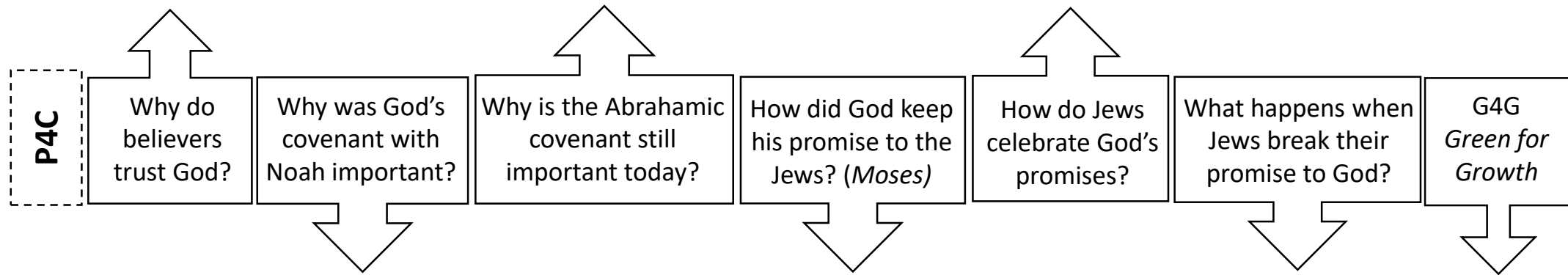
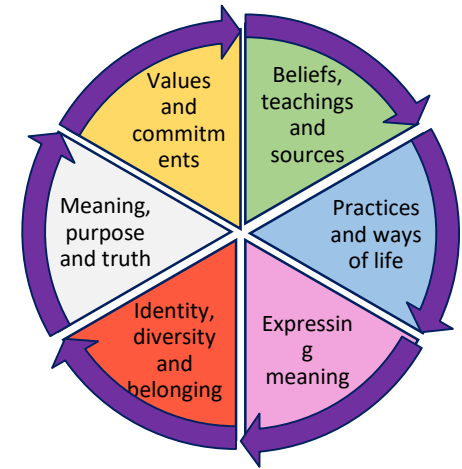
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What was the covenant with Noah?

God sent the flood to **punish humanity** for not following God's rules. Noah kept to the rules and was a good man, so he and his family were allowed to live. God made a covenant with Noah after the flood; He **promised** to never punish the world and humanity in this way again. God sent the **rainbow** as a symbol of this promise.



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This covenant is the most important part of Judaism, and can also be called the beginning of Christianity and Islam, all of whom claim to be the descendants of Abraham.

What happens when a Jew breaks a promise?

During **Yom Kippur**, Jews pray to God asking that he forgive them for things they have done wrong. As well as praying for forgiveness it is a time to remember how good God is to them and how he loves them.

Don't forget!

Covenant – a promise or contract between God and humanity.

Abraham – 'Father' of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

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