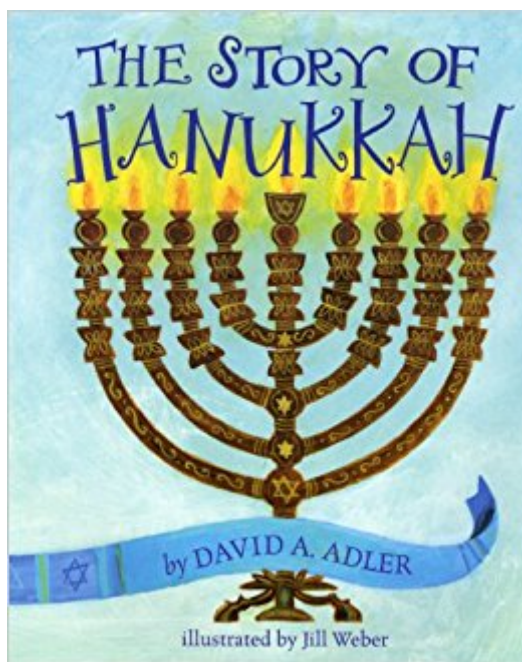


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The Story Of Hanukkah



Synopsis

No celebration of Hanukkah would be complete without recounting the events of more than two thousand years ago that the holiday commemorates. In a simple yet dramatic text and vibrant paintings, the story of the courageous Maccabees and the miracle that took place in the Temple in Jerusalem is retold. For readers who want to continue the festivities, a recipe for latkes and directions for playing dreidel are included.

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Customer Reviews

"A straightforward retelling that emphasizes the historical origins of the holiday. . . . A welcome addition." "An excellent introduction to the holidays."

David A. Adler is the celebrated author whose work has received the Sydney Taylor Book Award and Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor, Golden Kite Award Honor, and Orbis Pictus Award Honor Book citations. He lives in the New York City metropolitan area. Jill Weber is a children's book illustrator, book designer, and college art teacher. Her work has been praised for its childlike feel and vibrant appeal. She lives in New Hampshire.

I read this book to my kindergarten-aged daughter's secular class when I was asked to explain Hanukkah to them. It does mention killing and being put to death- for this age group I simply said "getting rid of" and "punished" instead. Despite feeling the need to edit a few terms, I felt this book

was the best of the many children's Hanukkah stories I looked at- it isn't too long, it uses pretty simple words and short sentences, and the pictures are really vibrant and interesting. The last two pages of the story briefly explain how Hanukkah is celebrated today, and I love the last line of the book: "Hanukkah celebrates one of the first fights for religious freedom". Religious freedom is an important value in our home and in my daughter's school so it was a great fit for us. After using the book to explain the history of the holiday I followed up with "The Hanukkah Trike" by Michelle Edwards for a present-day Hanukkah story.

A really wonderful book, just what I've been looking for. For my five to eight-year old grandchildren, it's by far the best telling of the Hanukkah story, from the time of the Jews living peacefully in Judea to the destruction of the Temple by the Greeks, to the re-taking and of the Temple by the Maccabees, and the miracle of a day's worth of oil lasting eight days until more could be brought to keep the "eternal light" burning as the Temple was restored. There's also a description of modern practices -- the lighting of menorahs, the potato latkes, the dreidle games -- but the emphasis is on the simply-told, engaging story of the holiday's origin. Marvelous illustrations, too.

My kids wanted to learn about Chanukah because my family lineage is Jewish. It's hard to know how to tell the story to a 5 year old and a 3 year old and make it kid friendly. This book was great for their learning.

Like many people I know the story of Hanukkah, but this the first time I have read a children's book about it. Moreover, children or adults will learn from the book; I felt informed even though it was a children's book. Yet, like followers of any religion I have questions about Hanukkah and think children would have some questions as well. Therefore, I think the book is a good conversation starter for young people who want to understand Hanukkah.

I bought this book for my daughter and I to learn about Hanukkah this year- she wanted to celebrate it and not being Jewish I needed some help, too. This book very clearly tells the story of Hanukkah that is easy for a 5 year old and her middle aged mother with a minimalist religious background to understand. This book also provides some modern tradition like how to play dreidel and make traditional potato latkes. It's a great jumping off point for the child and adult who have no background knowledge.

I use this in my kindergarten class. It's an easy story that helps the kids understand the reason for Hanukkah.

Great book, but some of it was too graphic for younger children.

Great book for kids! Well written and accurately tells the story of Hanukkah without being too watered down.

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