Covenant Timeline Challenge

Part 1: Defining the Covenant



In the biblical tradition, the story of Abraham centres on a sacred agreement between God and humanity known as a covenant.

1. In your own words, define what a covenant means in religion.

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2. Complete the table below to outline the two sides of the covenant made between God and Abraham.

What God Promised to Abraham	What Abraham Promised to God
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Part 2: Abraham's Life Events Timeline

The following six key milestones from Abraham's journey of faith are mixed up.

3. In the Timeline Order column, number the events from 1 to 6 to place them into the correct chronological order (1 being the earliest event and 6 being the latest).

Timeline Order	Key Life Event
	Sarah gives birth to a son in her old age, named Isaac, fulfilling God's promise of a family line.
	God calls Abram to leave his homeland in Ur and journey towards the Promised Land of Canaan.
	God tests Abraham's loyalty on Mount Moriah; an angel halts the sacrifice of Isaac and provides a ram instead.
	Abram and his family set out from Ur and stop to live in Haran before travelling onwards into Canaan.
	God makes a solemn covenant with Abram, promising that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars.
	God changes Abram's name to Abraham ('father of many') and Sarai's name to Sarah as a lasting sign of the covenant.

Part 3: Reflection

4. Abraham is recognised as the 'father in faith' across Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Explain one way Abraham demonstrated his faith and commitment to God during his life.

Part 4: Connect and Reflect

5. Choose two events from the timeline. For each event, explain how it connects to God's covenant with Abraham.

6. Choose one event from the timeline that you think best shows Abraham's faith. Explain your choice and why another event might also be a good example.

7. Write one question you would like to ask about Abraham or the covenant. Explain why you chose it.