

Chanukah

"Chag HaUrim Edition"

Festival of Lights/Festival of Rededication



1 & 2 Maccabees
Katan Aleph



Special Feast Edition

INTRODUCTION

Chanukah/Festival of Lights/Festival of Rededication

This is a special Parsha Pearls lesson designed specifically for the feast of Chanukah. Although Chanukah is not mentioned in the Tanakh, there is a reference to it in John 10:22-23, where it says that Yeshua was in the Set-apart Place during Chanukah. Chanukah, like the festival of Purim, is not an appointed time of Yahweh. However, many observe and celebrate it to remember Yahweh's faithfulness and deliverance to His chosen people. There are many lessons to glean from the history of this national celebration, and that is why we have created this edition.

The story of Chanukah is described in the first and second books of the Maccabees, which are a part of the Apocrypha. The story tells about the recapture and rededication of the Temple from the Greek Syrian army. A story similar in character to the Chanukah story is found in 2 Maccabees 1:18, which describes Nehemiah relighting the Temple's altar fire as a result of a miracle that occurred on the 25th of Kislev. It reads: "On the twenty-fifth day of the month of Kislev we will celebrate the purification of the temple (Festival of Rededication) just as we celebrate the Festival of Booths. We thought it important to remind you of this, so that you too may celebrate this festival. In this way you will remember how fire appeared when Nehemiah offered sacrifices after he had rebuilt the Temple and the altar."

When the victorious Maccabees liberated Yerushalayim, they immediately cleansed and dedicated the Temple, then arranged for the people to observe an 8-day festival as they were not able to celebrate Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret that year. In the following year, even though Sukkot was observed at its proper time, the celebration of 'Chanukah' was repeated to remember and reflect on this time of victory over their enemies; this became the origin of the 8-day Chanukah celebration.



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If you are new to Parsha Pearls, we have created an [Introduction](#) document outlining how to use our lessons, as well as a [Scriptural Inspiration](#) document, which explains our titles and the Scriptural inspiration for them. We pray that Parsha Pearls blesses your home and that your children will grow to love the Word and to never depart from keeping Torah. As always, feel free to email us at parshapearls@mtoi.org if you have any questions.

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FUN FACTS ABOUT CHANUKAH

What is Chanukah? In English, the name Chanukah means 'dedication.' It is derived from the Torah's references to the original dedication of the altar by the 12 leaders: chanukat ha-mizbe'ach (Numbers 7:10), and from the dedication of Yerushalyim's walls after the return from Babylonian exile: ba-chanukat chomat Yerushalayim (Nehemiah 12:27). The holiday commemorates the triumph of a band of rebel Yehudim known as the Maccabees in reclaiming their temple from the Greek Syrians in 164 BCE.

Chanukah is also known as the Festival of Lights (Chag HaUrim), or the Festival of Rededication. It begins on the 25th of Kislev in the Hebrew calendar, and fluctuates in the Gregorian calendar between November and December. The festival lasts 8 days and is observed with joy, light and merriment.

About the spelling: does it start with a C or an H? End with an A or an H? Is there one K or are there 2? Actually, there is no 'wrong' way to spell Chanukah, and you may have seen it spelled a number of ways. Hannukah is a more popular spelling, while Chanukah is more of a traditional spelling. Because there is no correct way to directly translate the Hebrew sounds to English, it could be spelled a variety of ways, each equally correct.

Chanukiah

A menorah called a 'chanukiah' is lit each night of the 8-day festival. The chanukiah holds 9 candles: 8 candles to represent the 8 nights and 1 servant or helper candle intended to light all the others. This is known as the 'shamash', and it is positioned either higher, lower, or apart from the other candles. Each night, one additional candle is lit from the flame of the 'shamash.' On the last night of the festival, all 8 candles are lit together. Among Ashkenazi Jews, the custom is that every male member of the household (and in many families, girls as well) will light a full set of lights each of the 8 nights, while among Sephardic the prevalent custom is to have one set of lights for the entire household.



Traditionally, either candles or oil are added to the chanukiah from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. Light the 'shamash', then hold it as you say the blessings. When the blessings have been pronounced, light the candle (or oil wick) from left to right, then replace the 'shamash' in its designated spot.

Fun Facts About Chanukah Cont'd:

The traditional Chanukah candle lighting service consists of saying 3 blessings on the first night, and only the first and second blessings for the 7 nights that follow.

The 3 Blessings:

1st Blessing

Baruch A'tah Yahweh

Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam

Asher Kid'shanu B'mitzvotav

V'tzivanu L'hadlik Ner

Shel Chanukah

Blessed are You, Yahweh our Elohim

King of the Universe

Who has sanctified us with Your Commandments

And made it a blessing to kindle the Chanukah light

2nd Blessing

Baruch A'tah Yahweh

Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam

She'asah Nissim L'avoteinu

Bayamim Ha'hem

Ba'azman Ha'zeh

Blessed are You, Yahweh our Elohim

King of the Universe

Who performed miracles for our forefathers

In those days, at this time

3rd Blessing

The Shehecheyanu is recited only on the 1st night

Baruch A'tah, Yahweh

Eloheinu, Melech Ha'olam,

Shehecheyanu V'kiy'manu

V'higiyanu Laz'man hazeh

Blessed are You, Yahweh our Elohim

Sovereign of all

Who has kept us alive, sustained us

And brought us to this season

Here is the link for these blessings:

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2021-11-16T09_36_29-08_00



Fun Facts About Chanukah Cont'd:

Olive Oil

The lighting of the special chanukiah is inspired by the account of the miracle of the menorah lights, without which they could not have properly rededicated the cleansed Temple. This story is found in the Talmud, which was written about 600 years after the events described in the books of Maccabees. The Talmud says that after the forces of Antiochus IV had been driven from the Temple, the Maccabees discovered that almost all of the ritual olive oil had been profaned. They found only a single container that was still sealed by the High Priest, with enough oil to keep the menorah in the Temple lit for a single day. It would take another eight days for new oil to be pressed and made ready; yet the priests went ahead and filled the menorah lamps with what they had. Amazingly, that one-day supply of clean oil kept the menorah lamps burning for 8 days, until the new oil was ready.



Latkes & Sufganiyot

Whether or not the miracle of the oil actually happened, Chanukah is usually celebrated by feasting on rich fried foods, as a symbol of the oil that was used in the Temple to light the menorah. Deep-fried potato pancakes (latkes or levivot) and jelly doughnuts (sufganiyot) are 2 popular dishes served at Chanukah.



Gift Giving

The modern tradition of giving gifts to children for 8 nights was only adopted a few decades ago and was not originally performed during Chanukah. As Christmas became increasingly popular, more and more Jewish people began giving gifts in an effort to compete with the Christian holiday.

We at MTOI do not endorse or promote this tradition.

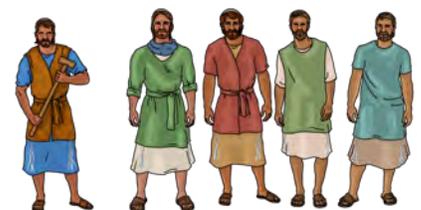
Oh, Dreidel Dreidel Dreidel!

The famous dreidel, or 4-sided spinning top, is the Hebrew name for sevivon, which means 'to turn around.' The Greek Syrians had outlawed Jewish studies, so the Jews spun dreidels to distract their enemies, pretending they were merely playing games when they were actually engaged with their Scripture. On each of the dreidel's 4 sides is inscribed a Hebrew letter - nun, gimel, hey, and shin - which together stands for '**Nes Gadol Haya Sham,**' which means, '**A Great Miracle Happened There.**' In Yisra'el, the letter pey is often used instead of shin to say, '**Nes Gadol Haya Po**' which means '**A Great Miracle Happened Here.**' To give children incentive to learn Torah on this holiday, a new tradition was to gift them with 'gelt,' golden-wrapped chocolates that resemble coins. Gelt can also be won in a game of dreidel. Depending which letter you land on, you gain or lose a different amount of chocolate coins, or 'money,' with each spin. In gematria, the letters nun, gimel, hey and shin add up to equal 358, which is also the numerical equivalent of mashiach or Messiah!



Judah Maccabee the Hammer

Wherever there is a tyrant we are also introduced to a hero. Judah the Maccabee was a Jewish priest and a son of the priest Mattathias. He, along with his 4 brothers - John, Simon, Eleazar and Jonathan - led the Maccabean revolt against Antiochus and the Seleucid empire. He was affectionately known as 'The Hammer.'



Gem Seeking

LITTLE GEMS STORY

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the [Instructions for the Little Gems Story](#) on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

Here is the link for a reading of this story:

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The Story of Chanukah

Shalom children! Okay, who can tell me what holiday we celebrate right near the end of each year? I'll give you a hint (**place 8-branch oil chanukiah on board**). It's a holiday where we light candles and eat yummy fried foods! It's NOT Christmas; we know Yahweh doesn't want us to celebrate that! Ahh, did I hear someone say Chanukah? That's right! The Bible does not actually say for us to celebrate Chanukah, but it's a very good thing to do. Did you know that Yeshua Himself was in the temple during the festival of Chanukah? (**Place temple on board.**) The story of how Chanukah started is told in the Book of Maccabees. There we meet some Jewish heroes of long ago, who obeyed Yahweh's commandments, even if they had to die for it. Wow, I would like to have that kind of courage and faith; how about you? These heroes won a great victory over evil, so the Yehudim could once again follow Yahweh freely. So, one reason to honor Chanukah is to remember their shining example of faith.

You see, once upon a time, long before Yeshua was born, there was a very proud Greek king named Antiochus. (**Place Antiochus on board.**) Can you say his name with me? An-TIE-uh-kus. Very good—you got his name right. But let me tell you, King Antiochus was anything but good! While he and his army were on their way home from conquering Mitsrayim, he decided it would be cool to beat up the Yisra'elites, too, and take Yerushalayim for himself. The Yehudim there ended up with a pagan king who hated their religion. That wicked Antiochus burned up the Torah and all their holy books with fire. (**Place Torah scroll on board.**) Anyone caught studying Scriptures would be killed on the spot. Any men who showed they belonged to Yahweh suffered horrible things from the king's soldiers.

Even worse, this pagan ruler went into Yahweh's beautiful Holy Place and made it totally yucky and unclean to Yahweh. He set up a statue of himself right in the Temple, and we know that Yahweh hates idols—especially in His House! The king made it even worse by offering unclean animals on Yahweh's altar, like pigs. Ugh! (**Place pig on board.**) He even brought elephants into the temple. (**Place elephants on board.**) Greek people began to move into the neighborhood, who thought it was fun to do lots of things that the Elohim of Yisra'el had forbidden. Many Yehudim then decided that the pagan Greek stuff was too much fun to miss. They forgot they were Yahweh's chosen people and began to act like Greeks, always breaking Yahweh's covenant.

(Remove all characters from board.)



But not all the Yehudim! Let's meet our heroes. Everybody shout, "TA-DAAA!" Yes! **(Place Mattathias and 5 sons on board.)** It's our brave Jewish family, the Maccabees! The head of their clan was Mattathias, the priest. **(Point to Mattathias.)** Now, you may not think of a priest as being a fierce warrior, but when battle skills were needed, you could count on Mattathias. Better yet, he had 5 sons who were all fierce fighters, too. His oldest son Judah won so many victories that people called him "Judah the Hammer." **(Point to Judah and 4 brothers.)** The Maccabees got many faithful Yehudim to join them. They trained their men to strike the enemy suddenly, then escape to their hideout in the hills—just like a bunch of Western outlaws. **(Place group of men on board.)** Time after time, Judah and his men beat up the Greek army of Antiochus. The king's soldiers kept trying to catch them, but no such luck. After years of fighting, at last the Maccabees recaptured Yerushalayim. What a day that was—the streets rocked with victory shouts and halleluyahs! **(Place joyous people on board.)**

(Remove all characters from board.)

The Maccabees didn't waste a minute. They called for all the priests and cleansed the Temple from top to bottom. **(Place temple on board.)** They built a new altar that had never seen an unclean offering. **(Place priest near altar on board.)** The Holy Place got all set up again, just the way Yahweh had commanded. The Yehudim had been very sad for a very long time, with no place to gather and learn Yahweh's Word or to enjoy His feasts. **(Place sad people on board.)** The priests wanted to please both Yahweh and His people by dedicating the Temple as soon as they could.

This dedication would be a huge event. The dates for Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret had passed, so they decided to celebrate this festival of rededication for 8 days. It would begin on the 25th of Kislev which can be in November or December. **(Place calendar on board.)** How exciting! The Temple would once more honor Yahweh alone—no more pigs or idol-statues, ever!

But there's even more to the story. Jewish books tell a story about a wonderful miracle that happened while the Maccabees were celebrating, right inside the Holy Place. Hmm...I wonder what this miracle could be. Let's find out.

It started because the 7 lamps on top of the menorah had been blown out years earlier by Antiochus. We know that Yahweh told His people to always keep the oil lamps burning on the menorah. But now they had to be lit up again. The problem was, the menorah must burn oil that had to be prepared by the priests, and there was only enough oil for one day of light. **(Place bottle of oil on board.)** It would take a whole 8 days to prepare new oil.

Now, what do you think the priests did? Did they call it off and send everyone home? No, I don't think so! The dedication must go on. So maybe they said, "Oh, Yahweh will understand if we use plain old oil in His menorah this time—it's just for a week, and then we'll have the new holy oil ready." No way! After all, Elohim had just given them a miraculous victory, and they must do everything His way. So, the priests lit the lamps with their little bit of olive oil, trusting that Yahweh was somehow able to take care of the problem. And that's when the miracle happened. Can anyone guess? **(Place 7-branch menorah on board.)** Sure enough, they say that the lights in the Temple kept on burning for all 8 days, on just one day's worth of oil.



Now, we can't prove whether or not it really happened, but it sure sounds like something our wonderful Elohim might do. That's why Chanukah is called the Festival of Lights. Each year, a couple of months after we've enjoyed Sukkot, we get another 8 days of joy and feasting. Boy, Yisra'elites sure do like to have fun, don't they? **(Remove sad people and place joyous people on board.)**

Let's talk about everyone's favorite things to do during these 8 days. Has anyone ever made their own chanukiah? **(Place homemade chanukiahs on board.)** Say it with me children, 'Han-uh-KEE-ah.' It's kind of a 'mini-menorah' for your home, and holds not just 7, but 9 candles. One of these candles stands a bit higher than the rest. It is called the shamash, or servant candle. **(Point to shamash.)** The shamash is always lit first, then each night one more candlelight is added until the final night, when all 9 candles are glowing. Each candle-lighting is done with prayers of blessing and thanks to Yahweh for saving us. How happy we are to honor Him in our homes, with beautiful lights, family, friends, and good food!

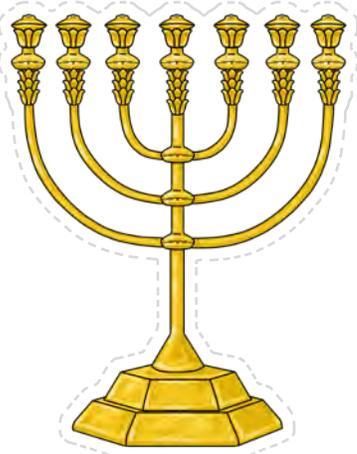
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Mmm, food. Let's talk about the yummy things we get to eat during Chanukah. Chanukah treats are fried in oil, to honor the miraculous story of the oil supply. One of the favorites are latkes. **(Place latkes on board.)** Can you say it with me? It's "LOT-kuhs." You may know it as fried potato pancakes. Our brother Yehudah likes to put applesauce, sour cream and chives on top! **(Place applesauce, sour cream and chives on board.)** How does that sound to you? What do you like to place on yours? **(Allow children to answer.)** Another oil-fried dessert is sufganiyot— sugared jelly doughnuts oozing with red jam. **(Place sufganiyot on board.)** Ok let's try to say this one together, 'SOOF-ga-NEE-ot.' Just be careful you don't eat too many!

While the candles are burning, families often sit down to play a favorite Chanukah game, using a four-sided spinning top called a dreidel. **(Place 4 dreidels on board.)** It was invented in the time of Antiochus, when Yehudim would gather secretly to discuss Torah. If soldiers banged on the door, they would spin their dreidels to fool the soldiers into thinking they were just playing games. A dreidel has 4 Hebrew letters—nun, gimel, hey and shin, one on each side. **(Point to 4 letters.)** Together they spell, 'Nes Gadol Haya Sham,' which means, 'A Great Miracle Happened There.' Children who study Torah during Chanukah are rewarded with gold-wrapped chocolate coins called gelt. **(Place gelt on board.)** If the top lands on the right Hebrew letter you may win all the chocolate coins. But if it lands on the wrong letter, you could lose it all!

As we enjoy this year's Festival of Lights, let's remember that Chanukah is also the Feast of Dedication. Let's choose to obey and honor our Good King Yahweh—even more than we did last year and dedicate ourselves to Him alone! Well, that's all for today, children. We will see you next time for another exciting Little Gems story! Chag Chanukah Sameach! Happy Feast of Chanukah!





7-branch menorah



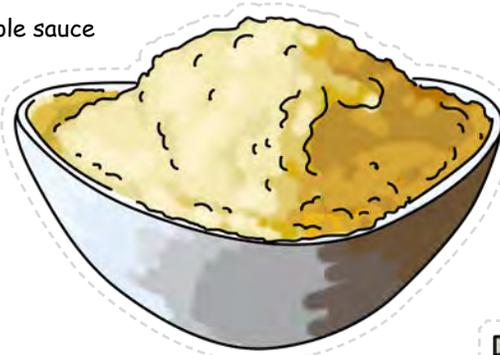
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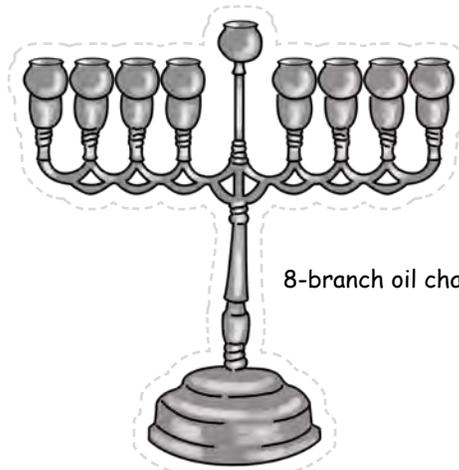
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Gelt



Antiochus



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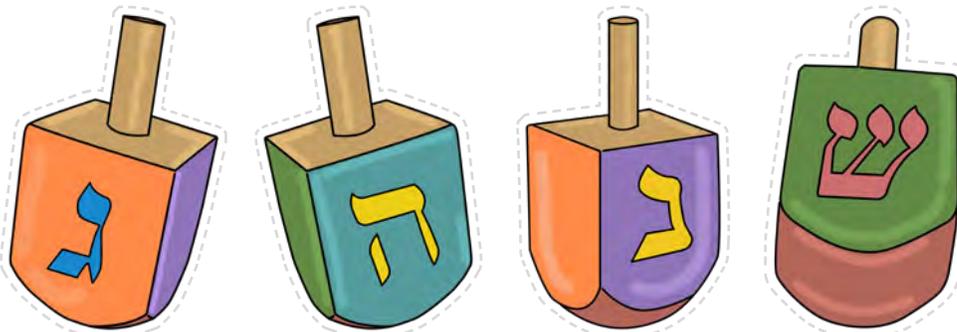
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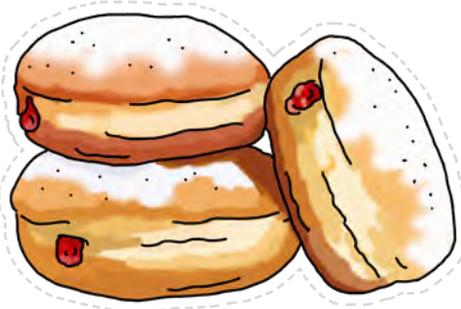


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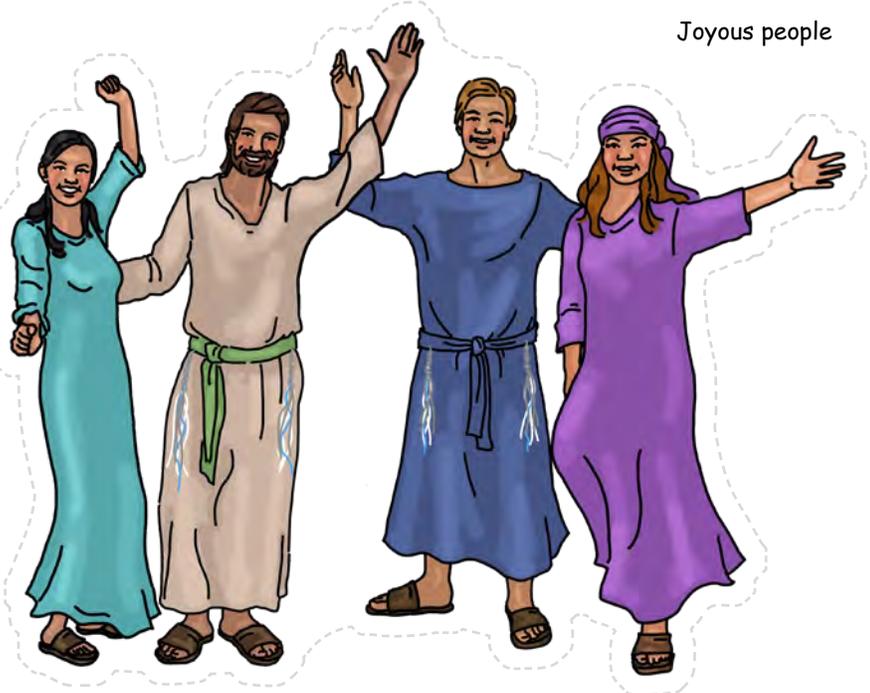


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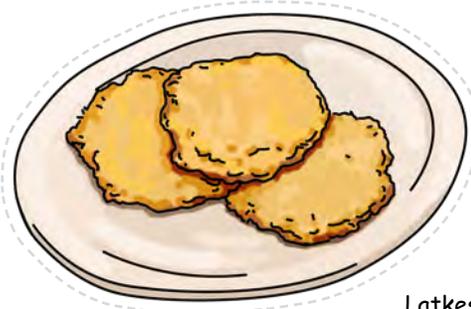




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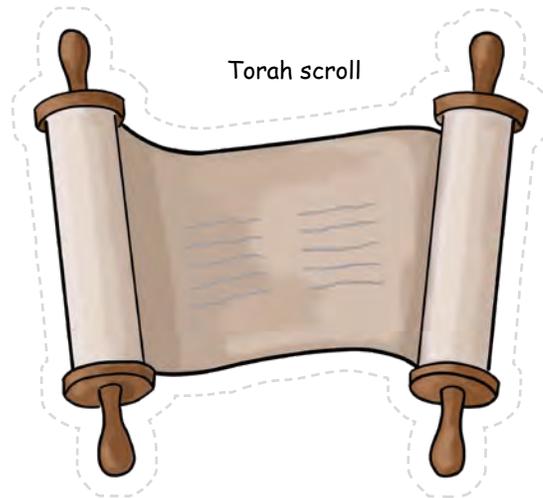
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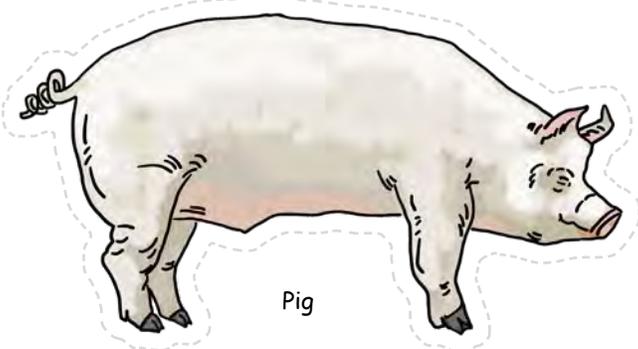
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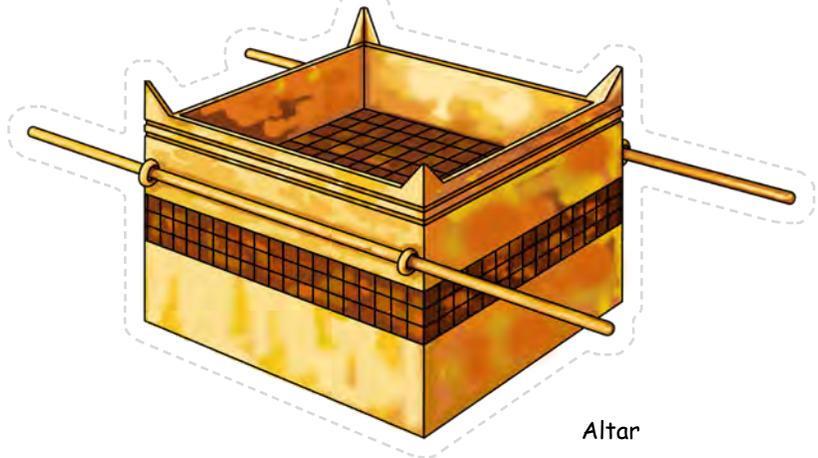
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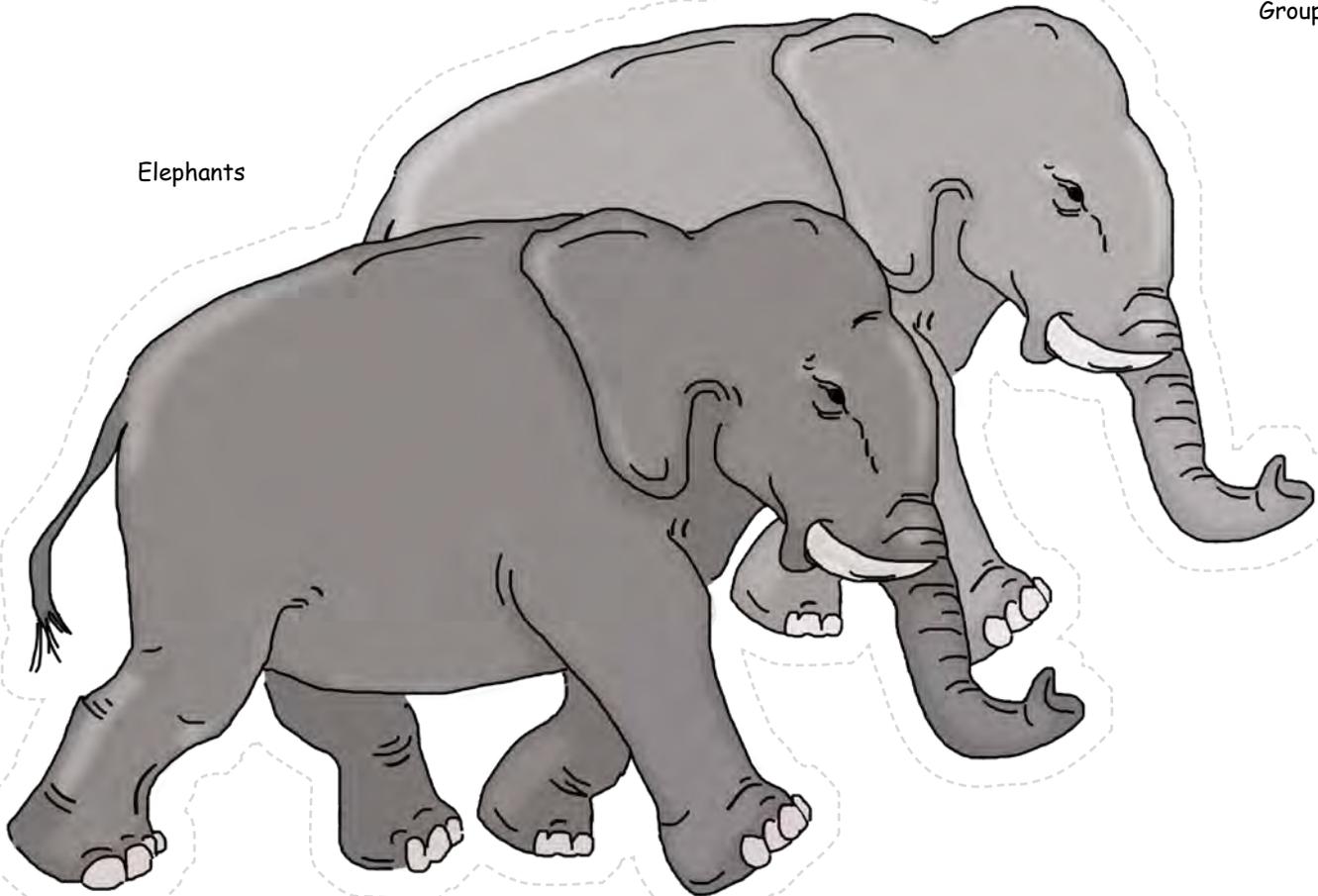
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Temple



Group of men



Elephants



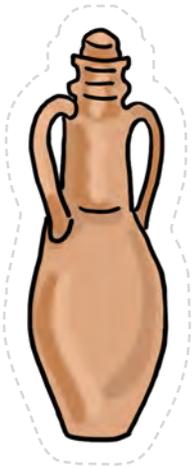
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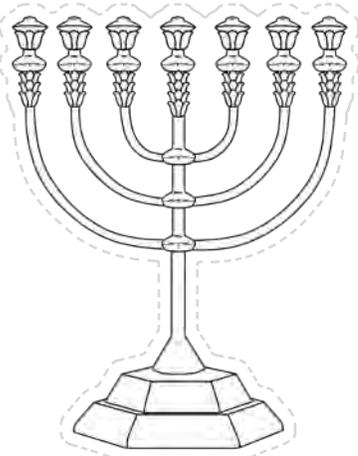


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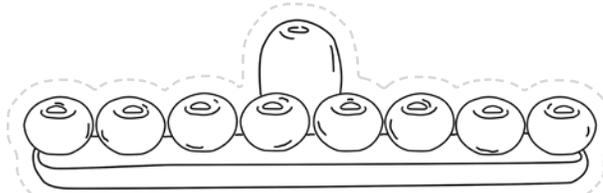


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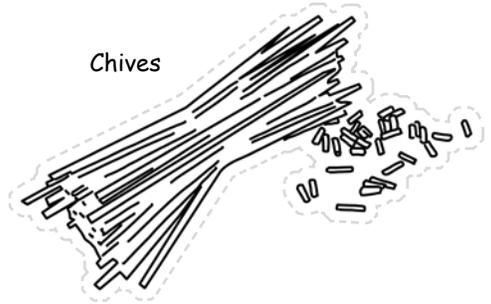




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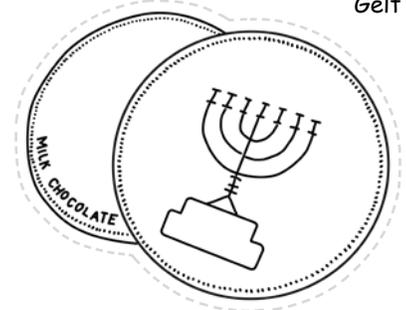
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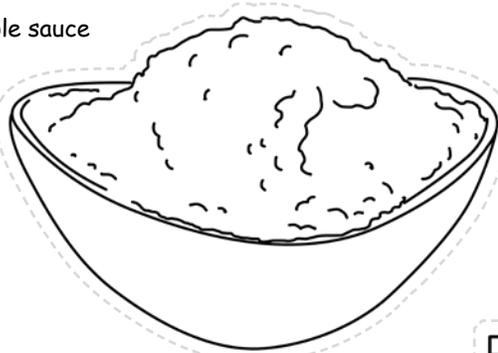
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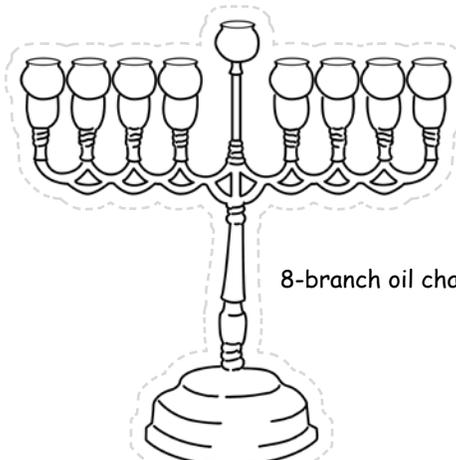
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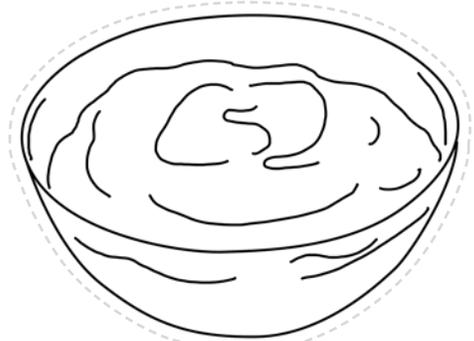
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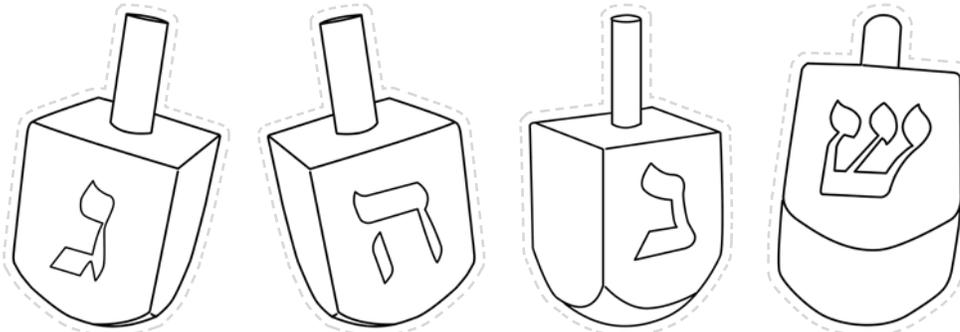
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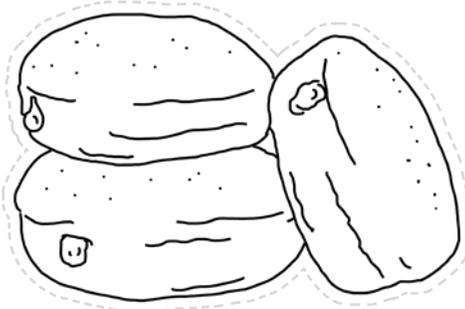


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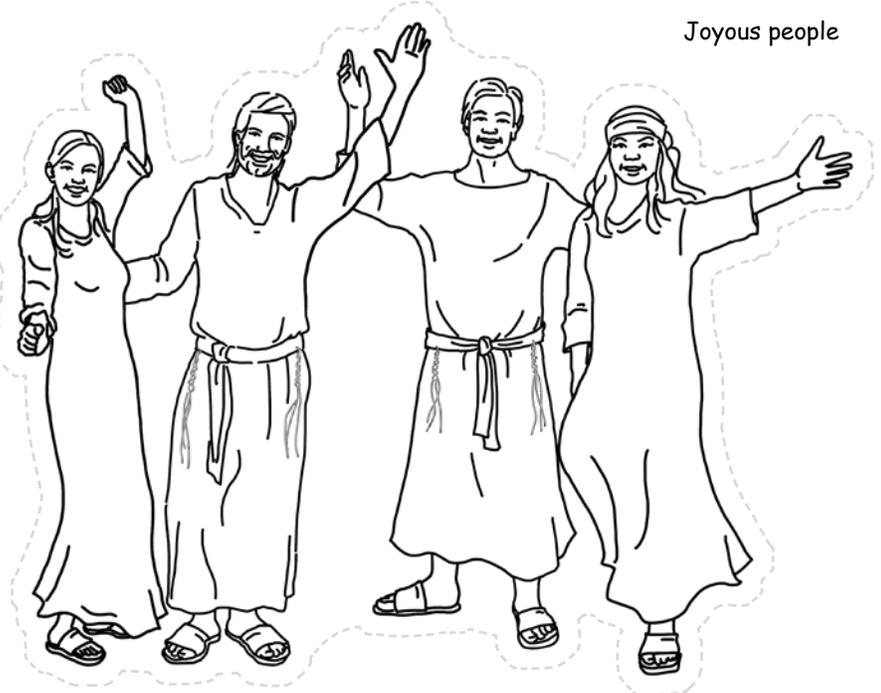


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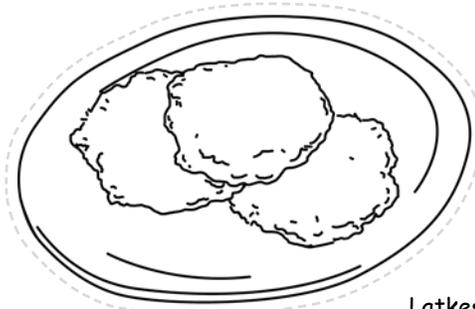




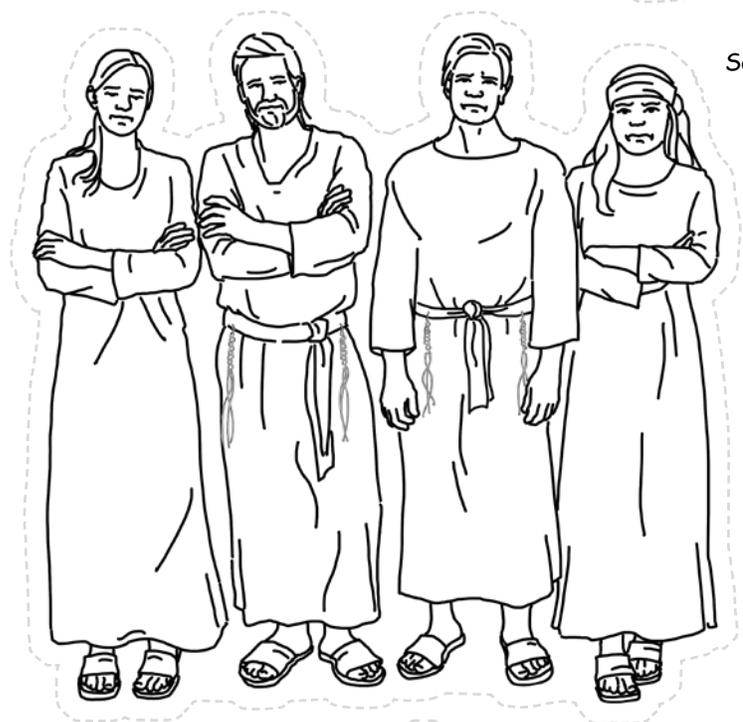
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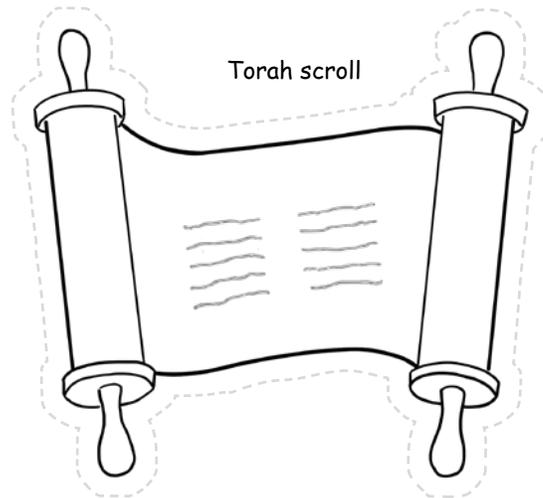
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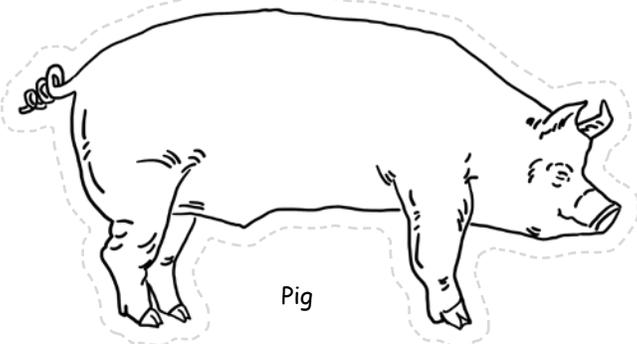
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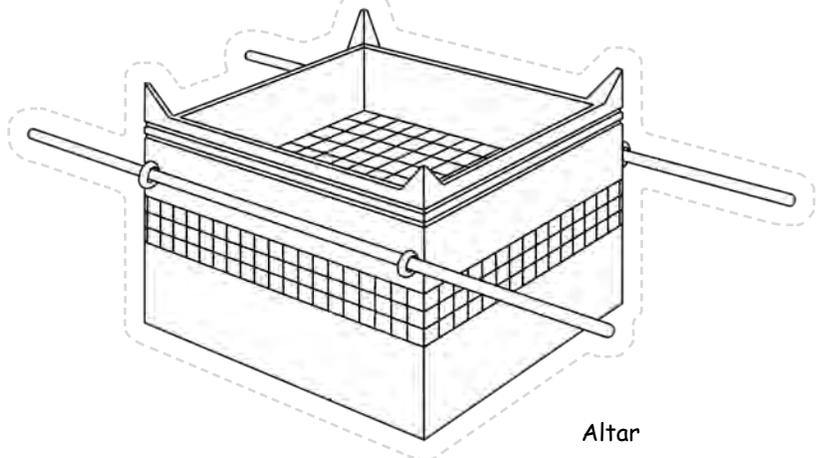
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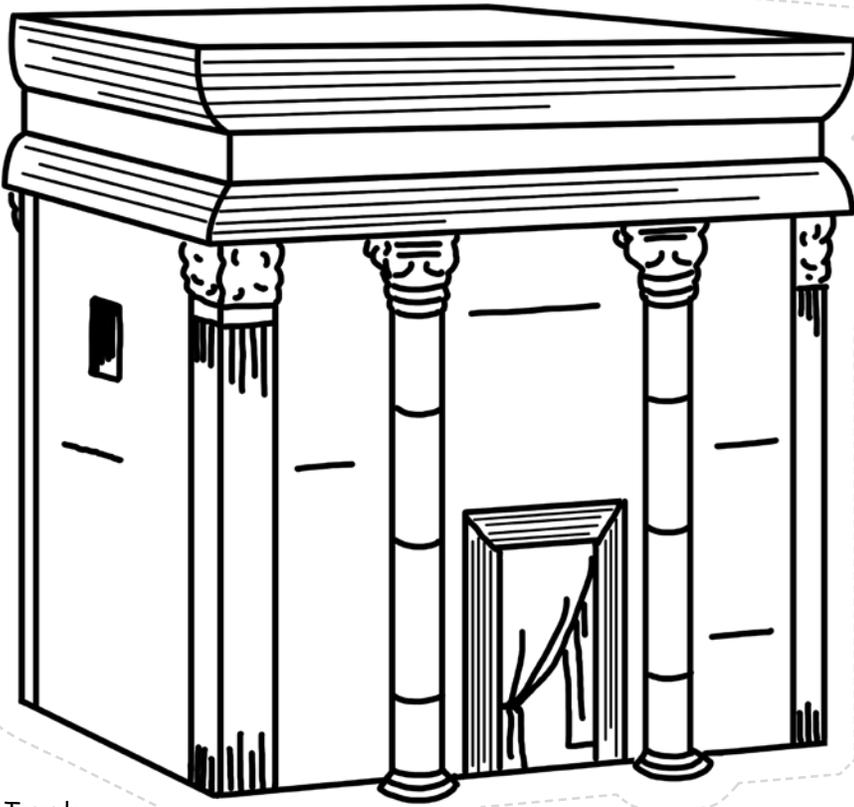
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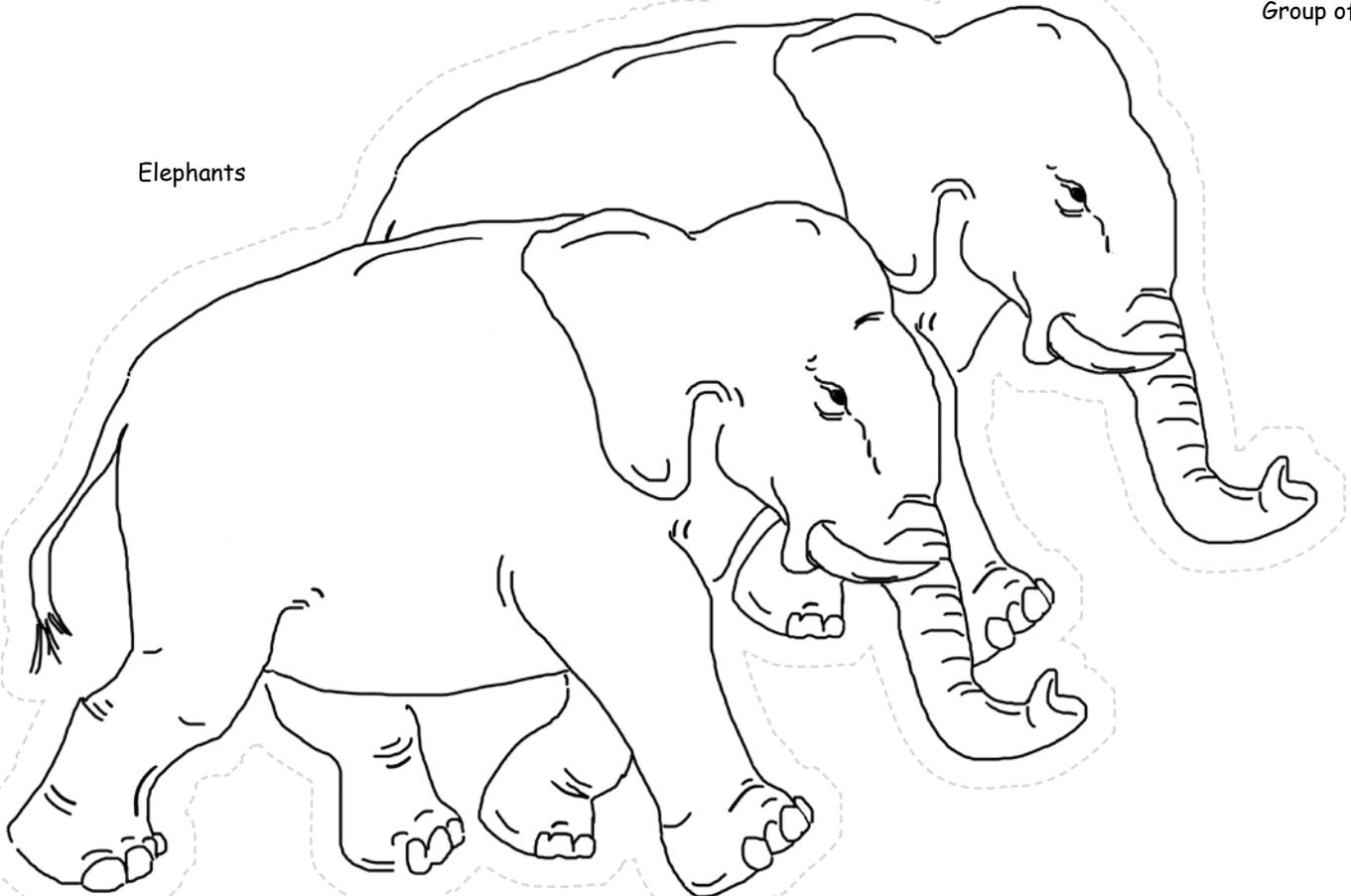
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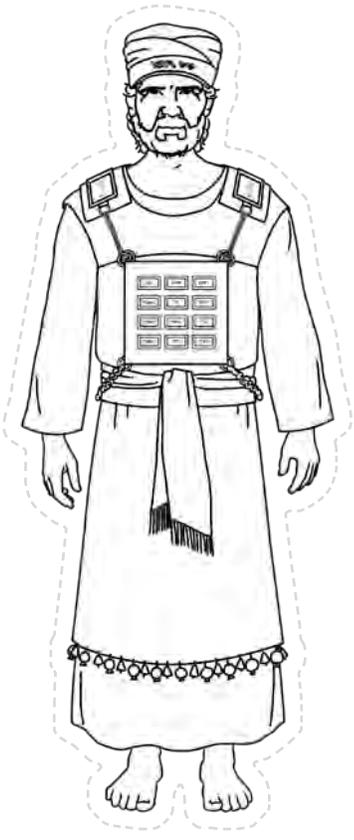
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Group of men



Elephants



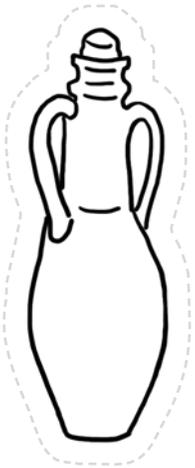
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Priest



Judah the Maccabee



Bottle of oil



4 Sons

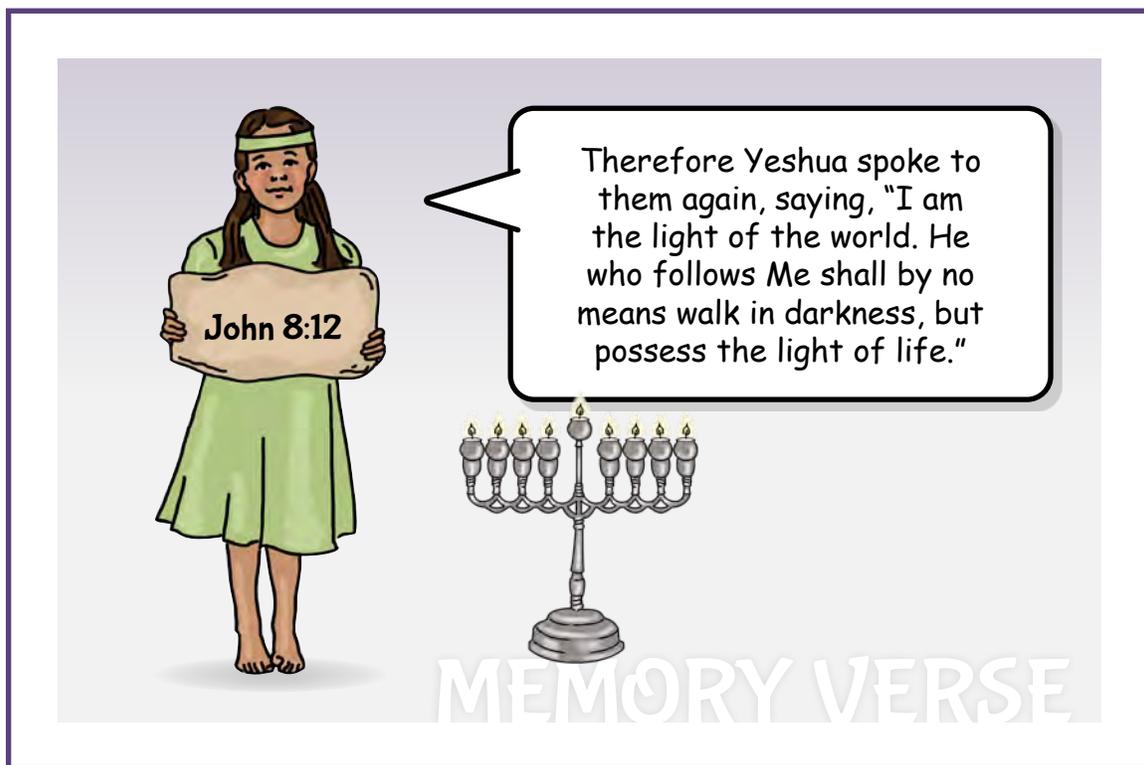


Counting What You Gained

This next section is intended to be reinforcement of the lessons learned during this lesson. Choose the activities that best fit your child.

STORING UP TREASURE IN MY HEART

The Katan Aleph memory verse is John 8:12. If they have not already done so, begin to help them to memorize the verse. Be creative and try acting it out, or putting it to music.



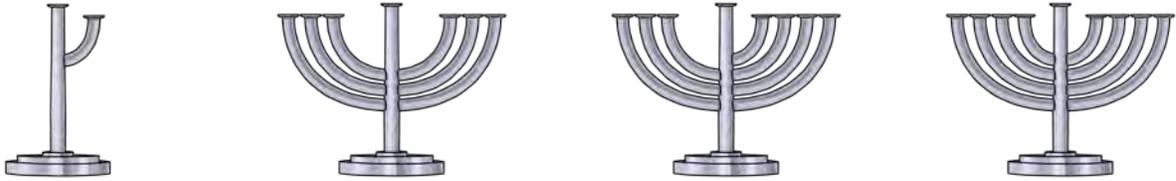
Here is the link for this song:

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SEEKING TREASURE

Circle the correct choices.

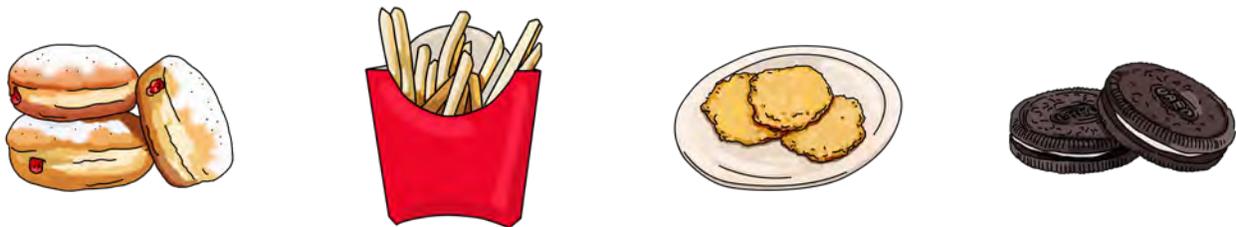
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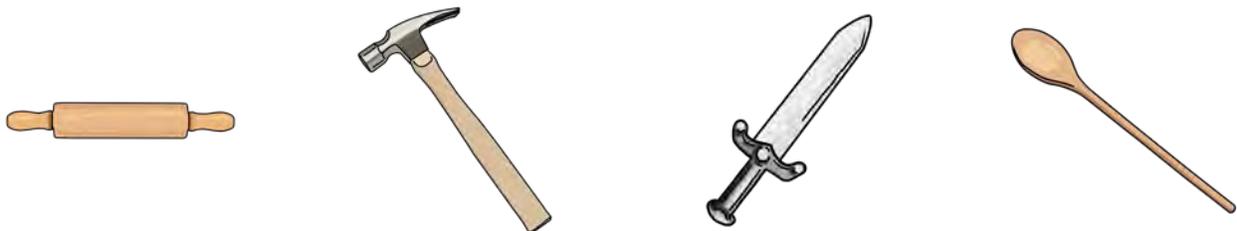
2. What type of oil would you use to light the menorah?



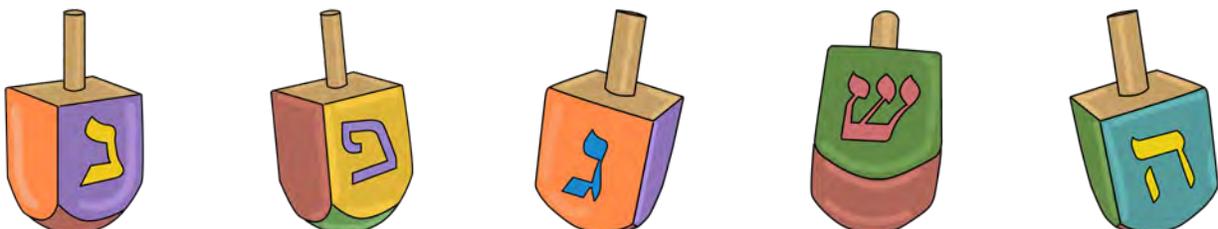
3. What are some fried foods we usually eat during Chanukah?



4. Which image shows the item that Judah the Maccabee was nicknamed?



5. Which dreidels show "A Great Miracle Happened Here?"



WORD SEARCH

Search for the hidden words from this week's lesson.



CHANUKAH

MACCABEE

LIGHTS

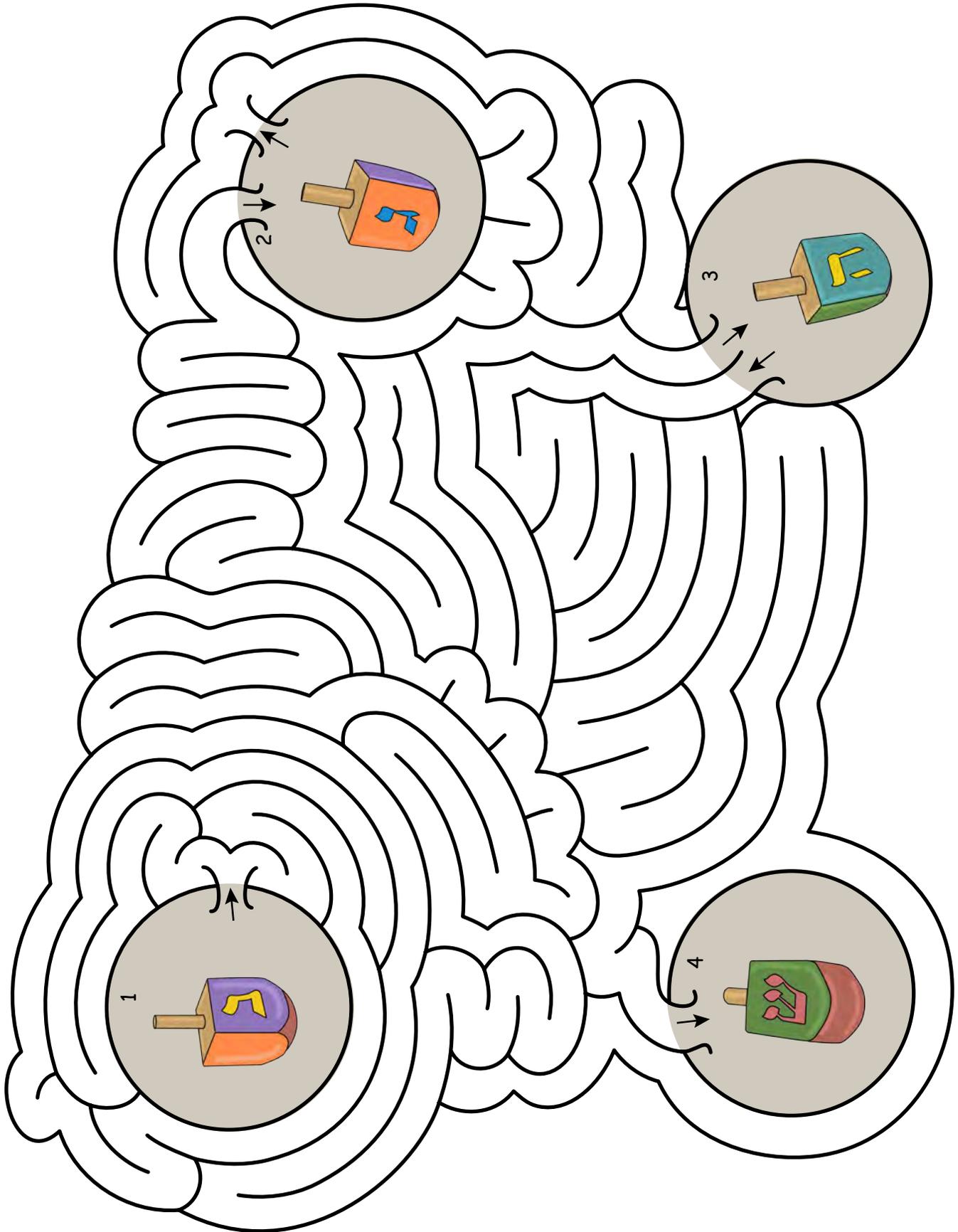
DREIDELS

DOUGHNUTS

LATKES



MAZE



COLOR BY NUMBER

Materials:

- Copy paper
- Coloring medium of choice

Instructions:

- Print the hundreds chart on copy paper.
- Using the chart, color the squares with the colors indicated to reveal a Chanukah themed item.

Green								
33	58	67	76	85				

Blue								
34	43	68	77	86				

Purple								
35	44	53						

Pink								
36	45	54	63					

Red								
37	46	55	64					

Orange								
38	47	56	65	74				

Yellow								
48	57	66	75					

Black								
5	16	24	27	32	49	62	78	95
6	22	25	28	39	52	69	84	96
15	23	26	29	42	59	73	87	



Color by Number Chart

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100



Color By Number Answer Key

Dreidel

1	2	3	4			7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14			17	18	19	20
21									30
31		33	34	35	36	37	38		40
41		43	44	45	46	47	48		50
51		53	54	55	56	57	58		60
61		63	64	65	66	67	68		70
71	72		74	75	76	77		79	80
81	82	83		85	86		88	89	90
91	92	93	94			97	98	99	100



Precious Possessions

CRAFT

Chanukiah Finger Puppet

Materials:

- Copy paper
- Stiff felt - black, gray (or colors of choice)
- Double-sided tape (to hold template pieces while cutting)
- Gitter glue - silver
- Puffy paint - red, orange
- Pencil
- Hot glue
- Scissors
- Craft Template: Chanukiah (BW)

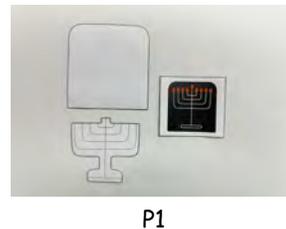


Parent/Teacher Preparation:

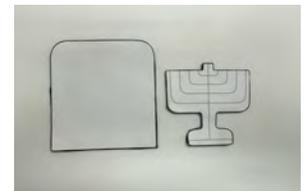
- Print Craft template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Craft Template and felt pieces.

Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Template pieces, including the 'chanukiah image.' (P1)
- Place double-sided tape onto the back of the paper template pieces and lay over felt colors indicated (or colors of choice). Cut around the templates you have just placed on the felt. (P2)
- Remove the paper templates from the felt pieces. Keep the paper 'chanukiah image' for reference in placement and drawing. (P3)
- Apply hot glue around the edges of the 'background back,' making sure to leave an opening at the bottom, and place the 'background front' over it. (P4a, P4b)



P1



P2



P3



P4a



P4b

Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Apply hot glue to the back of the 'chanukiah' and place it onto the 'background front' referring to the 'chanukiah image' for placement. (P5a, P5b)
- Using a pencil, draw the chanukiah branches, stem and base onto the 'chanukiah,' referring to the 'chanukiah image' for assistance. (P6)
- Using silver glitter glue, dimensionalize the chanukiah branches, stem and base pencil drawing, referring to the 'chanukiah image' for assistance. (P7)
- Using red and orange puffy paint, create flames above the 'chanukiah,' referring to the 'chanukiah image' for assistance. (P8a, P8b)
- Set the chanukiah finger puppet aside to dry.



P5a



P5b



P6



P7

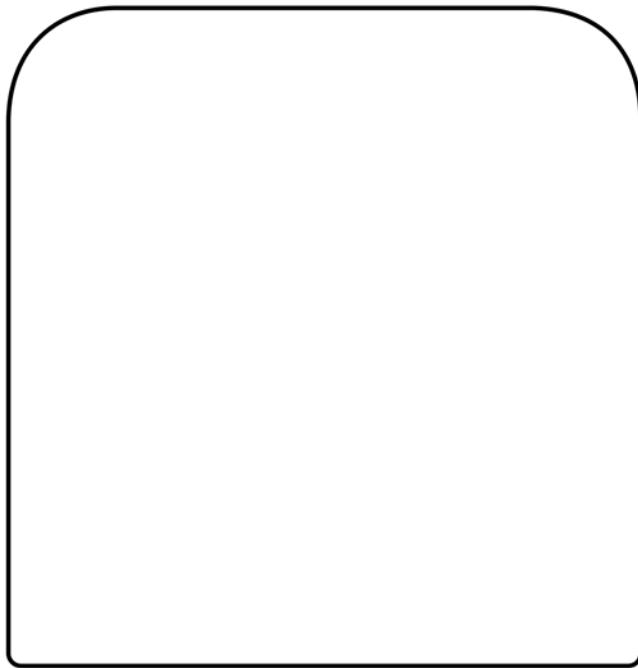


P8a

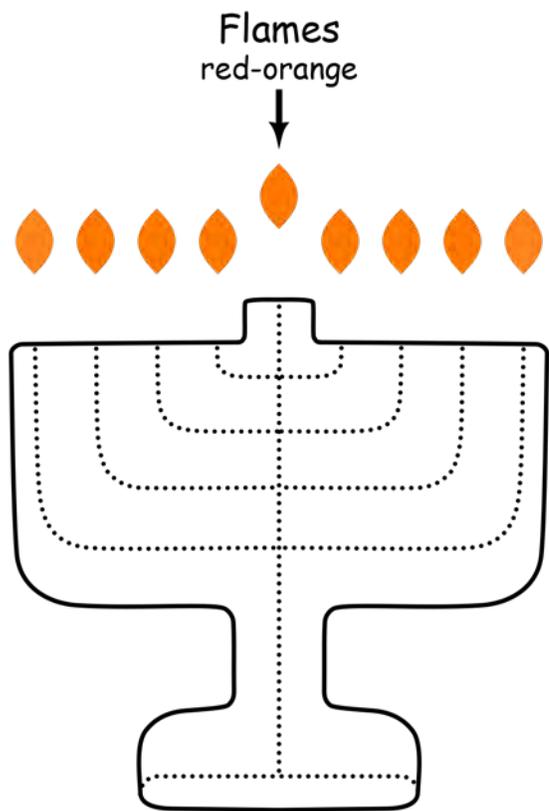


P8b

Craft Template: Chanukiah (BW)



Background Front and Back
black
Cut 2



Chanukiah
gray
Cut 1

..... = Silver Glitter Glue



CRAFT

Dreidel Finger Puppet

Materials:

- Copy paper
- Stiff felt - brown, white, blue (or colors of choice)
- Double-sided tape (to hold template pieces while cutting)
- Hot glue
- Scissors
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Ruler (to assist in drawing straight lines on dreidel)
- Permanent marker - black (fine tip)
- Craft Template: Dreidel (BW)

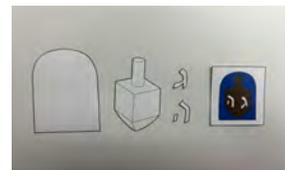
Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Craft Template and felt pieces.

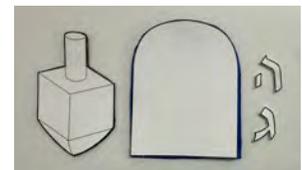


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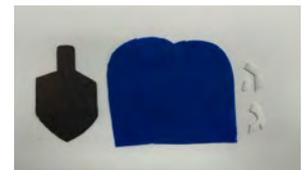
- Cut out all Template pieces, including the 'dreidel image.' (P1)
- Place double-sided tape onto the back of the paper template pieces and lay over felt colors indicated (or colors of choice). Cut around the templates you have just placed on the felt. (P2)
- Remove the paper templates from the felt pieces. Keep the paper 'dreidel image' and 'dreidel template' for reference in placement and drawing. (P3)
- Apply hot glue around the edges of the 'background back,' making sure to leave an opening at the bottom, and place the 'background front' over it. (P4a, P4b)



P1



P2



P3



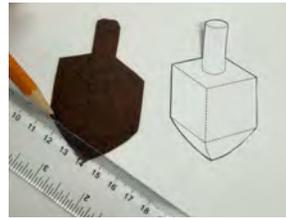
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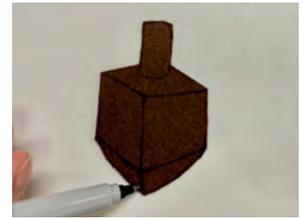
P4b

Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Using a pencil and ruler, draw the dreidel details, referring to the 'dreidel template' for assistance. (P5)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, trace over the pencil lines. (P6)
- Apply hot glue to the back of the 'GIMEL' and 'HEY' and place on the dreidel, referring to the 'dreidel image' for placement, using tweezers if needed for assistance. (P7a, P7b)
- Apply hot glue on the back of the dreidel and place on the 'background front.' (P8a, P8b)
- Set the dreidel finger puppet aside to dry.



P5



P6



P7a



P7b

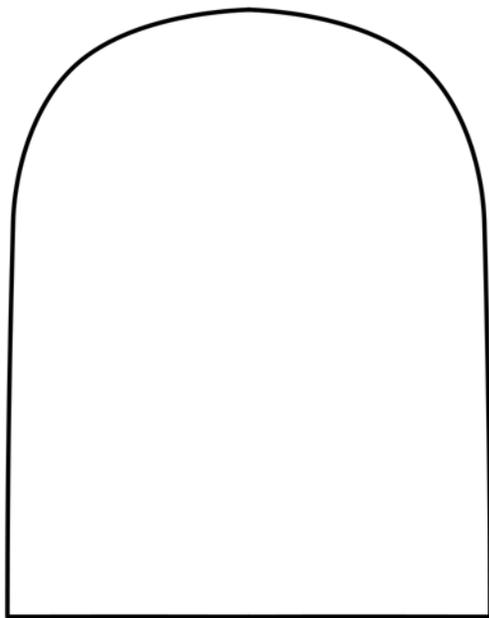
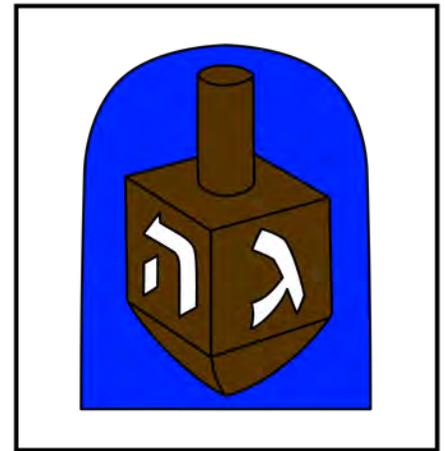


P8a



P8b

Craft Template: Dreidel (BW)



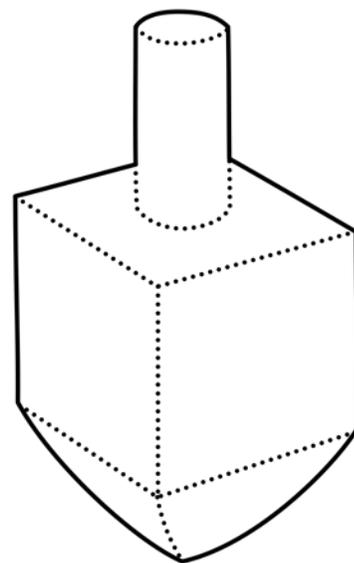
Background Front and Back
blue
Cut 2



Hey
white
Cut 1



Gimel
white
Cut 1



Dreidel
brown
Cut 1

..... = Black Puffy Paint



CRAFT

High Priest Finger Puppet

Materials:

- Copy paper
- Stiff felt - white, blue, purple, gray, yellow, skin tone
- Double-sided tape (to hold template pieces while cutting)
- Seed beads (colors to match breastplate gems and stones)
- Decorative balls (red & gold)
- Glue
- Hot glue
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Scissors
- Permanent marker - black & brown (fine tip)
- Craft Template: High Priest (BW)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Craft Template and felt pieces.



Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Template pieces, including the 'high priest image' and 'face drawing.' (P1)
- Place double-sided tape onto the back of the paper template pieces and lay over felt colors indicated. Cut around the templates you have just placed on the felt. Cut out the face area on the 'hair and beard.' (P2)
- Remove the paper templates from the felt pieces. Keep the paper 'high priest image,' 'breastplate image,' 'turban template,' 'hair and beard template,' 'ephod template,' 'sash template,' and 'face drawing' for reference in placement or drawing. (P3)
- Apply hot glue around the edges of the 'body back,' making sure to leave an opening at the bottom, and place the 'body front' over it. (P4a, P4b)
- Apply hot glue on the back of the 'robe,' and place onto the 'body front,' referring to the 'high priest image' for placement. (P5a, P5b)



P1



P2



P3



P4a



P4b



P5a



P5b

Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Using hot glue, place the pieces onto the 'robe' in the following order, referring to the 'high priest image' for placement:
 - back of the 'ephod,' and place onto the 'robe' (P6a, P6b)
 - back of the 'breastplate,' and place onto the 'ephod,' using tweezers if needed for assistance (P6c, P6d)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, draw the ephod details, referring to the 'ephod template' for assistance. (P7)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, draw the sash details, referring to the 'sash template' for assistance. (P8)
- Apply a drop of hot glue on the 'ephod' under the 'breastplate' and place the 'sash' onto the glue, referring to the 'high priest image,' using tweezers if needed for assistance. (P9a, P9b)
- Using hot glue, place the pieces onto the 'robe,' in the following order, referring to the 'high priest image' for placement:
 - back of the 'left & right arm' - don't add glue to the edge of the sleeves as the 'hands' will go under it (P10a, P10b)
 - front of the 'left & right hand' - just on the wrist - tuck wrists under edge of sleeves, using tweezers if needed for assistance (P10c, P10d)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, draw the fingers details, referring to the 'high priest image' for assistance. (P11)
- Using a fine tip black and brown permanent marker, draw the scroll details, referring to the 'scroll template' for assistance. (P12a, P12b)



P6a



P6b



P6c



P6d



P7



P8



P9a



P9b



P10a



P10b



P10c



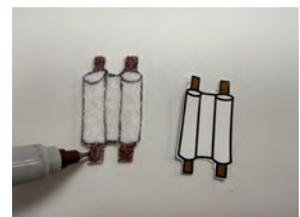
P10d



P11



P12a



P12b

Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Apply a drop of hot glue onto the right side of the 'torah scroll' and place under the 'left hand,' referring to the 'high priest image' for placement. (P13a, P13b)
- Apply hot glue on the top and sides of the 'head,' and place the 'hair and beard' onto the glue, referring to the 'high priest image' for placement. (P14a, P14b)
- Apply hot glue on the back of the 'turban band' and place onto the 'turban' referring to the 'turban template' for placement, using tweezers if needed for assistance. (P15a, P15b)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, draw the turban details, referring to the 'turban template' for assistance. (P16)
- Apply hot glue on the top of the 'hair,' and place the 'turban' onto the glue, referring to the 'high priest image' for placement. (P17a, P17b)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, draw the mouth and face details, referring to the 'hair and beard template' and 'face drawing' for assistance. (P18a, P18b)
- Apply a circle of hot glue to the head area on the 'body front,' and place the completed head piece onto the glue, referring to the 'high priest image' for placement. (P19a, P19b)



P13a



P13b



P14a



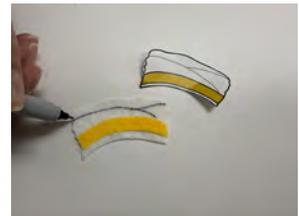
P14b



P15a



P15b



P16



P17a



P17b



P18a



P18b



P19a



P19b

Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Apply glue (except for hot glue) on the front of the breastplate in the shape of a square and place colorful seed beads (preferably matching gem and stone colors on the breastplate) on the glue, using tweezers if needed for assistance, referring to the 'breastplate template' for placement. (P20a, P20b, P20c, P20d, P20e)
- Apply a line of glue under the blue robe on the 'body front,' and alternate placing red and gold decorative balls on the glue, using tweezers if needed for assistance, to create the pomegranates and golden bells on the hem of the high priest's robe. (P21a, P21b, P21c)
- Set the high priest finger puppet aside to dry.



P20a



P20b



P20c



P20d



P20e



P21a



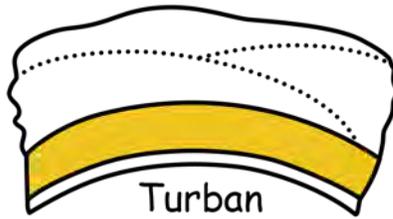
P21b



P21c

Craft Template: High Priest (BW)

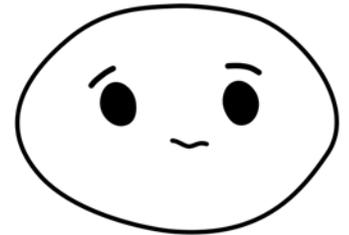
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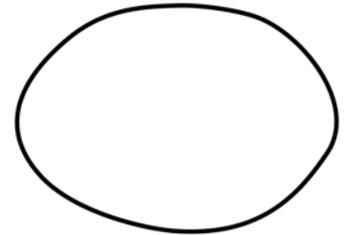
Turban
white
Cut 1



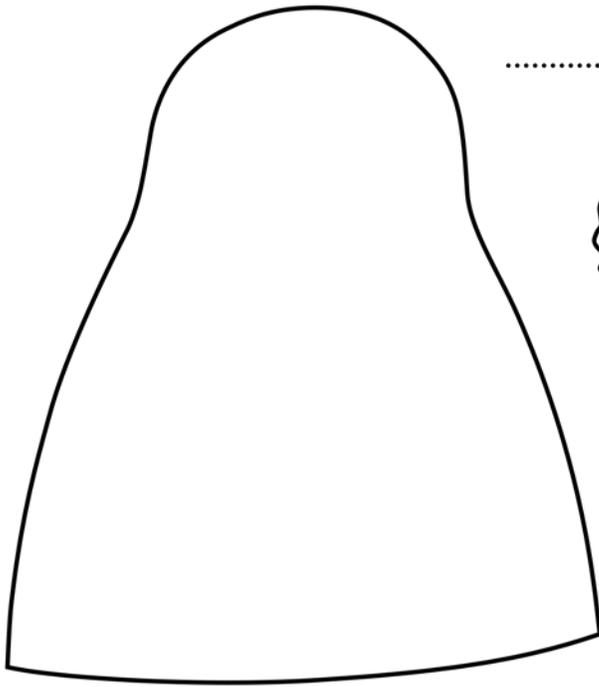
Turban Band
yellow
Cut 1



Face



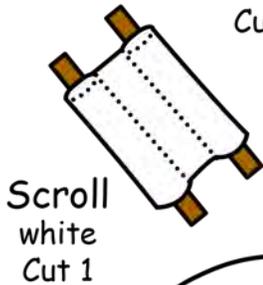
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skin tone
Cut 1



Robe
blue
Cut 1



Ephod
purple
Cut 1



Scroll
white
Cut 1



Breastplate
purple
Cut 1



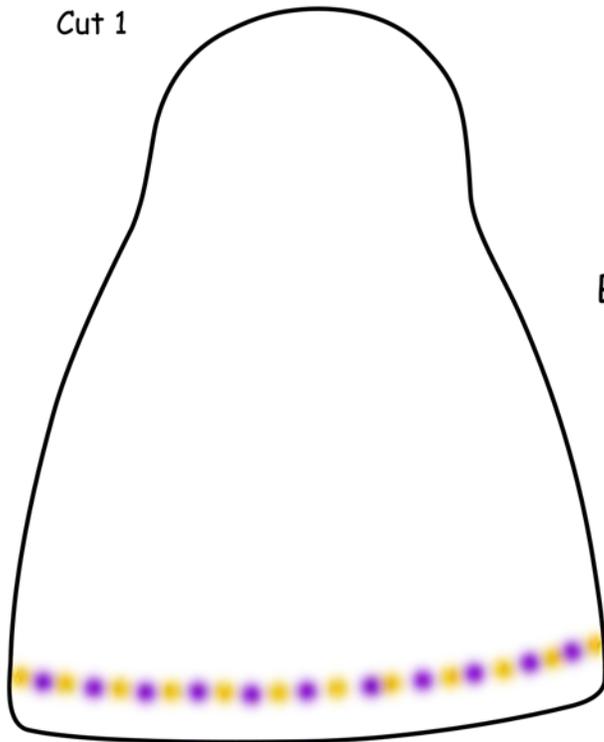
Sash
purple
Cut 1



Right Arm
white
Cut 1



Left Arm
white
Cut 1



Body Front and Back
white
Cut 2



Hair and Beard
gray
Cut 1



Right Hand
skin tone
Cut 1



Left Hand
skin tone
Cut 1

CRAFT

Judah Maccabee Finger Puppet

Materials:

- Copy paper
- Stiff felt - blue, medium & dark brown, gray, tan, skin tone (or colors of choice)
- Double-sided tape (to hold template pieces while cutting)
- Thin string - blue, white (for tzitzit)
- Hot glue
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Scissors
- Permanent marker - black (fine tip)
- Craft Template: Judah Maccabee (BW)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Craft Template and felt pieces.



Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Template pieces, including the 'Judah Maccabee image' and 'face drawing.' (P1)
- Place double-sided tape onto the back of the paper template pieces and lay over felt colors indicated (or colors of choice). Cut around the templates you have just placed on the felt. Cut out the face area on the 'hair and beard.' (P2)
- Remove the paper templates from the felt pieces. Keep the paper 'Judah Maccabee image,' 'sword template,' 'hammer template,' and 'face drawing' for reference in placement or drawing. (P3)
- Apply hot glue around the edges of the 'body back,' making sure to leave an opening at the bottom, and place the 'body front' over it. (P4a, P4b)
- Cut 4 strands of white string and 1 strand of blue string about 1" long and place the blue string in the middle. Trim the white strands to be $\frac{1}{4}$ " shorter than the blue. Repeat to make a 2nd set. (P5a, P5b)
*Please note that there will only be 2 tzitzit on Judah Maccabee as we are not doing the back of the felt puppet.
- Place the tzitzit on the 'body front,' referring to the 'Judah Maccabee image' for placement. (P6)



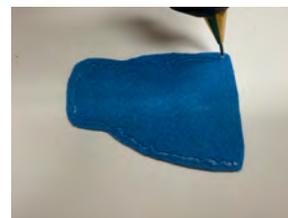
P1



P2



P3



P4a



P4b



P5a



P5b



P6

Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, draw the sword details, referring to the 'sword template' for assistance. (P7)
- Place the sword next to the tzitzit on the left on the 'body front,' referring to the 'Judah Maccabee image' for placement. (P8)
- Apply hot glue on the back of the 'belt' and place over the tzitzit and sword on the 'body front,' referring to the 'Judah Maccabee image' for placement, using tweezers if needed for assistance. (P9a, P9b)
- Using hot glue, place the pieces onto the 'body front' in the following order, referring to the 'Judah Maccabee image' for placement:
 - back of the 'left & right arm' - don't add glue to the edge of the sleeves as the 'hands' will go under it (P10a, P10b)
 - front of the 'left & right hand' - just on the wrist - tuck wrists under edge of sleeves, using tweezers if needed for assistance (P10c, P10d)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, draw the fingers details, referring to the 'Judah Maccabee image' for assistance. (P11)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, draw the hammer details, referring to the 'hammer template' for assistance. (P12)
- Apply a drop of hot glue on the bottom of the hammer handle and place underneath the 'left hand,' using tweezers if needed for assistance. (P13a, P13b)



P7



P8



P9a



P9b



P10a



P10b



P10c



P10d



P11



P12



P13a



P13b

Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Apply hot glue on the top and sides of the 'head,' and place the 'hair and beard' onto the glue, referring to the 'Judah Maccabee image' for placement. (P14a, P14b)
- Apply hot glue on the back of the 'kippah' and place onto the 'hair and beard', referring to the 'Judah Maccabee image' for placement, using tweezers if needed for assistance. (P15a, P15b)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker, draw the mouth and face details, referring to the 'hair and beard template' and 'face image' for assistance. (P16)
- Apply a circle of hot glue to the head area on the 'body front,' and place the completed head piece onto the glue, referring to the 'Judah Maccabee image' for placement. (P17a, P17b)
- Set the Judah Maccabee finger puppet aside to dry.



P14a



P14b



P15a



P15b



P16

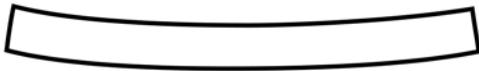


P17a



P17b

Craft Template: Judah Maccabee (BW)

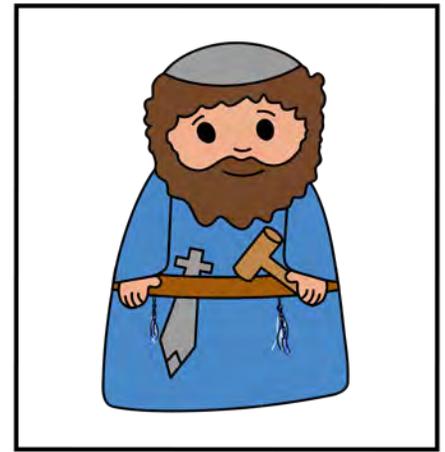


Belt
medium brown
Cut 1

Sword
gray
Cut 1



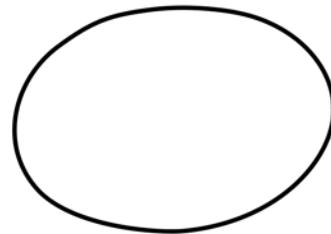
Hammer
tan
Cut 1



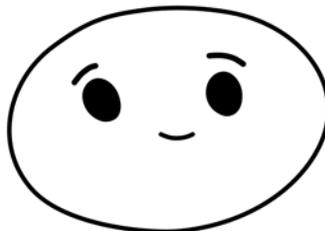
Hair and Beard
dark brown
Cut 1



Kippah
gray
Cut 1



Head
skin tone
Cut 1



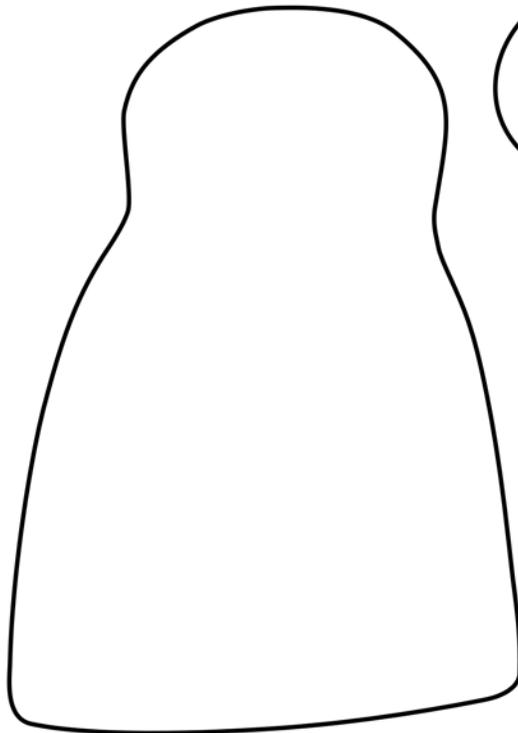
Face



Right Arm
blue
Cut 1



Left Arm
blue
Cut 1



Body Front and Back
blue
Cut 2



Right Hand
skin tone
Cut 1



Left Hand
skin tone
Cut 1



CRAFT

Temple Finger Puppet

Materials:

- Copy paper
- Stiff felt - white, tan, brown (or colors of choice)
- Double-sided tape (to hold template pieces while cutting)
- Glitter glue - gold
- Ruler (to assist in drawing straight lines on door)
- Hot glue
- Tweezers (to assist in placement)
- Scissors
- Permanent marker - black (fine tip)
- Craft Template: Temple (BW)

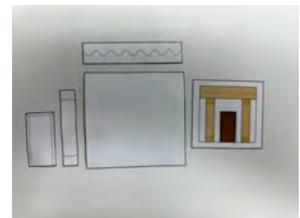
Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template on copy paper.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Craft Template and felt pieces.

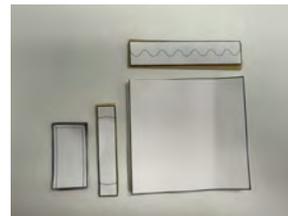


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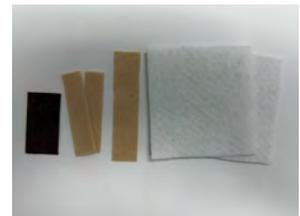
- Cut out all Template pieces, including the 'temple image.' (P1)
- Place double-sided tape onto the back of the paper template pieces and lay over felt colors indicated (or colors of choice). Cut around the templates you have just placed on the felt. (P2)
- Remove the paper templates from the felt pieces. Keep the paper 'temple image,' 'pillar template' and 'roof template' for reference in drawing. (P3)
- Apply hot glue around the edges of the 'temple back,' making sure to leave an opening at the bottom, and place the 'temple front' over it. (P4a, P4b)
- Apply hot glue on the back of the 2 pillars and place on the 'temple front,' referring to the 'temple image' for placement, using tweezers if needed for assistance. (P5a, P5b)



P1



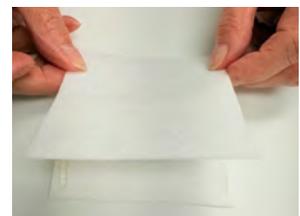
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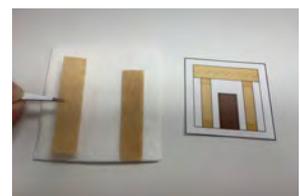
P4a



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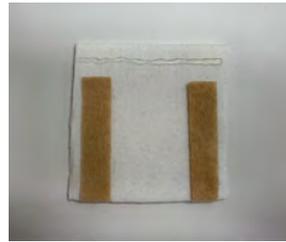
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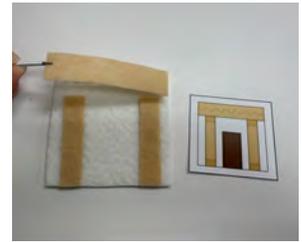
P5b

Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Apply hot glue on the top of the 'temple front' and place the roof onto the glue, referring to the 'temple image' for placement, using tweezers if needed for assistance. (P6a, P6b)
- Using a fine tip black permanent marker and ruler, draw the door details, referring to the 'door template' for assistance. (P7a, P7b)
- Apply hot glue on the back of the door and place on the 'temple front' using tweezers if needed for assistance, referring to the 'temple image' for placement. (P8a, P8b)
- Using gold glitter glue, embellish the roof with it, referring to the 'roof template' for assistance. (P9)
- Using gold glitter glue, embellish the 2 pillars with it, referring to the 'pillar template' for assistance. (P10)
- Set the temple finger puppet aside to dry.



P6a



P6b



P7a



P7b



P8a



P8b



P9

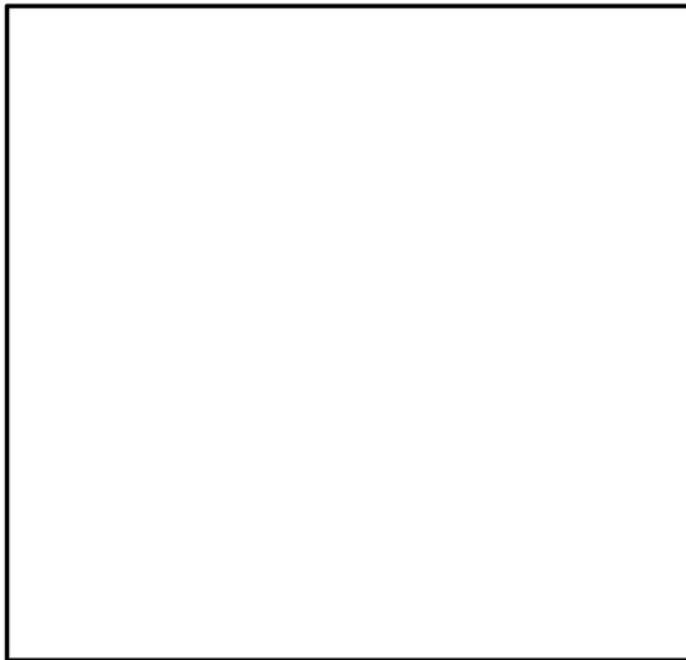
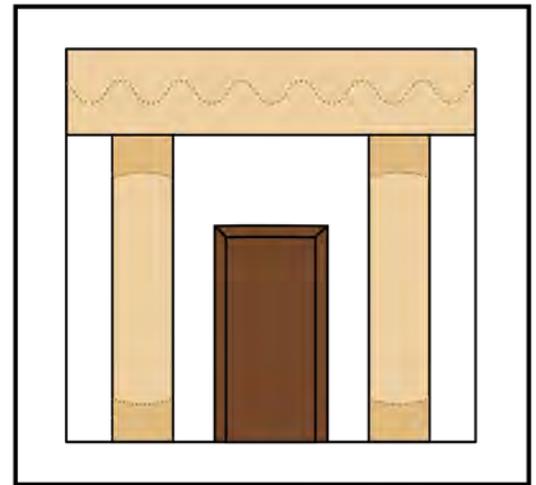


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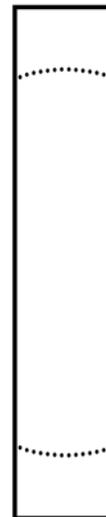
Craft Template: Temple (BW)



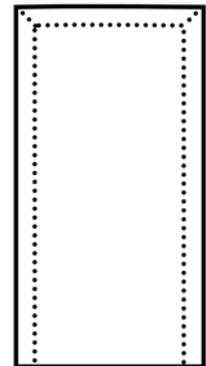
Roof
tan
Cut 1



Temple Front and Back
white
Cut 2



Pillar
tan
Cut 2



Door
brown
Cut 1

..... Black Marker



CRAFT

Chanukiah Stick Puppet

Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Puffy paint - gold
- Glitter glue - silver
- Glue stick or glue
- Scissors
- Craft Template: Chanukiah (color)

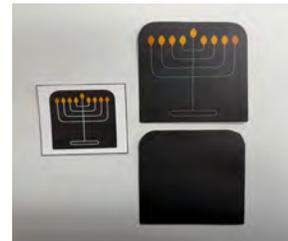
Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template on white cardstock.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Craft Template pieces.



Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Template pieces, including the 'chanukiah image.' (P1)
- Apply glue to the back of the 'background back template' and lay the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick onto the glue. (P2)
- Apply glue to the top 1/3 of the jumbo craft stick and place the 'background front template' over it to connect the 2 pieces. (P3a, P3b)
- Using gold puffy paint, add dimension to the flames, referring to the 'chanukiah image' for assistance. (P4)
- Using silver glitter glue, trace the dotted lines on the chanukiah, referring to the 'chanukiah image' for assistance. (P5)
- Set the chanukiah stick puppet aside to dry.



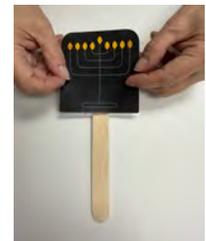
P1



P2



P3a



P3b



P4

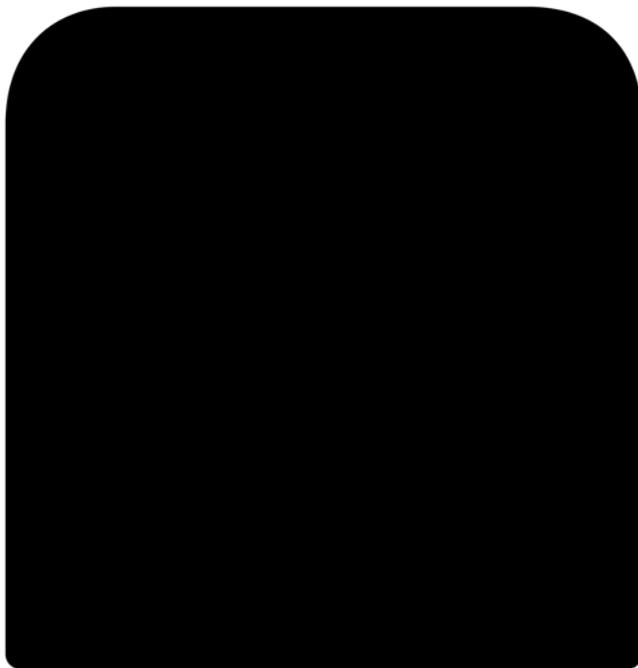


P5

Craft Template: Chanukiah (color)



Background Front



Background Back

..... = Silver Glitter Glue

CRAFT

Dreidel Stick Puppet

Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Puffy paint - black & white
- Double-sided adhesive foam dimensional
- Glue stick or glue
- Scissors
- Craft Template: Dreidel (color)

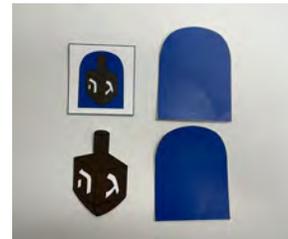
Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template on white cardstock.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Craft Template pieces



Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Template pieces, including the 'dreidel image.' (P1)
- Using white puffy paint, add dimension to the 'GIMEL' and 'HEY' on the dreidel. (P2)
- Using black puffy paint, trace the lines on the dreidel to add dimension to the dreidel. (P3)
- Set dreidel aside to dry.
- Adhere a double-sided adhesive foam dimensional to the back of the 'dreidel template.' (P4)
- Apply glue to the 'background back template' and lay the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick onto the glue. (P5)
- Apply glue to the top 1/3 of the jumbo craft stick and place the 'background front template' over it to connect the 2 pieces. (P6a, P6b)
- Place the 'dreidel template' on the 'background front,' referring to the 'dreidel image' for assistance. (P7)
- Set the dreidel stick puppet aside to dry.



P1



P2



P3



P4



P5



P6a

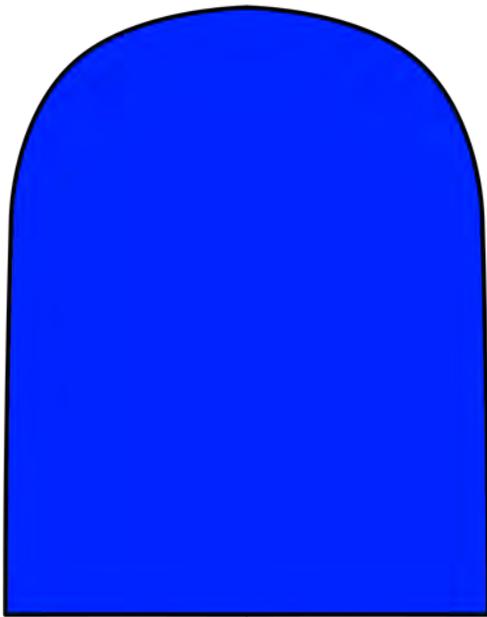


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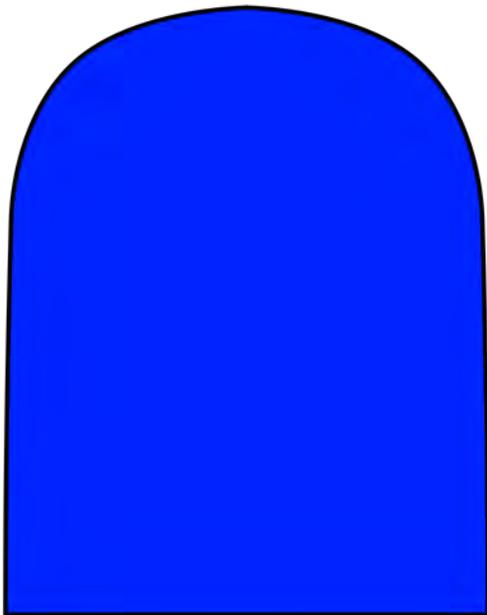
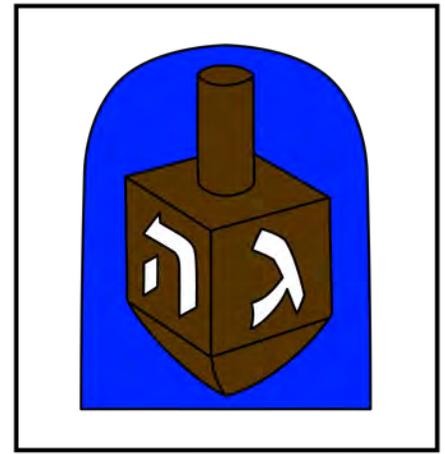


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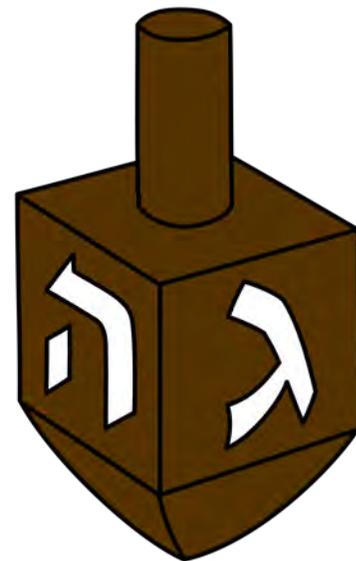
Craft Template: Dreidel (color)



Background Front



Background Back



Dreidel



CRAFT

High Priest Stick Puppet

Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Seed beads (colors to match breastplate gems and stones)
- Beading needle (to assist in seed beads placement)
- Glitter glue - gold
- Puffy paint - purple
- Glue
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Craft Template: High Priest (color)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template on white cardstock.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Craft Template pieces.



Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Template pieces, including the 'high priest image.' (P1)
- Apply glue to the back of the 'body back template' and lay the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick onto the glue. (P2)
- Apply glue to the top 1/3 of the jumbo craft stick and place the 'body front template' over it to connect the 2 pieces. (P3a, P3b)
- Apply a drop of glue on the stones and gems on the breastplate and place seed beads color of choice on the glue, using a beading needle to assist in placement. (P4a, P4b, P4c)
- Allow to dry.



P1



P2



P3a



P3b



P4a



P4b



P4c

Instructions for the Craft cont'd:

- Apply glue to the back of the 'left arm & right arm templates,' but not the hands and scroll, and place on the 'body front,' referring to the 'high priest image' for assistance. (P5a, P5b)
- Apply glue to the head area on the 'body front' and place 'head template' on the glue, referring to the 'high priest image' for assistance. (P6a, P6b)
- Using gold glitter glue, embellish the gold band on the turban, referring to the 'high priest image' for assistance. (P7)
- Using gold glitter glue, dimensionalize the golden bells. (P8)
- Using purple puffy paint, dimensionalize the pomegranates. (P9)
- Set the high priest stick puppet aside to dry.



P5a



P5b



P6a



P6b



P7



P8



P9

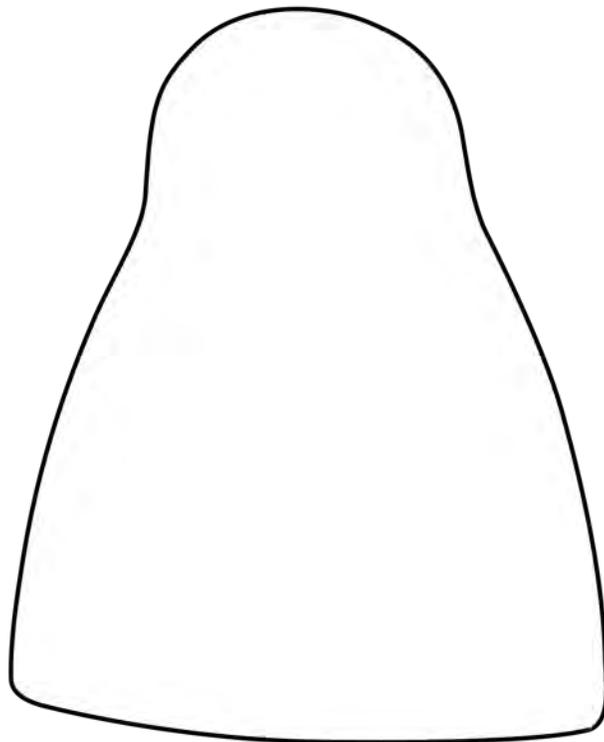
Craft Template: High Priest (color)



Body Front



Head



Body Back



Right Arm



Left Arm

CRAFT

Judah Maccabee Stick Puppet

Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Craft Template: Judah Maccabee (color)

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template on white cardstock.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Craft Template pieces.



Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Template pieces, including the 'Judah Maccabee image.' (P1)
- Apply glue to the back of the 'body back template' and lay the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick onto the glue. (P2)
- Apply glue to the top 1/3 of the jumbo craft stick and place the 'body front template' over it to connect the 2 pieces. (P3a, P3b)
- Apply glue to the back of the 'left arm & right arm templates,' but not the hands and hammer, and place on the 'body front,' referring to the 'Judah Maccabee image' for assistance. (P4a, P4b)
- Apply glue to the head area on the 'body front' and place 'head template' on the glue, referring to the 'Judah Maccabee image' for assistance. (P5a, P5b)
- Set the Judah Maccabee stick puppet aside to dry.



P1



P2



P3a



P3b



P4a



P4b

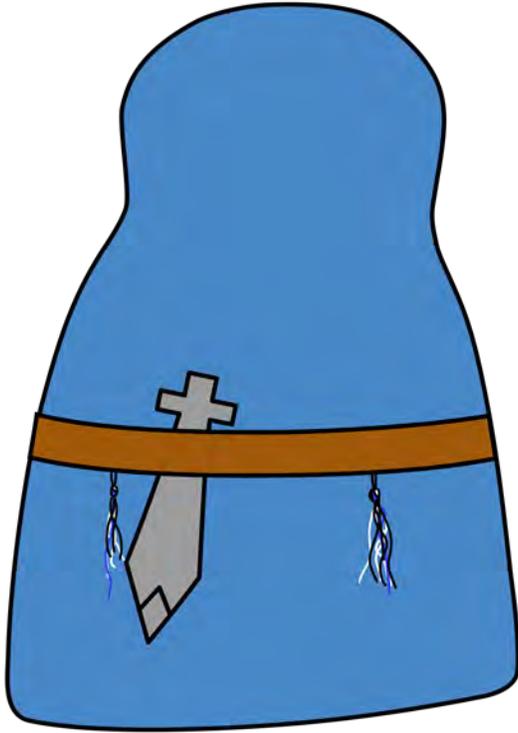
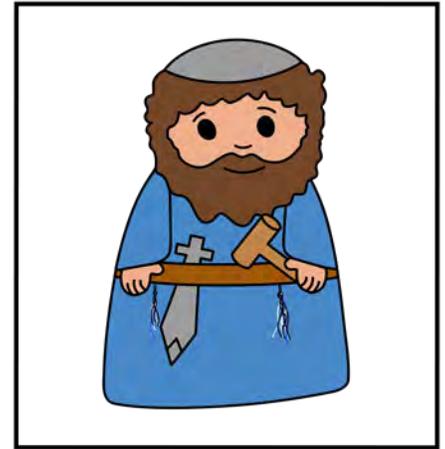


P5a



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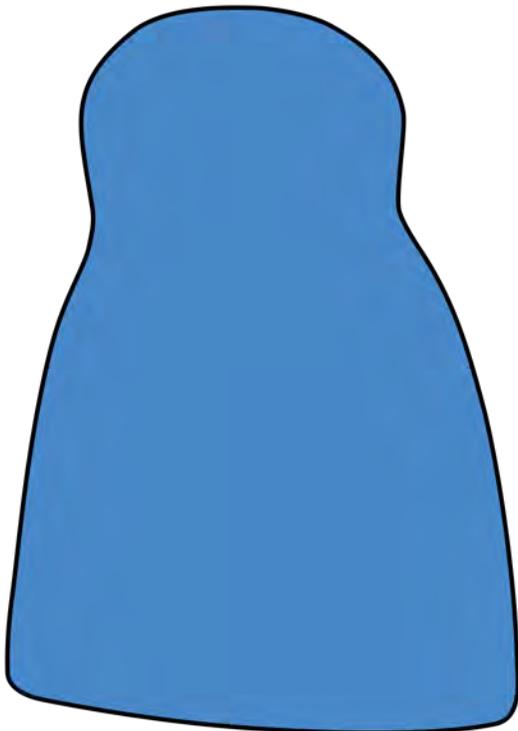
Craft Template: Judah Maccabee (color)



Body Front



Head



Body Back



Right Arm



Left Arm
and Hammer



CRAFT

Temple Stick Puppet

Materials:

- Cardstock - white
- Craft stick - jumbo
- Double-sided adhesive foam dimensionals (small, round)
- Glitter glue - gold
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Craft Template: Temple (color)

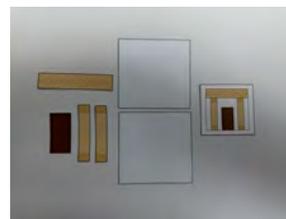
Parent/Teacher Preparation:

- Print Craft Template on white cardstock.
- Depending on the skill of the child, you may need to assist them in cutting out the Craft Template pieces.



Instructions for the Craft:

- Cut out all Template pieces, including the 'temple image.' (P1)
- Apply glue to the back of the 'temple back template' and lay the top 1/3 of a jumbo craft stick onto the glue. (P2)
- Apply glue to the top 1/3 of the jumbo craft stick and place the 'temple front template' over it to connect the 2 pieces. (P3a, P3b)



P1



P2

- Apply glue to the back of the 'door template' and place onto the 'temple front template' just above the jumbo craft stick, referring to the 'temple image' for placement. (P4a, P4b)



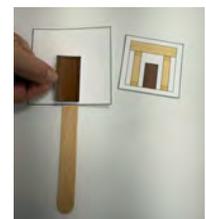
P3a



P3b



P4a



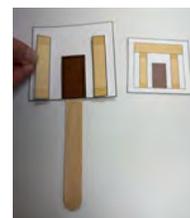
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- Adhere double-sided adhesive foam dimensionals to the back of the following templates and adhere to the 'temple front template' in the following order, referring to the 'temple image' for placement: (P5a)

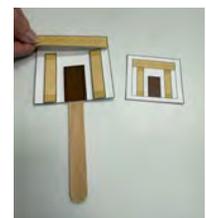
- pillars (P5b)
- roof (P5c)



P5a



P5b



P5c

- Using gold glitter glue, trace the dotted lines on the roof and pillars, referring to the 'temple image' for assistance. (P6a, P6b)
- Set the temple stick puppet aside to dry.

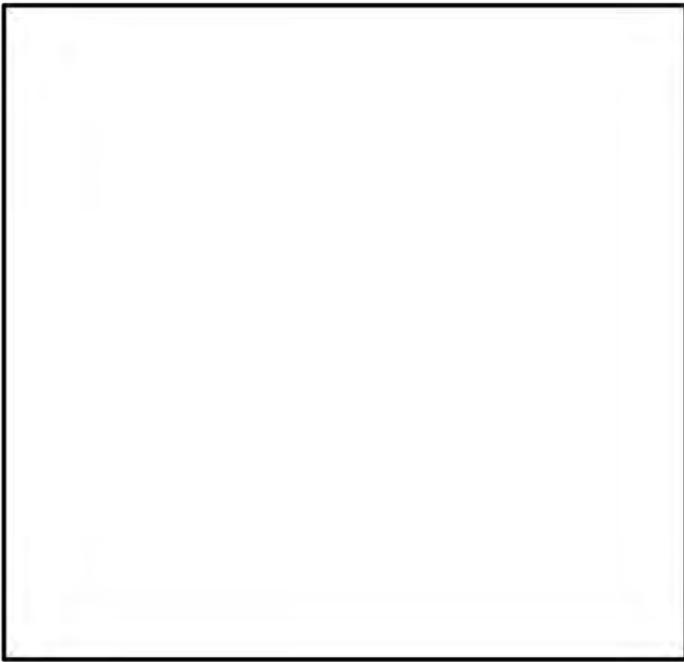


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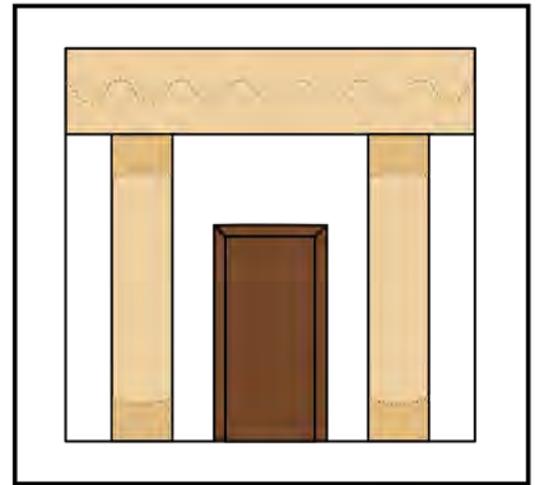


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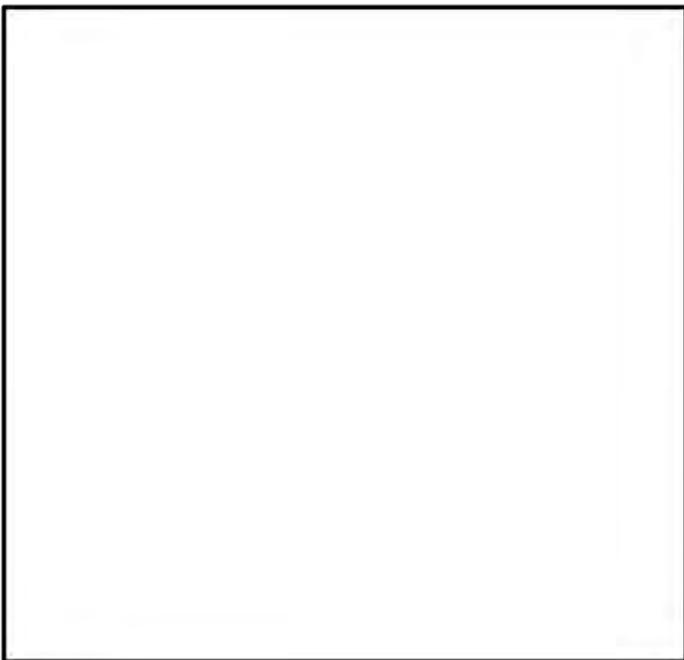
Craft Template: Temple (color)



Temple Front



Roof



Temple Back



Pillar



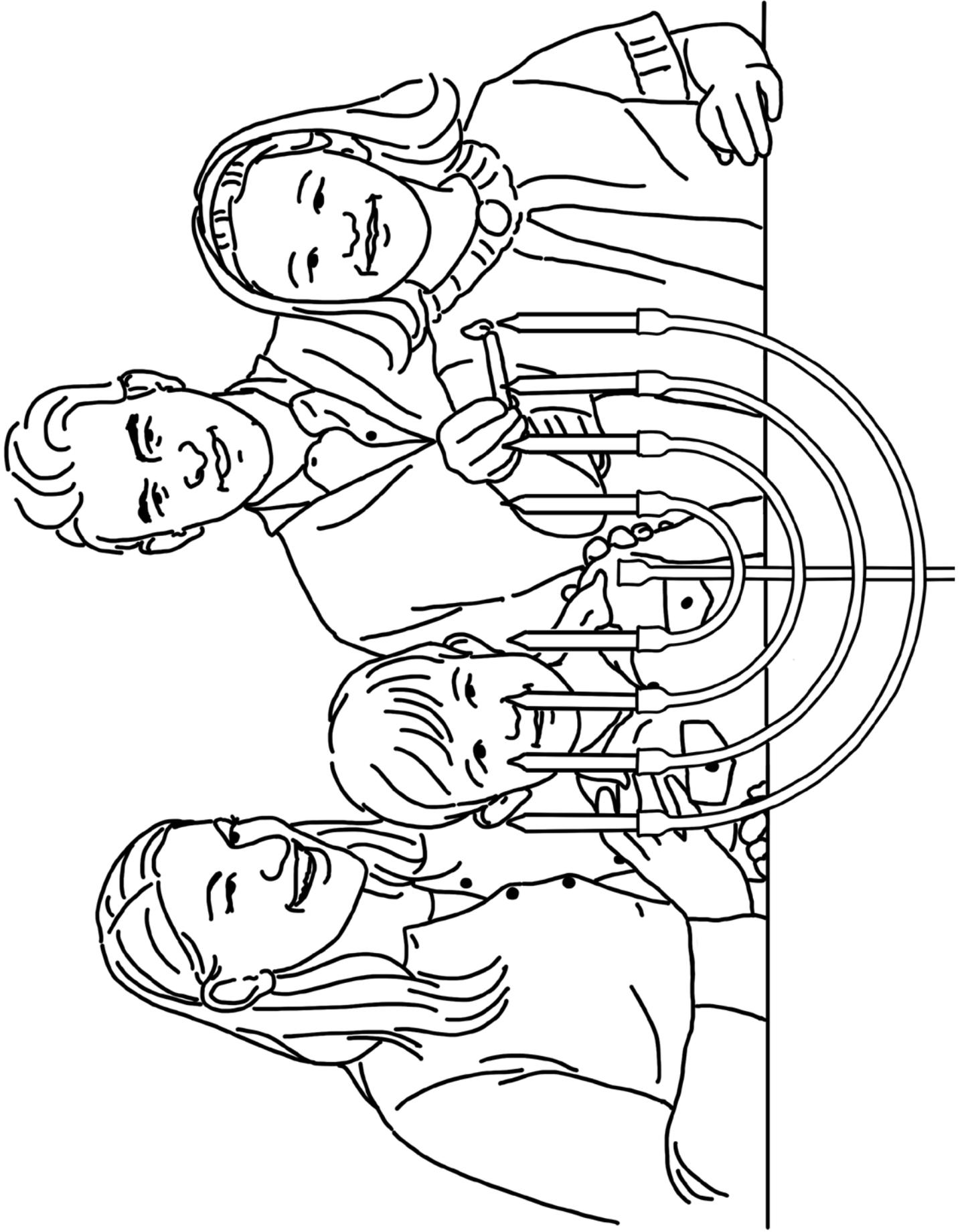
Pillar



Door

 = Gold Glitter Glue





Sweetness of Torah

SWEET SOUNDS OF TORAH

(Sing Praises to His Name)

Here is the link for this song:

https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/steveberkson/episodes/2021-11-16T09_41_19-08_00

Chanukah, oh Chanukah

Chanukah, oh Chanukah, come light the menorah
Let's have a party, we'll all dance the Hora
Gather 'round the table, we'll give you a treat
Dreidels to play with and latkes to eat

And while we are playing the candles are burning low
One for each night they shed a sweet Light
To remind us of days long ago
One for each night they shed a sweet Light
To remind us of days long ago



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Maoz Tzur

(A traditional Chanukah song)

Ma-oz tzur y'shuati l'cha na-eh l'sha-be-ach
Ti-kon beit t'fi-la-ti v'sham to-dah n'za-be-a-ch
L'eit ta-chin mat-be-ach mit-zar ham-na-be-ach
Az eg-mor b'shir miz-mor chanukat ha-miz-be-ach
Az eg-mor b'shir miz-mor chanukat ha-miz-be-ach

Rock of Ages let our song
Praise thy saving power
Thou amidst the raging foes
Was our sheltering tower

Furious they assailed us
But Thine arm availed us
And Thy word broke their sword
When our own strength failed us
And Thy word broke their sword
When our own strength failed us



Sweet Sounds of Torah Cont'd:

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I Say Thank You

Chorus:

And I say "Thank you Yah, thanks a lot
Thank you Yah, thanks a lot
And I say "Thank you Yah, thanks a lot
For all the joy this Chanukah has brought

I see the lights in the candles as they shine so bright
Reflecting the love in my family's eyes
Thank you for the joy of this special sight
On each and every Chanukah night.

Chorus

And I say thank you for the spirit of the Maccabees
And their dedication that made us free.
Thank you for their courage that shines so bright
In each and every Chanukah light

Chorus (repeat twice)

And all the love this Chanukah has brought
And all the fun this Chanukah has brought

It was a Miracle

It was a miracle, everybody, a miracle
A great miracle happened there
And so we celebrate, everybody, we celebrate
We celebrate Chanukah everywhere
We celebrate Chanukah everywhere



Sweet Sounds of Torah Cont'd:

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Clap Your Hands

Clap your hands, clap your hands and shout hooray, Hooray!
Clap your hands and sing along with me,
Cause its Chanukah today

Stomp your feet, stomp your feet and shout hooray, Hooray!
Stomp your feet and sing along with me,
Cause its Chanukah today

Jump around, jump around and shout hooray, Hooray!
Jump around and sing along with me,
Cause its Chanukah today

Pat your knees, pat your knees and shout hooray, Hooray!
Pat your knees and sing along with me,
Cause its Chanukah today

Dance around, dance around and shout hooray, Hooray!
Dance around and sing along with me,
Cause its Chanukah today

Wave your arms, wave your arms and shout hooray, Hooray!
Wave your arms and sing along with me,
Cause its Chanukah today, Hooray!
It's Chanukah today, Hooray!
It's Chanukah today, HOORAY!



SWEET TASTE OF TORAH

This snack relates to this week's lesson. Please take these as suggestions and make necessary changes based on your individual dietary needs.

Here is a video link for this snack: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGeB9VSmZGA&t=21s>

Latkes



Ingredients:

- 2½ lbs. russet potatoes, peeled
- 1 medium yellow onion
- 1½ tsp. salt
- 3 large eggs
- ½ c. potato/corn starch
- ½ tsp. baking powder
- Cooking oil of choice

Toppings

- Applesauce
- Sour cream
- Onions or chives (chopped)

Instructions:

1. On the large holes of a box grater or with a food processor, shred peeled and quartered potatoes and onion.
2. Place potato/onion mixture into a colander and squeeze out excess liquid using a cheese cloth or paper towels.
3. Transfer to a bowl and mix in salt, eggs, potato/corn starch, and baking powder.
4. Shape all your latkes before placing them into skillet to make the frying process go quicker. If needed, squeeze out final liquid and/or add more starch so that the latkes hold together.
5. In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat (a few drops of water should sizzle when added). In batches, carefully drop latkes into oil, pressing to flatten. Cook until crisp and golden, about 4 minutes per side, adjusting heat as needed.
6. Place latkes on paper towels to soak up extra oil.
7. Serve warm with desired toppings listed above. Enjoy!
8. You can keep cooked latkes warm in a 250°F oven until ready to serve.

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Here is a video link for this snack: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gORSOYwXOg&t=43s>

Sufganiyot



- **Servings:** 24
- **Prep Time:** 30 Minutes
- **Cook Time:** 15 Minutes
- **Total Time:** 45 Minutes, plus 1 to 2 hours for the dough to rise

Ingredients:

- 1 c. warm water
- 1 Tbsp. instant/rapid-rise or active dry yeast (note that this is more than 1 packet)
- 3 c. all-purpose flour, spooned into measuring cup and leveled-off
- $\frac{1}{4}$ c. confectioners' sugar, plus more for coating
- $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ground nutmeg
- 2 large egg yolks
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil, plus about 2 quarts more for frying
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- About 1 c. jam, jelly, preserves (usually raspberry or flavor of choice)

Instructions:

1. Combine the water and yeast in a small bowl and let sit until foamy, about 5 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the flour, confectioners' sugar, salt, and nutmeg. Whisk to combine and set aside.
3. Add the egg yolks, 2 tablespoons of oil, and vanilla to the water/yeast mixture and whisk with a fork until combined.
4. Add the liquid mixture to the flour mixture and stir with rubber spatula until the dough comes together. It should be a bit sticky. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap, and let the dough rise on the countertop until increased in size, 1 to 2 hours.

5. Line a baking sheet with a few layers of paper towels. Generously dust a clean countertop and your hands with flour. Scrape the dough out of the bowl onto the counter and dust the dough with flour. Pat the dough into $\frac{1}{4}$ -in-thick rectangle (it should be about 10 x 12-inches in size), making sure the bottom doesn't stick and adding more flour to the counter and your hands as needed. Using a doughnut cutter, cut out as many pieces as you can. Or you can use a pizza wheel or very sharp knife and cut the dough into 24 two-inch squares.
6. Add enough of oil to a deep fryer or large pot to measure about 2 inches deep and heat over medium heat to 350°F. Place 5-6 dough pieces in the oil and fry until golden brown, about 3 minutes, flipping halfway through frying. Adjust the heat, if necessary, to maintain the oil temperature between 325°F and 350°F. Using tongs or a slotted spoon, transfer the donuts to a paper towel-lined baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining donuts.
7. When the donuts are cool enough to handle, insert a doughnut tip with a filled piping bag into the pocket and squeeze 1 to 2 teaspoons of jam, jelly or preserves of choice inside.
8. Using a fine sieve, dust the donuts generously with confectioners' sugar. Serve warm.
9. **Note:** Warm water helps activate the yeast. The temperature doesn't need to be exact so there is no need to use a thermometer; just try to get it about the temperature of bath water. (If you place your hand under the stream of water in the faucet, it should feel hot, but you should be able to leave your hand there without it stinging.)

Make-Ahead Instructions: The dough can be made a day ahead of time and refrigerated. Let it sit out at room temperature for about an hour before rolling out and cutting.



SWEET TASTE OF TORAH

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Marshmallow Chanukiah



Ingredients:

- Kosher colorful marshmallows (regular and mini)
- Pretzel sticks (9)

Instructions:

Arrange your marshmallows so that the shamash candle is taller than the other 8. You can put it on the end or in the middle.

Insert a mini marshmallow into one end of your pretzel stick so that you have one for each branch.

Insert the other end of the pretzel sticks into the regular size marshmallows.