Now that you and your child have read the story, enjoy one or more of the following activities. Remember, it's also OK to read the story again and again!

Hanukkah Lights, Hanukkah Nights

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Activities

- One of the main activities of the Hanukkah celebration is lighting the menorah candles, symbolizing hope. Help your child create a menorah using an egg carton. Cut out nine egg carton bumps (a row each of six and three)and then attach them together in a straight line using glue or string. Paint the carton bumps, then poke a small hole in the top of each one. Get nine Q-Tips and put them in the holes to resemble candles. On a strip of paper, write the phrase "Happy Hanukkah" and tape it on the base of the carton.
- Make a dreidle. Fold down the top part of a small milk carton. Cover the box and write the instructions "Do nothing" on one side, "Take everything" on another side, and "Take half' and "Put two objects" on the other two sides. Poke a pencil through the box from top downward with the point at the bottom. Play a game with your child. Sit facing each other. Have 10 beans or small tokens each, and start the game by each putting a token in the middle between you. Take turns spinning the dreidle and following the instructions on the side facing up when the dreidle lands. The person who has the most tokens at the end of the game wins.
- Hide chocolate gold coins/chocolate gelts (or any candy) in the room. Let your child look for the gelts and count them.

Read More About It!

If you and your child enjoyed this book, look for these related titles at your local library or bookstore: Hanukkah by Roni Schotter, The Matzah That Papa Brought Home by Fran Manushkin, Hanukkah by Miriam Nerlove, Beni's First Chanukah by Jane Breskin, and A Jewish Holiday ABC by Malka Drucker.



