

Hanukkah Writing Activity

You are going to use the words below to fill in the spaces for the first section about Hanukkah.

Ten Commandments	gods	Maccabees	Festival of Light
three year	lamp	miracle	rededication
temple	Syrian	oil	Jerusalem

Hanukkah is called the _____. The word itself means _____. It celebrates a _____ in Jewish history.

Thousands of years ago, the _____ king made Jewish people worship Greek _____, which is not allowed in the _____. Jewish people follow these very closely.

A small group of Jews called the _____ decided that they had had enough. They rebelled and so began a _____ war, during which the temple was damaged.

The Maccabees managed to recapture _____ from the Syrians.

The Jews repaired the _____ and rededicated it to God by lighting a _____. There was only enough _____ for the lamp to stay lit for one day, but amazingly, it stayed lit for eight days!

Now write about how Hanukkah is celebrated today.

Hanukkah Writing Answers

Hanukkah is called the **Festival of Light**. The word itself means **rededication**. It celebrates a **miracle** in Jewish history.

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The Maccabees managed to recapture **Jerusalem** from the Syrians.

The Jews repaired the temple and rededicated it to God by lighting a **lamp**. There was only enough **oil** for the lamp to stay lit for one day, but amazingly, it stayed lit for eight days!

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You are going to explain what the Jewish festival Hanukkah is all about. Write about the miracle, how it came about and how it is celebrated by Jewish people each year.

Use the spaces and useful words below to record the festival of Hanukkah.

menorah	Maccabees	Festival of Light
dreidel	candles	rededication
latkes	Syrian king	Jerusalem

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