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What Is Hanukkah?

Visual lesson



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Two little flames

On a dark December evening, Luca looks up at Noa's window. A silver candle holder with lots of branches sits there. But only two little flames are glowing. "Why so many branches, and only two candles?" he wonders.





This is a menorah

Noa waves him up. "This is a menorah," she says. "It's Hanukkah! Hanukkah lasts eight nights. Each night we light one more candle. The tall one in the middle is the helper. It lights the others."

A special place

"Long ago," says Saba, "the Jewish people had a special place of prayer in Jerusalem, called the Temple. It was taken from them. A brave group of Jewish people won it back, and everyone worked hard to clean it and make it ready again."





One tiny jar

They wanted to light the Temple's great lamp. But they found just one tiny jar of oil. It was only enough for one day.

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> Hanukkah lasts eight nights. What do you think happened to the tiny jar of oil?

Eight whole days

Jewish tradition tells that the tiny bit of oil burned for eight whole days. So now, Jewish families light the menorah for eight nights, to remember it.





Spin the dreidel

Back in Noa's flat, they play with a dreidel, a little spinning top. Spin it, and where it lands says if you win chocolate coins. Luca spins. Mochi pounces on it!

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Crispy latkes

Saba makes latkes, crispy potato pancakes, and Noa's mum brings jam doughnuts. Both are cooked in oil. Luca takes a crunchy bite. "Mmm!"

TALK ABOUT IT

Why do you think Hanukkah foods are cooked in oil?





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Light in the window

Many families put their menorah in the window, so everyone outside can see its light. Each night of Hanukkah, there is one more candle than the night before.

> **TALK ABOUT IT**
> Each night there is one more candle. On the last night, how many candles will shine?

Happy Hanukkah!

On the eighth night, the whole menorah shines in Noa's window. Hanukkah is eight nights of light, to remember a tiny jar of oil that lasted and lasted. "Happy Hanukkah!" What would you share your light with?



Check your wonder

1 **How many nights does Hanukkah last?**

- **A.** Eight nights
- **B.** One night
- **C.** Seven nights

2 **What does the tall helper candle do?**

- **A.** It lights the other candles
- **B.** It is lit only on the last night
- **C.** It is never lit

3 **Why are latkes and doughnuts cooked in oil?**

- **A.** To remember the tiny jar of oil
- **B.** Because they taste of chocolate
- **C.** To make them cold

ANSWERS 1-A 2-A 3-A

1. Yes! Eight nights, one more candle each night. 2. That's it. The helper candle lights all the others. 3. Yes! The oil remembers the oil in the Temple.

THE END

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