The Festival of Lights: A Hanukkah Quiz

Learning objective: I can identify the key traditions and history of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Ask your child to explain why light is an important symbol in many different winter celebrations.

Read each question carefully. Choose the best answer or write your answer in the space provided. For multiple choice questions, only one answer is correct. Example: Which season is Hanukkah in? A) Summer B) Winter* C) Spring.

Answer Key: 1. B (Eight nights), 2. False (It lasts eight days), 3. Menorah, 4. C (To remember the miracle of the oil), 5. True, 6. Dreidel, 7. B (Potato pancakes), 8. A (Hebrew letters), 9. True, 10. Courage.

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

1. 1. How many nights does the festival of Hanukkah last? A) Seven B) Eight* C) Ten D) Five (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Hanukkah is a festival that lasts for exactly one day. (1 mark)

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3. 3. What is the name of the special nine-branched candle holder used at Hanukkah? (1 mark)

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4. 4. Why do Jewish families eat foods cooked in oil during Hanukkah? A) Because it is cheap B) Because it is healthy C) To remember the miracle of the oil* D) Because it tastes sweet (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: A dreidel is a small four-sided spinning top used for a traditional game. (1 mark)

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6. 6. Fill in the blank: During the festival, many families enjoy eating _____, which are delicious fried potato pancakes. (1 mark)

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7. 7. What is the main purpose of the Hanukkah candles? A) To bake cakes B) To bring light to the home* C) To decorate the garden D) To keep the house warm (1 mark)

8. 8. What is written on the four sides of a dreidel? A) Hebrew letters* B) English numbers C) Pictures of stars D) Names of friends (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Hanukkah celebrates a historical event where the Temple was rededicated. (1 mark)

10. 10. In your own words, what character trait (like bravery or kindness) do you think the Hanukkah story shows? Give a reason. (1 mark)

Draw: A warm, colourful illustration of a glowing nine-branched menorah sitting on a windowsill next to a spinning dreidel.

Extension challenge: Design your own dreidel! Draw a four-sided shape and include a different pattern or symbol on each side that represents what makes you happy.



I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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