

L.O: To explain why light is important at Hanukkah.

S.C: I can retell the story of Hanukkah.

I can explain what light at Hanukkah represents for Jews.

Key Vocabulary:

Hanukkah: a Jewish festival of light.



Menorah: a nine-branched candle holder



Shamash: The branch in the middle of the candles which is used to light all the other candles.



Maccabee brothers: a small group of Jews called the Maccabees.



Temple: a place of worship.



Miracle: a remarkable event that no one could have expected.

The Hanukkah Menorah

The Hanukkah **menorah** is a nine-branched candle holder.

One candle is lit each night during Hanukkah. The candles are placed from right to left, but lit from left to right.



The branch in the middle is called the **shamash**. This is the place for the candle that is used to light all the other candles.



The Hanukkah menorah is also known as chanukiah or hanukiah.

Why Is Light Important at Hanukkah?

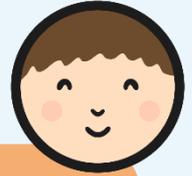
In the story of **Hanukkah**, King Antiochus tried to make Jewish people bow down in front of a statue of him that had been put in the Jewish temple and he also tried to make them pray to Greek Gods. But they refused. The **Maccabee brothers** fought against the King and won, however, their Jewish temple had been destroyed.

When the Maccabees arrived at the **temple**, they found a small container of oil, enough to keep the **menorah** burning for a short amount of time.

But a **miracle** happened and the menorah burned for eight days and eight nights. The light enabled the Maccabees to repair the temple and showed that God was with them.

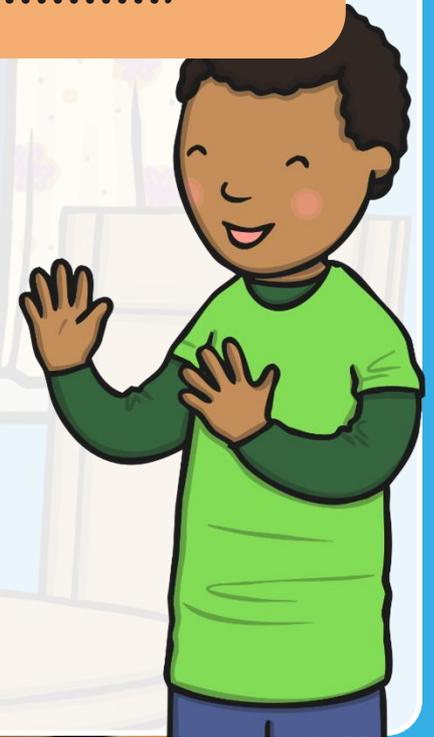


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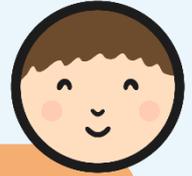


Order the pictures for the story of Hanukkah and write a short sentence under each picture to retell the story. You can start your story with this sentence starter:

The cruel King Antiochus tried to force the Jewish people to.....



Activity 1



Write the story of Hanukkah. Try to include the key vocabulary and how the Jews felt at each stage of the story. You could start your story with this sentence:

Long ago, there once lived a Greek King called King Antiochus. The cruel King tried to force the Jewish people to.....

Activity 2

Write a few sentences to explain why light is important in the story and to Jews. You could start your sentence with:

I think that light is important in the story because.....