

Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights

Discover the glowing traditions of Hanukkah with Pip and friends!

- Hanukkah is known as the Festival of Lights and is celebrated by Jewish people around the world.
- A special candle holder called a Hanukkiah is used; one candle is lit each night for eight nights.
- The festival remembers the story of the Maccabees, who fought for their religious freedom long ago.
- Traditional foods are often fried in oil, such as potato pancakes called latkes, to remember the miracle of the oil.
- Children often play a game with a spinning top called a dreidel, which has Hebrew letters on its sides.
- The first candle lit on the Hanukkiah is called the Shamash, which is used to light all the other candles.

Did you know? Did you know? The oil in the Temple was only supposed to last for one day, but by a miracle, it kept burning for eight whole days! This is why Hanukkah is celebrated for eight nights.

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