

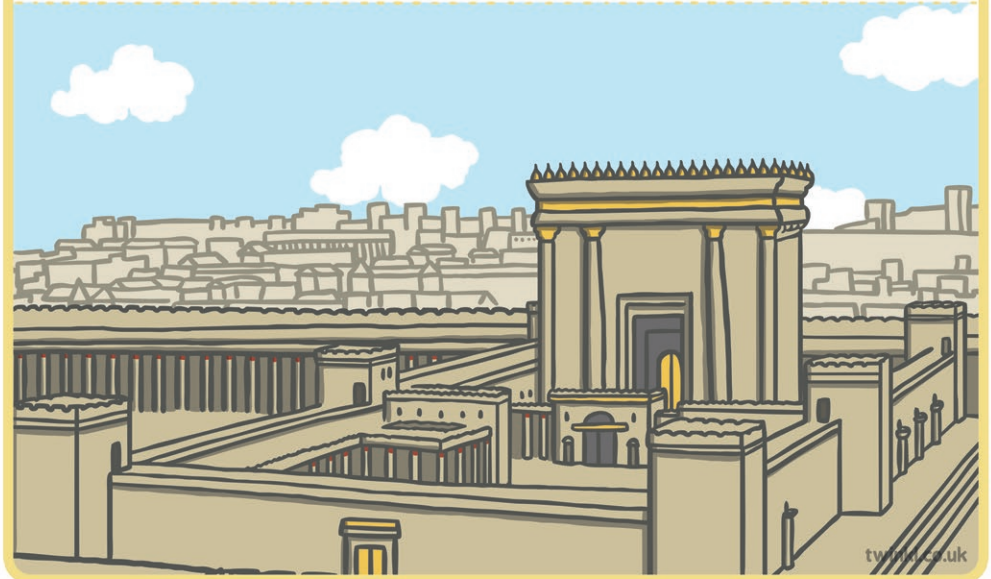
Hanukkah

The Festival of Lights



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A long time ago, there was a beautiful temple in Jerusalem, Israel.



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The King of Syria, Antiochus, didn't like people who didn't believe in the same things as he did. He went around the world fighting people who did not believe his beliefs.



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He fought the people of Jerusalem and won. People were told to believe in the Greek Gods instead of their own.



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The King set fire to the beautiful temple in Jerusalem.



Judah Maccabee decided that the King was wrong. He and his brothers made an army to fight the King.



The Maccabees (Judah's army) fought hard, even though their army was smaller than the King's.



The King was defeated.



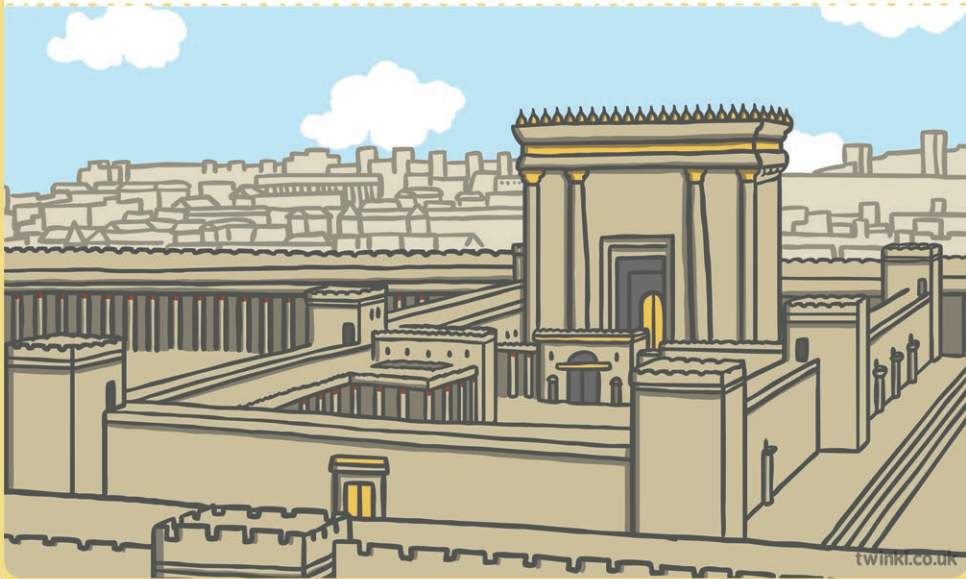
They went to the temple but it needed to be repaired.



As they worked to repair the temple, they found enough oil to light a menorah for one day.



But a miracle happened. The menorah burned for eight days, until the temple was restored. The Maccabees knew God was with them.



Every year, Jewish people light eight candles in a menorah, to celebrate the Festival of Light.

