



[How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy Chanukah?](#)

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The festival of Chanukah celebrates the victory of Judah Maccabee and his soldiers over the Assyrian Greeks and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem.

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Literacy Activity

Chanukah Word Match Up

In the story, the author introduces several Hebrew words. By matching the Hebrew word/picture cards to the "same" or comparable English word/picture cards, you will extend your child's cultural knowledge of Chanukah and introduce new English vocabulary words too!



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Dramatic Play or Music Activity

Make a Play-Doh Menorah/Candelabra

Children learn through their senses so making a homemade menorah out of Play-Doh, homemade dough or clay is exciting and festive! Use the menorah with supervision or make symbolic candles from Play-Doh.



Math Activity

Count Dreidels and Write Numbers/Words

This activity involves counting dreidels (tops) with one-to-one correspondence, writing each number and writing the word for each number.

Practicing different kinds of lines before doing this activity will help build confidence: standing lines, lying down lines, diagonal lines and lines that curve.

[Click on the dreidel to print this activity.](#) Slide it into a sheet protector and use a dry erase marker; erase with a tissue.



Science Activity

Make Latkes (Potato Pancakes)

Chanukah is celebrated by eating "oily" foods...the *miracle* being that a tiny bit of oil in the Temple's menorah (*candelabra*) lasted for a full eight days. Cooking involves science because we are able to observe the raw materials, predict what will happen once cooked and then test our hypothesis once the cooking process is complete.

Consider these questions:

- 1) What are the potatoes and onions like raw?
- 2) How did they change once cooked?
- 3) What is seasoning and where does it come from?



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