

Key Questions: Does celebrating Chanukah make Jewish children feel closer to God?

Key knowledge

The Miracle of the lamp story.

A long time ago King Antiochus banned Jews from worshipping God. He ordered them to worship them. But God had given the Jews the 10 commandments (rules) and he had told them not to worship any other Gods. A small group of Jews called the Maccabees fought against the King’s army and won the war. The temple had been destroyed. They cleaned and repaired it. They lit a lamp as a symbol to show God was present in the temple. The oil could only last 1 day. The lamp stayed lit for 8 days, this was a sign that God was with the Jewish people. Now Jews light a candle for each day of Hanukkah.

Key vocabulary

What? (Key vocab)

word	Definition
Shabbat	Means rest
Kippah	Skull cap
Synagogue	Jewish place of worship
Empathy	To understand how someone else is feeling.
Torah	The Jewish holy book.

Hanakkuh means Festival of Lights



During Hanukkah celebrations adults and children play a special game called 'Driedel'. Its a game using a spinning top and coins.



Hanukkuh is an annual week long celebration and one of the biggest festivals of the year for Jewish people.