Ellie’s Festival of Lights Adventure

Learning objective: To understand that Hanukkah is a special celebration for Jewish families involving the lighting of the Menorah.

Ellie the Elephant is learning about Hanukkah! Look at the list of items below. Some are used during Hanukkah and some are for other special times. Draw a line from each item to the correct group: 'Hanukkah' or 'Not for Hanukkah'.

Word bank: Menorah · Eight candles · Dreidel · Christmas tree · Chocolate coins · Easter egg

1. Why do Jewish families light the candles on the Menorah for eight nights during Hanukkah? (2 marks)

2. What is the name of the special spinning top toy that children play with during the festival? (1 mark)

3. If a box of chocolate coins costs £2, how many £1 coins do you need to pay for them? (2 marks)

4. Can you name one food that might be eaten during Hanukkah to celebrate the miracle of the oil? (1 mark)

5. How does it feel when we share special celebrations with our friends and family? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful Menorah with eight candles glowing brightly, and add some patterns around it to show how happy the celebration is.

Extension challenge: Ask an adult to help you find out why the number eight is so important for Hanukkah. Can you count to eight using your fingers?