

Sharing Chanukah with 3rd-5th Graders

Chanukah is a Jewish holiday that lasts for eight nights! You might see it spelled in different ways, but it's always about the same amazing story from over 2,000 years ago. Back then, a brave group called the Maccabees stood up to a huge Greek army and won back their holy Temple in Jerusalem. When they got inside, they found only a tiny drop of oil—just enough to keep the Temple's lamp (called a menorah) glowing for one night. But something incredible happened...the oil lasted for eight nights instead of one! That's the miracle of Chanukah.

Today, families celebrate by lighting a special candle holder called a **chanukiah**. Each night, they add one more candle until all eight are shining bright. Chanukah is also packed with fun traditions: kids spin a top called a **dreidel**, people eat delicious fried foods like **latkes** (crispy potato pancakes) and **sufganiyot** (jelly donuts), and sometimes small gifts are shared too. It's a joyful holiday that reminds everyone about courage, hope, and the power of light.

Crafts

Crayon Candles:

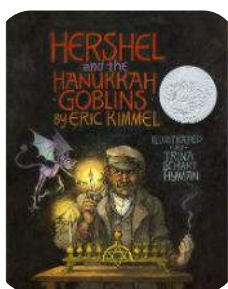


Lego Dreidel:



Books

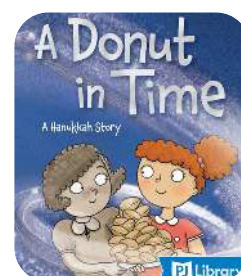
Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblin



Meet the Latkes



A Donut in Time: A Hanukkah Story



Sharing Chanukah with Kindergarten-2nd Graders

Chanukah (you might see it spelled lots of different ways!) is a special Jewish holiday that lasts for eight nights. It celebrates a story from long, long ago—over 2,000 years! Back then, a brave group called the Maccabees stood up to a big Greek army and won back the holy Temple in Jerusalem. When they got there, they only had a tiny bit of oil—just enough to keep the Temple’s lamp (called a menorah) burning for one night. But guess what? The oil lasted for eight whole nights! That’s why today, families light a special candle holder called a **chanukiah**, adding one candle each night to remember the miracle. Chanukah is full of fun traditions! Kids play a game with a spinning top called a **dreidel**, and everyone enjoys yummy fried treats like **latkes** (crispy potato pancakes) and **sufganiyot** (jelly-filled donuts). Sometimes, people give small gifts too. It’s a happy holiday that celebrates courage, hope, and the power of light.

Crafts

“Stained Glass” Menorah:



Puffy Dreidel Craft:

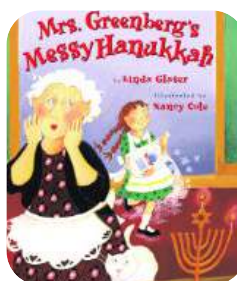


Books

Meet the Latkes



Mrs. Greenberg's Messy Hanukkah



Hanukkah in Little Havana



Sharing Chanukah with Preschoolers

Chanukah (you might see it spelled lots of different ways!) is a special Jewish holiday that lasts for eight nights. It celebrates a story from long, long ago—over 2,000 years! Back then, a brave group called the Maccabees stood up to a big Greek army and won back the holy Temple in Jerusalem. When they got there, they only had a tiny bit of oil—just enough to keep the Temple’s lamp (called a menorah) burning for one night. But guess what? The oil lasted for eight whole nights! That’s why today, families light a special candle holder called a **chanukiah**, adding one candle each night to remember the miracle. Chanukah is full of fun traditions! Kids play a game with a spinning top called a **dreidel**, and everyone enjoys yummy fried treats like **latkes** (crispy potato pancakes) and **sufganiyot** (jelly-filled donuts). Sometimes, people give small gifts too. It’s a happy holiday that celebrates courage, hope, and the power of light.

Crafts

Menorah Poster:



Puffy Dreidel Craft:

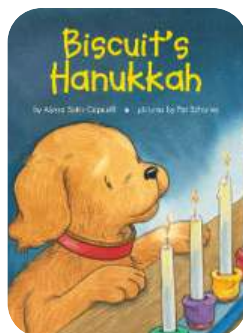


Books

Hanukkah Haiku



Biscuit's Hanukkah



Flip Flop Hanukkah

