

Our Hanukkah Celebration

Day 1 Light the Shammash (the candle in the back by itself - the “servant” candle)

Light the first candle on the right. Head of household reads this prayer:

“Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, who sets us apart by His commandments and commanded us to light the lights of Hanukkah.”

Discussion: Are you living set apart? Is there something you need to remove from your life, so you are more set apart from the world? What commandment did Jesus give us? (Mark 12:28-30)

Day 2 Light the Shammash candle. Then light the first and second candle on the right (moving towards the left side). Head of household reads this prayer:

“Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has performed miracles for our fathers in those days, at this time.”

Discussion: What is your favorite miracle story in the Bible? What miracle are you believing God for in your life?

Day 3 Light the Shammash and the first 3 candles. Head of household reads this prayer: “Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has kept us alive and sustained us and enabled us to reach this season.”

Discussion: Make a list of the 3 ways you have seen God’s provision in your life and share it with the family.

Day 4 Light the Shammash and the first 4 candles. Head of household reads prayer read on day 3.

Discussion: How can we bless others with the provision God has given us? Make a list of 8 things to do. Then do them as a family or divide them up. We will share how these activities went on the day 8.

Day 5 Light the Shammash and the first 5 candles. Head of household reads the prayer read on day 3 & 4.

Discussion: How has God spiritually sustained you this year?

Day 6 Light the Shammash and first 6 candles. Head of household reads the prayer read on day 3-5.

Discussion: What is one thing you can add to your life that will remind you of God’s provisions and help you honor Him with your temple?

Day 7 Light the Shammash and the first 7 candles. Head of household reads the prayer read on days 3-6.

Discussion: Jesus is the light of the world. How can we share His light this year with others? Make a list of ways the family can share the light and love of Jesus and post it somewhere, where it can be seen. Revisit it as a family every now and then throughout the year.

Day 8 Light the Shammash and all 8 candles. Tonight, each person in the family will pray, giving thanks to God for all He has done and will do for us in the coming year.

End the celebration with playing Dreydels, eating Latkes, Sufganiyots and Gelt.