

# HANUKKAH

## Lesson

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday, celebrated for 8 days. It is also known as the Festival of Lights. Share your family traditions with your child and their significance as you teach about the holiday. If you are not Jewish, it is still a good time to find out more about the holiday and share the information with your child so they can become more familiar with other religions and cultures.



## Music Time

While sitting in a circle, sing the following to the tune of Mary Had A Little Lamb:

Pass the dreidel round and round,  
Round and round, Round and round,  
Pass the dreidel round and round,  
Round the circle!

As you sing, pass a dreidel around the circle. At the end of the song, the child holding the dreidel gets to give it a spin. Repeat the song using 2 dreidels, 3 dreidels, etc. until you run out of dreidels.

## Snack Time

You can make edible dreidels and menorahs. For the dreidel, insert a straight pretzel stick into a mini marshmallow, and “glue” to the flat side of a Hershey™ kiss with frosting or peanut butter. For the menorah, cut a banana in half lengthwise and insert 8 pretzel sticks into it.



## Arts & Crafts

Materials: Popsicle sticks, glue, glitter  
Glue the popsicle sticks together to form 2 triangles. Glue one triangle upside down on top of the other one to form a Star of David. Cover the popsicle sticks in glue and sprinkle with glitter. After drying, hang from a window to catch the sunlight!



## Reading Time

- Festival of Lights: The Story of Hanukkah, retold by Maida Silverman
- Light the Candles: A Hanukkah Lift-the-Flap Book, by Joan Holub
- D is for Dreidel, by Tanya Lee Stone