The Festival of Lights: Hanukkah Drawing Activity

Learning objective: I can identify and draw the key symbols of Hanukkah and explain their meaning.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Ask your child why light is often used as a symbol of hope in many different celebrations.

Follow the steps below to complete your Hanukkah scene. Example: To draw a flame, start with a small teardrop shape above the candle wick and colour it yellow or orange.

Draw: Draw a large, nine-branched Menorah in the centre of the page. Include a small, decorative draydel spinning on the table nearby. Add three shiny gold coins (Gelt) next to the draydel. Use bright, warm colours for the candle flames.

Label words: Menorah · Shamash · Draydel · Gelt · Oil

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a Menorah with nine candles. How many candles are lit if you are celebrating the first night of Hanukkah?
2. Step 2: Draw a small jar next to your Menorah. Why is the jar of oil important to the story of Hanukkah?
3. Step 3: Label the 'Shamash' candle. This is the helper candle used to light the others. Where is

it usually placed on the Menorah?

4. Step 4: Draw a draydel near the bottom of your page. A draydel is a toy used for which type of activity?

5. Step 5: Draw three chocolate coins called 'Gelt'. Why do you think families share these during the festival?



I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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