

Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To understand the history, traditions, and significance of Hanukkah for Jewish people.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you with your spelling. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Hanukkah is an eight-day festival celebrated by Jewish people. It remembers the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem. Long ago, there was only enough oil to keep the lamp burning for one day, but a miracle happened and it lasted for eight days. Today, families light the Menorah, play games, and eat special food to remember this event.

Word bank: Menorah · Miracle · Oil · Dreidel · Light · Temple · Eight · Celebration

1. How many days does the festival of Hanukkah last? (1 mark)

2. What is the name of the special lampstand used during Hanukkah? (2 marks)

3. Complete this sentence: A _____ happened when the oil lasted for eight days instead of one. (2 marks)

4. List two things that Jewish families do to celebrate Hanukkah. (4 marks)

5. Why is the Menorah important to the story of Hanukkah? Use the sentence starter: The Menorah is important because... (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are explaining Hanukkah to a friend. Write a short paragraph describing what the festival is and why it is a happy time for families. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Menorah with eight candles lit. Add a small spinning top (dreidel) next to it.



Extension challenge: Nova the Owl is learning about light. Research why 'light' is a common symbol in many festivals around the world. Write three sentences about what you found. Total: /25