The Festival of Lights: Hanukkah Celebration

Learning objective: I can identify key symbols and traditions associated with the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Ask your child which part of the Hanukkah story they find most interesting.

Follow the clues to match the correct words from the word bank to the descriptions of Hanukkah. Read each statement carefully to see if it describes a special object, a delicious food, or a traditional game. Example: If the clue says 'A spinning top used in a game', you would write 'Dreidel'.

Word bank: Menorah · Oil · Dreidel · Gelt · Latkes

1. 1. I am a special nine-branched candelabra used to celebrate the miracle of the lights. What am I? (1 mark)

2. 2. I am a small, four-sided spinning top that children play with during the festival. What am I? (1 mark)

3. 3. I am a yummy, crispy potato pancake that is fried in oil. What am I? (1 mark)

4. 4. I am the liquid used for cooking and also the fuel that burned for eight days in the Temple. What am I? (1 mark)

5. 5. I am the chocolate coins often given as a gift to children. What am I? (1 mark)

Draw: A warm, cosy room at night featuring a lit menorah in the window, with a family sitting around a table sharing a meal.

Extension challenge: Nova the owl wants to know: If you light one candle on the first night and add one more each night, how many candles will you have lit in total by the end of the eighth night?



I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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