How did God make Israel the most special nation in the world?
Israel was unlike all peoples because God gave Israel His Torah.

Read aloud: Deuteronomy 5:1-6

Recommended Illustration
As a grownup, you know the importance of a signature. There's no recounting all the documents you've probably signed by this point in life. For this lesson, show your kids your special signature. Show them some things that you've signed and explain why a signature was required in each case. If you can get one, show them a notary stamp as well. Help them understand how a signature or a stamp can set something apart as special.

Helpful Insights
Torah is more than a law code or even a religious system. Torah is the badge of identity for the people of God.

Torah binds Israel in relationship to Yahweh, the God of the covenant, who then laid claim to them as His special possession at Horeb/Sinai, where He entered into an everlasting agreement or treaty with them called "The Book of the Covenant" which is headlined by "The Ten commandments." Love is the basis for this treaty and the duration ("thousands of generations") would still not expire even today.

By learning through constant repetition to come into the rhythm of the creation, to live according to the instruction of Yahweh, Israel would become a nation of "wisdom and understanding," set apart from the other nations because of the justice and equity with which they govern themselves. They would together adopt a truly skillful way of life, a way of life that is suitable for the PEOPLE OF Yahweh living in the LAND OF Yahweh…IF they could only obey him completely.

Torah is God's stamp, his signature on Israel, that marks them, sets them apart, as his own.

The Point
Torah makes Israel unique among all nations, because it sets them apart as God's own. If only they could obey it, it would give them everything they need to flourish as the people of Yahweh. By possessing it, Israel becomes the most special nation on the face of the earth.