

A Festival of Lights: Hanukkah Quiz with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the origins, traditions, and significance of Hanukkah within the Jewish faith.

Join Ellie the elephant as she explores the history and traditions of Hanukkah. Read the facts carefully and answer the questions below to test your knowledge!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Eight, 4.A, 5.False, 6.Oil, 7.B, 8.True, 9.Dreidel, 10.D. Ellie's Fun Fact: Hanukkah is a celebration of resilience and hope, commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

Word bank: Menorah · Maccabees · Miracle · Dreidel · Oil · Gelt

1. What is the name of the special nine-branched candelabrum used during Hanukkah? A) Cross, B) Seder plate, C) Menorah*, D) Lantern (1 mark)

2. True or False: Hanukkah is celebrated for exactly eight days. (1 mark)

3. How many candles are lit on the final night of Hanukkah? (1 mark)

4. What are the small chocolate coins given to children during the festival called? A) Gelt*, B) Gold, C) Tokens, D) Sweets (1 mark)

5. True or False: The festival celebrates a time when there was too much oil to light the lamp. (1 mark)

6. What substance lasted for eight days when it was only expected to last for one? (1 mark)

7. What is the traditional game played with a spinning top during Hanukkah? A) Chess, B) Dreidel*, C) Snakes and Ladders, D) Cards (1 mark)

8. True or False: Many Hanukkah foods, such as latkes, are fried in oil to remember the miracle. (1 mark)

9. What is the name of the brave family who led the rebellion to reclaim the Temple? (1 mark)

10. Which of these is a typical greeting during Hanukkah? A) Happy Birthday, B) Merry Christmas, C) Happy New Year, D) Hanukkah Sameach* (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful Hanukkah Menorah with all nine candles lit. Include traditional patterns on the base and a warm glow surrounding the flames.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why the number eight is significant to the story of Hanukkah. 2. Compare and contrast how different religions celebrate festivals of light; what common themes do you notice? 3. Justify your answer: Why is it important for communities to pass down stories of historical resilience? 4. What might happen if the oil had run out on the first day? 5. Imagine you are a historian documenting the events of the Maccabees; write a short journal entry (3-4 sentences) describing the atmosphere in the Temple after the miracle. 6. Research and describe one other 'festival of light' from around the world and explain how it differs from Hanukkah.