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Chanukah story

- Anash and cheder

Teacher read-aloud script

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[How to use this script: The black text is the language you can use to teach the story to the children. Orange text is for the teacher only: directions, notes and background.]

PART 1:

Listen to what the lichtelach tell us

Set the scene with pictures of Eretz Yisroel, the Beis Hamikdash and its seven-branched Menorah. (book provided in resource sheet)

[Introduction: before the story, prepare a mystery bag or box with a candle, oil and wicks cup and a picture of a menorah inside)

Kinderlach, I brought a mystery bag with me today! Something special is hiding inside. What could it be?

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The Story of Chanukah

A Read-Aloud Story



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A long, long time ago, before your parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents were born, the Jewish people lived together in the land of Israel. Some families lived in cities, like Jerusalem. Some families lived on farms, with fields and trees all around them.

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Maccabees

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Chanukah Song Sheets

Dreidel Game Rules
Nun you win nothing,
Gimmel the whole pot,
Hay you win half,
And shin you put one in.

Latke Song
Latkeleh latkeleh hop in the pan,
jump and dance as fast as you can
Fry and sizzle merrily
for you're the one I'll eat you see!

Counting the Candles
1 little, 2 little, 3 little candles,
4 little, 5 little, 6 little candles,
7 little, 8 little candles,
9 little candles on my Chanukah menorah!

We Watch It Spin
On Chanukah we watch it spin,
watch it spin, watch it spin (2x)
Spin across the table
Nun, Gimmel, Hey and Shin, (3x)
Pop goes the dreidel.

Marching Maccabees
1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4,
Take a drum and march along with me,
1-2-3-4, Step 2-3,
Everyone can be a Maccabee!
Brave and strong we march along
There's lots to do before the day is done
Chanukah time is here once more
Happy Chanukah to everyone.
1-2-3-4, 1-2-3, everyone can be a Maccabee!

Twinkle, Twinkle Chanukah Lights
Twinkle, Twinkle, Chanukah Lights,
Shining brightly for 8 nights
The Shamash stands so straight and tall
light the others one and all
Twinkle, Twinkle, Chanukah Lights,
Shining brightly for 8 nights

Who Fought Antiochus?
Who fought Antiochus?
Who fought Antiochus?
Who fought Antiochus?
Tell me please.
I know, I know, the Maccabees.
Who were brave soldiers?
Tell me please.
I know, I know, the Maccabees.
Who saved the Beis Hamikdash?
Tell me please.
I know, I know, the Maccabees.
Who gave us Chanukah?
Tell me please.
I know, I know, the Maccabees.

Chanukah Movement
A candle flickers - I can do it too.
A candle melts - I can do it too.
A dreidel spins - I can do it too.
A latke hops - I can do it too

I Have a Little Dreidel (Silly Versions)
I had a little dreidel, I made it out of soap,
I put it in the bathtub but it would not float.
I have a little dreidel, I made it out of bread,
I didn't spin my dreidel I ate it up instead.
I have a little dreidel, I made it out of gum,
And when I tried to spin it, it stuck to my thumb!
I had a little dreidel, I made it out of sand,
but when I tried to spin it, it crumbled in my hand.
I have a little dreidel, I made it out of straw!
It went 80 miles an hour, and broke the speeding law!!
I have a little dreidel, I made it out of mud,
and when I tried to spin it, it fell down with a thud.
I have a little dreidel, I made it out of jelly,
And when I tried to spin it, it shook its little belly.

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BROCHOS FOR MENORAH LIGHTING

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בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה

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בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בִּזְמַן הַזֶּה

3 FIRST NIGHT ONLY

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹקֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהֶחֱיָנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לִזְמַן הַזֶּה

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SAID AFTER LIGHTING

הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ אָנוּ מַדְלִיקִין עַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַנִּפְלָאוֹת
שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בִּזְמַן הַזֶּה עַל יְדֵי כֹּהֲנֶיךָ הַקְּדוֹשִׁים.

וְכָל שְׁמוֹנַת יְמֵי חֲנֻכָּה הַנֵּרוֹת הַלָּלוּ קֹדֶשׁ הֵם.
וְאֵין לָנוּ רְשׁוּת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶן אֶלָּא לִרְאוֹתָן בִּלְבָד.

כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל
עַל נִסֶּיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעוֹתֶיךָ:

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Add pictures of the learning process in your classroom and edit the description.



Playing with the Dreidel



Squeezing the olive oil



Learning about the Kinderlach's Mesiras Nefesh

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Menorah Ideas

Seven menorahs your class can make, from the youngest to the oldest. Four are sturdy enough for families to light at home.

EVERY MENORAH

Teach children what a kosher menorah looks like:

- 8 lights in one straight, level row
- The shamash higher, or set apart
- Straight lines, no round arc

	MENORAH	AGES	TIME	LIGHTING
1	**Tile**	3–5	20 min + dry	CAN BE LIT
2	**Air-dry clay**	3–5	25 min + dry	CAN BE LIT
3	**Wood block**	3–5	20 min + dry	CAN BE LIT
4	**Egg carton, two ways**	2–5	20 min	DISPLAY ONLY
5	**Craft stick**	2–5	15 min	DISPLAY ONLY
6	**Sand bottle**	3–5	20 min	DISPLAY ONLY
7	**Glass vial**	3–5	20 min + dry	CAN BE LIT

1 Tile Menorah

CAN BE LIT

Ages 3–5 · 20 min + dry overnight



YOU NEED

- 1 long ceramic tile per child (about 4 × 12 in, from a hardware store)
- Smooth glass or ceramic mosaic pieces, in small cups
- 10 metal hex nuts (3/8 in fits Chanukah candles)
- Thick tacky glue for the children
- Strong glue (E6000 or glue gun) for the adult
- A tray to dry on

STEP BY STEP

1. **Before class**, an adult glues 8 hex nuts in a straight row along the top of each tile, all evenly spaced.
2. At one end, a little apart, the adult glues 2 nuts stacked so the **shamash** sits higher.
3. Children dip each mosaic piece in tacky glue and press it onto the tile around the nuts. Keep the nut holes clear.
4. Let it dry overnight, flat, on a tray.
5. Send it home with a note: "Ready for real candles."

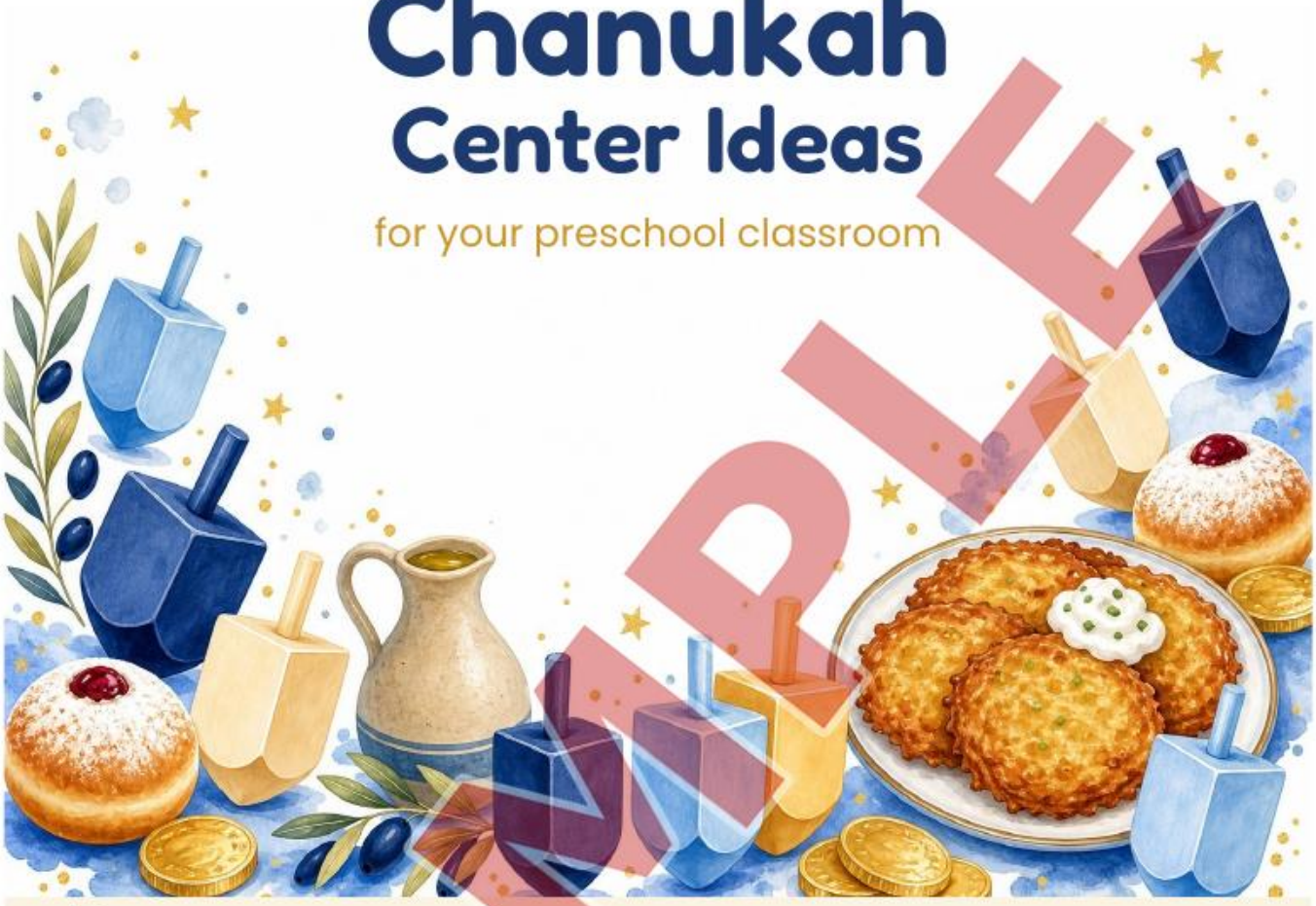
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Chanukah
Center Ideas

for your preschool classroom



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Blocks

- Pictures of the Beis HaMikdash to inspire building
- Pictures of menorahs to inspire building
- Wrap blocks in gold paper/ tin foil to build a Beis HaMikdash with
- Dreidel letters on the blocks
- A paper menorah taped flat on top of each toy car- for a menorah parade
- Characters of chanukah story taped to blocks
- Tape a menorah outline to the carpet; kids cover it with blocks - also works as a dreidel shape or Chanukah word (hebrew or english) letters
- Mitzvah tank from a big box or a toy bus
- Little people figures with small pretend mivztoim boxes
- Keep an actual menorah in the block center