

Hanukkah: light and story

Link a Hanukkah lighting practice to its remembered story.



Think, point, speak, draw or write.
You may pass or ask for a quiet start.

Read the source

CLASSROOM FACT CARD — paraphrased from Chabad.org.

- 01** H1. Hanukkah is a Jewish festival lasting eight days. It recalls the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem.
- 02** H2. In the traditional account, oil expected to last one day lasts eight days.
- 03** H3. A hanukkiah has eight festival lights and a separate helper light, the shamash.
- 04** H4. One festival light is added each night; the eight lights recall the miracle. The helper is not a ninth festival night.

Watch the reasoning

- 01 H3 gives eight festival lights plus one helper.
- 02 H2 and H4 explain why eight nights matter in the traditional account.

Point to the detail that supports the answer.

Make a decision

Why can a hanukkah have nine light positions during an eight-day festival?

- 01 A. The festival actually lasts nine days.
- 02 B. One position holds the helper light.
- 03 C. One position is a mistake.

Choose first. Give a reason before checking.

Check the deciding clue

B H3 distinguishes eight festival lights from the shamash.

Keep your first choice. If you change it, say what changed your mind.

Your independent evidence

- 01 Draw and label eight festival-light positions plus one separate helper position.
- 02 Match story / object / practice to H2, H3 and H4.
- 03 Explain why adding lights is more than decoration in this source.

Make one useful improvement

**Check your answer against the source.
Show the detail you used.**

Add evidence, improve a link, or mark a claim you cannot support.

Keep the first attempt visible. Record one change or one question.

What will you take forward?

Explain the difference between the eight lights and the helper.

One thing I can explain: _____

One next step or question: _____