

HANUKKAH FESTIVAL THINGS-TO-DO



Tick off each activity once it's done! Have fun!





Play the Dreidel Game

Listen to the story behind Hanukkah



Light the Menorah



Eat Jelly filled Doughnuts or Sufganiyot

Collect Chocolate Coins or Gelt



Wish your friends and family a Happy Hanukkah!

Give and receive presents



Hanuk kah



Pro Tips for Grownups!!

Filled with fun videos, bits of information and activities, the festival kit is a great way to introduce your little one to another culture.



Use the festival kit to spark fun conversations with your little one, exploring all the same and different elements that they observe in the culture as compared to theirs.





What does your little one like about the way 'Hanukkah' is celebrated? Which aspect seems the most fun? How do you celebrate festivals at home? What do they notice being similar and/or different?

Have they ever eaten a potato latke before? Would they like to try it?

Raise kind kids



Exposing your little one to different cultures through stories, food, activities and people, encourages them to ask questions and make their own observations helping minimise their unconscious biases and stereotypes.

Same Same But Different

"Hanukkah is also called the 'Festival of Lights' just like the South Asian Festival, Diwali."

" We light candles during both Hanukkah and Kwanzaa (celebrated by the African American community) celebrations. Kwanzaa is celebrated over 7 nights and Hanukkah for 8 nights."







DID YOU KNOW?



Hanukkah is celebrated by Jewish families all around the world for 8 nights and days. It's also called the Festival of Lights to represent the miracle of the oil lamps that stayed lit for 8 nights. Now, people use candles to light the

menorah

Families and friends come together to celebrate Hanukkah with food, songs and games like Dreidel. Little children are often given chocolate coins or presents.

The Miracle of the Oil



Over 2000 years ago, Antiochus, a Greek king wanted the Jewish people to follow his ways. The Maccabees, were upset with the king and refused to listen to him. This small group of people eventually defeated the Greek army and won the war. When they took back their temple, there was only one jug of oil left to light the lamps. To their surprise, that one little jug kept the lights burning for 8 days before they got more oil. "It's a miracle", the Jewish people all shouted.

What is Sufganiyot?



Sweet, round doughnuts deep fried in oil and filled with jelly or custard and topped with powdered sugar.



Fun Facts

- Though we light only 8
 candles, one candle is lit
 every night, the
 menorah has 9 candles.
 We use the extra candle
 to light the other
 candles.
- The candles are lit from right to left.
- Nobody really knows how to spell Hanukkah in English. It's a Hebrew word. Some people also say Chanukah.
- We eat a lot of fried food like potato latkes and sufganiyot to represent the oil.



