

# Chanukah



An 8 day Jewish festival.



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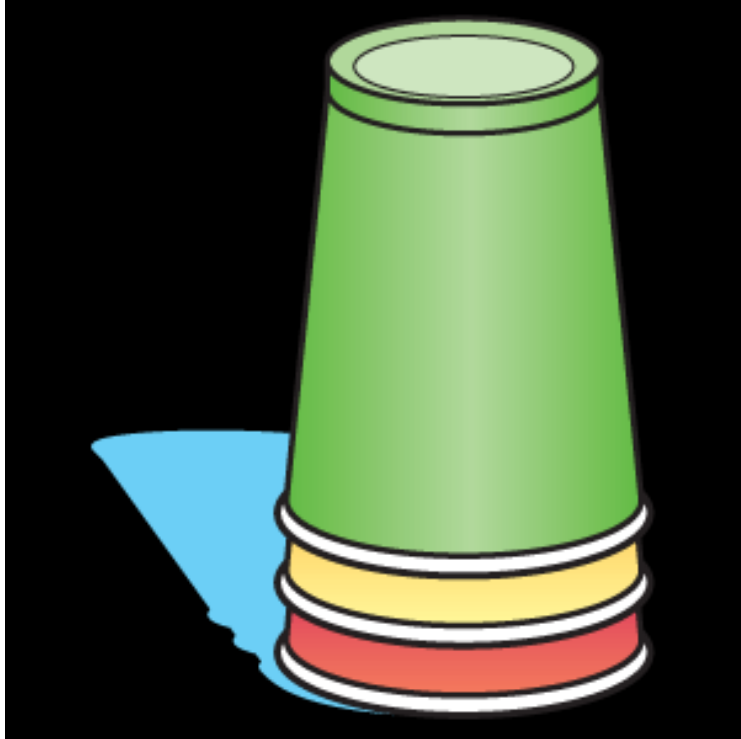
**LO: Why are the Chanukah candles important to Jewish people?**

**Good to be green;**

- To know why the candles are lit
- To know how Jewish people celebrate Chanukah
- To know why Jewish people celebrate this festival



# How do you feel?



# What do we celebrate?

Christmas



Easter



Birthdays



Eid



# What is Chanukah celebrating?

An eight-day festival celebrating a time in history when the Jews won a battle against the Greeks to practise their religion freely.



# Why does it last for 8 days?

- To celebrate, an oil lamp was lit in the temple. There was only enough oil to burn for one day - but miraculously it burned for eight days.
- This is why the Chanukah festival lasts for eight days and why light is the main item in the celebration.
- How long do our celebrations last?
- What was the miracle?

# What is a Chanukah?



They light a candle each night on a special candle holder called a Hanukkiyah or Menorah.

# Why do the Jews use light to celebrate?

They believe the light shows that God is with them, like when the light lasted for 8 days in history.





# When is Chanukah?



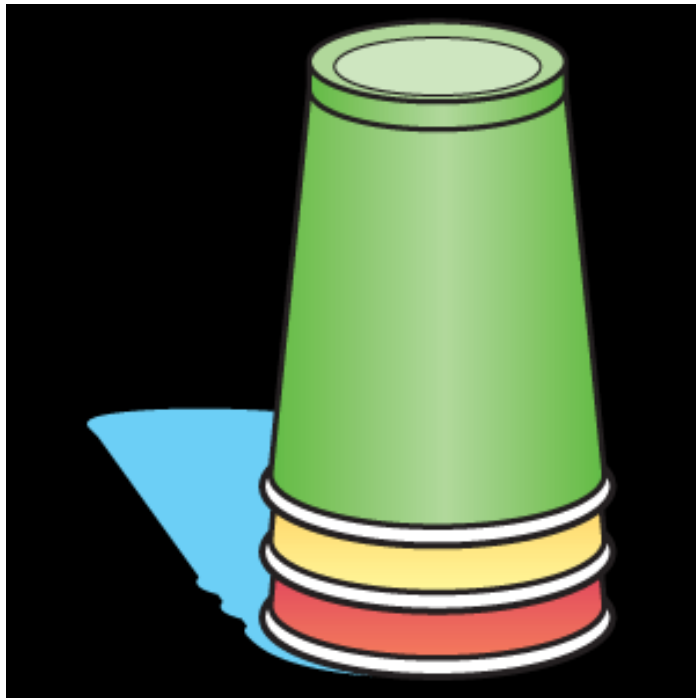
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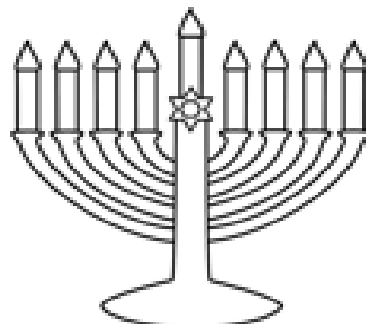
## Do the families do anything special at Chanukah?

- Children play with a spinning top called a dreidel.
- Families eat special potato cakes called latkes and other oily food to remind them of the importance of the oil lamp.
- Presents are also given at this time.

How do you feel now?



LO: Why are the Chanukah candles important to Jewish people?



The Chanukah candles are important because:

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How else do Jewish people celebrate Chanukah?

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Reflection: How would a Jewish child feel taking part in Chanukah?

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