

# Hanukkah



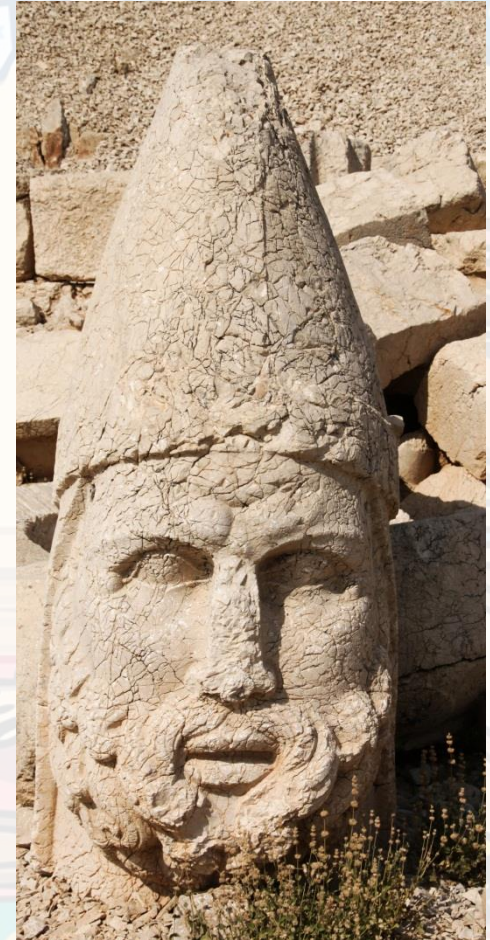
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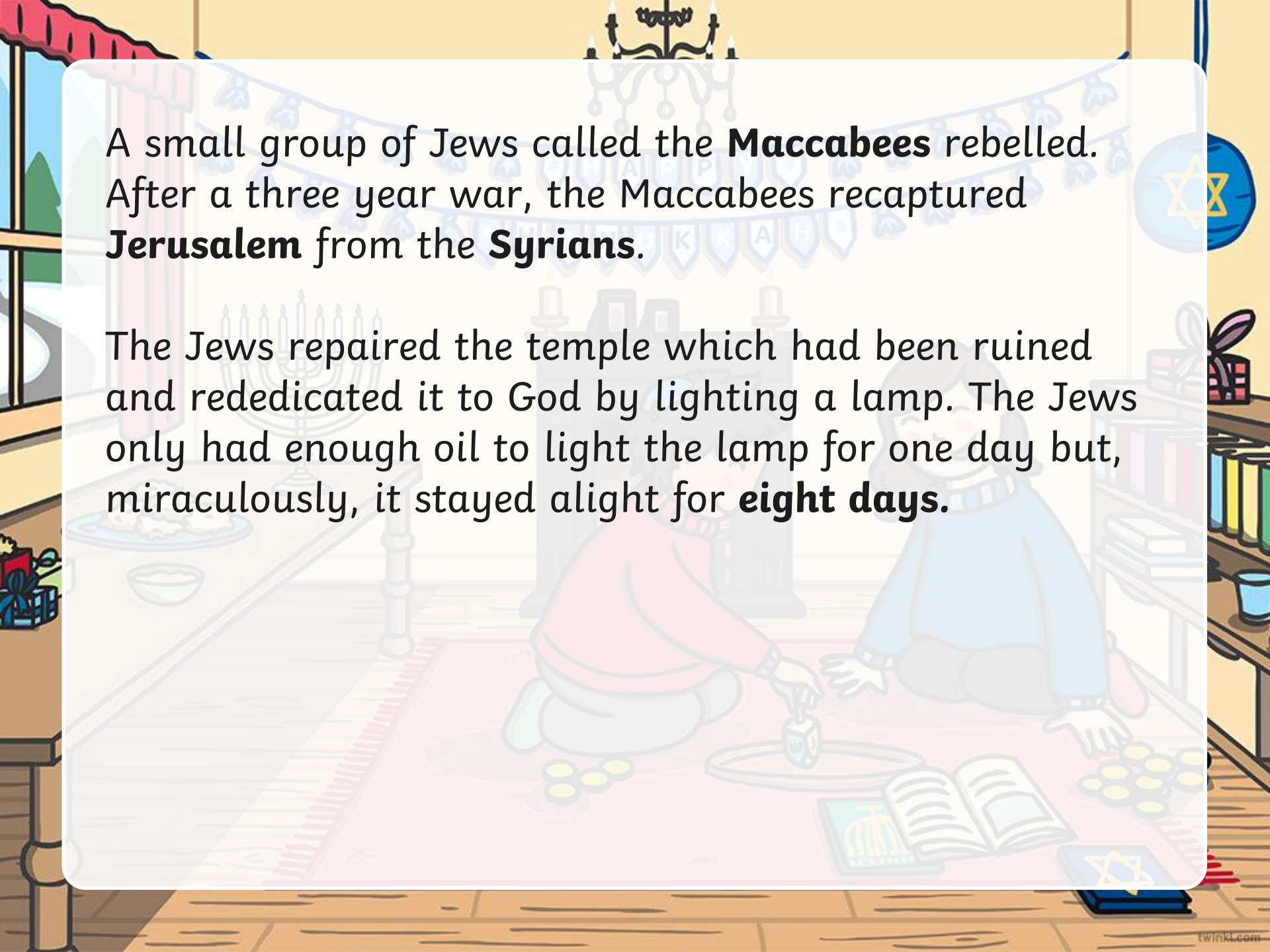
- **Hanukkah** or **Chanukah** is the Jewish festival of light.
- The word Hanukkah means **rededication**.
- It dates back to two hundred years before the start of Christianity.
- Hanukkah celebrates one of the greatest miracles in Jewish history.

# The Story of Hanukkah

The festival reminds Jews of when, 2500 years ago, a Syrian king tried to make the Jewish people worship Greek gods and bow to statues.

This was forbidden by the **Ten Commandments**.





A small group of Jews called the **Maccabees** rebelled. After a three year war, the Maccabees recaptured **Jerusalem** from the **Syrians**.

The Jews repaired the temple which had been ruined and rededicated it to God by lighting a lamp. The Jews only had enough oil to light the lamp for one day but, miraculously, it stayed alight for **eight days**.

# How is Hanukkah Celebrated?



A **Hanukiah** is lit by Jewish people. One candle is lit for each day of the festival.

**Dreidel** is played.



**Latkes** are eaten.



**Candles** are lit.







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