The Festival of Lights: Hanukkah Traditions

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

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Encourage your child to discuss why people celebrate festivals of light during the darkest months of the year.

Read the statements below about Hanukkah. Decide whether each statement is True or False. If you choose False, rewrite the sentence correctly on the lines provided.

Example:
Statement: Hanukkah is celebrated in the summer.
Decision: False.
Correction: Hanukkah is celebrated in the winter, usually in November or December.

Word bank: Menorah · Oil · Miracle · Eight · Dreidel

1. 1. Hanukkah is a festival that lasts for exactly seven days. True or False? (2 marks)

2. 2. The Menorah is a special nine-branched candelabrum used during Hanukkah. True or False? (2 marks)

3. 3. The festival commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. True or False? (2 marks)

4. 4. Fried foods, such as latkes, are eaten to symbolise the miracle of the oil. True or False? (2 marks)

5. 5. A dreidel is a type of board game played with dice. True or False? (2 marks)

Draw: A warm, detailed illustration of a lit nine-branched menorah sitting on a windowsill, with a snowy winter evening visible outside.

Extension challenge: Research why the centre candle of the Hanukkah menorah is called the 'Shamash' and explain its specific role during the lighting ceremony.

I did it! **Name: _____** **Date: _____**

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