

Hanukkah Collage Explanations

Add these explanations to your Hanukkah Mixed Media Collage to provide an educational experience in addition to the fun sensory one!

Hanukkah Story

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A long, long time ago in Israel King Antiochus did not like the Jews and would not let them celebrate Shabbat or go to the Temple. He then had his soldiers destroy the Temple. A Jewish man named Judah Maccabee wanted to stop Antiochus. His followers, the Maccabees, were afraid but they came together and chased Antiochus and his men out of Israel. Once they were gone, the Jewish people fixed their Temple. They built a new menorah but only had enough oil to light the menorah for one night. The oil ended up burning for 8 nights until new oil could be made! The Jews thanked G-d for these miracles! Every year during Hanukkah, Jews light menorahs, called Hanukkiahs, for eight days to remember the miracles that happened long ago.

Hanukkiah

8 candles are lit to represent the miracle of the oil that stayed lit for 8 days.
Special blessings are said over the candles.

Latkes and Sufganiyot

Traditional Hanukkah foods are fried in oil

Dreidels and Gelt

“A great miracle happened there”

