

Celebrating Hanukkah

Learning objective: To understand the key stories, symbols, and traditions associated with the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

Max the monkey is helping to organise a celebration for Hanukkah! Use your knowledge of the festival to answer the questions and help Max get everything ready.

Word bank: Menorah · Maccabees · Oil · Eight · Dreidel · Temple

1. What is the name of the special candle-holder used during Hanukkah, and how many candles does it hold in total? (2 marks)

2. Hanukkah is often called the 'Festival of Lights'. Explain the miracle involving the oil that led to this name. (3 marks)

3. Who were the Maccabees, and why were they important in the story of Hanukkah? (2 marks)

4. Apart from lighting candles, name one other tradition or game people enjoy during Hanukkah. (1 mark)

5. Why do you think it is important for families to celebrate festivals like Hanukkah together? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Menorah with the candles lit, and add some colourful decorations around it.



Extension challenge: If a family wanted to buy a small gift for a friend for Hanukkah and had a budget of £10, list three things they could buy and calculate the total cost.