WALT: Understand Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights.	Lesson 10

Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of lights begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month called Kislev. Hanukkah reminds people of the miracle of the Maccabee family that took place in Israel over 2000 years ago.

During the eight day Hanukkah celebrations the Jewish people will …..

- Give cards and gifts
- It is customary to play dreidel game
- Share meals and feasts with friends and family
- Each day light another candle on the Menorah.

It is customary to place the lit Menorah or hanukkiyah in a window so that passers-by will see it and be reminded of the miracle of the Hanukkah oil. It is forbidden to use the light of the hanukkiyah for any other purpose – for instance, to light the dinner table or to read by.

Task 1 Read the story of Hanukkah on the next page.

Task 2 Answer the questions below

1 – Finish the sentence. Hanukkah is the Jewish _____

2 – What was the name of the King who was unkind to the Jewish People?

3 – Name one thing that people might do during Hanukkah.

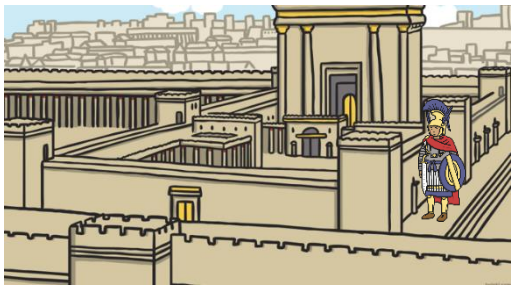
4 – How long did the oil in the lamp last?

Task 3 Make your own dreidel (Outline on last page)

Hanukkah is the Jewish Festival of Lights.

Here is the story of the Maccabees

A long time ago, King Antiochus was unkind. He wanted everyone to worship the Gods he worshipped.

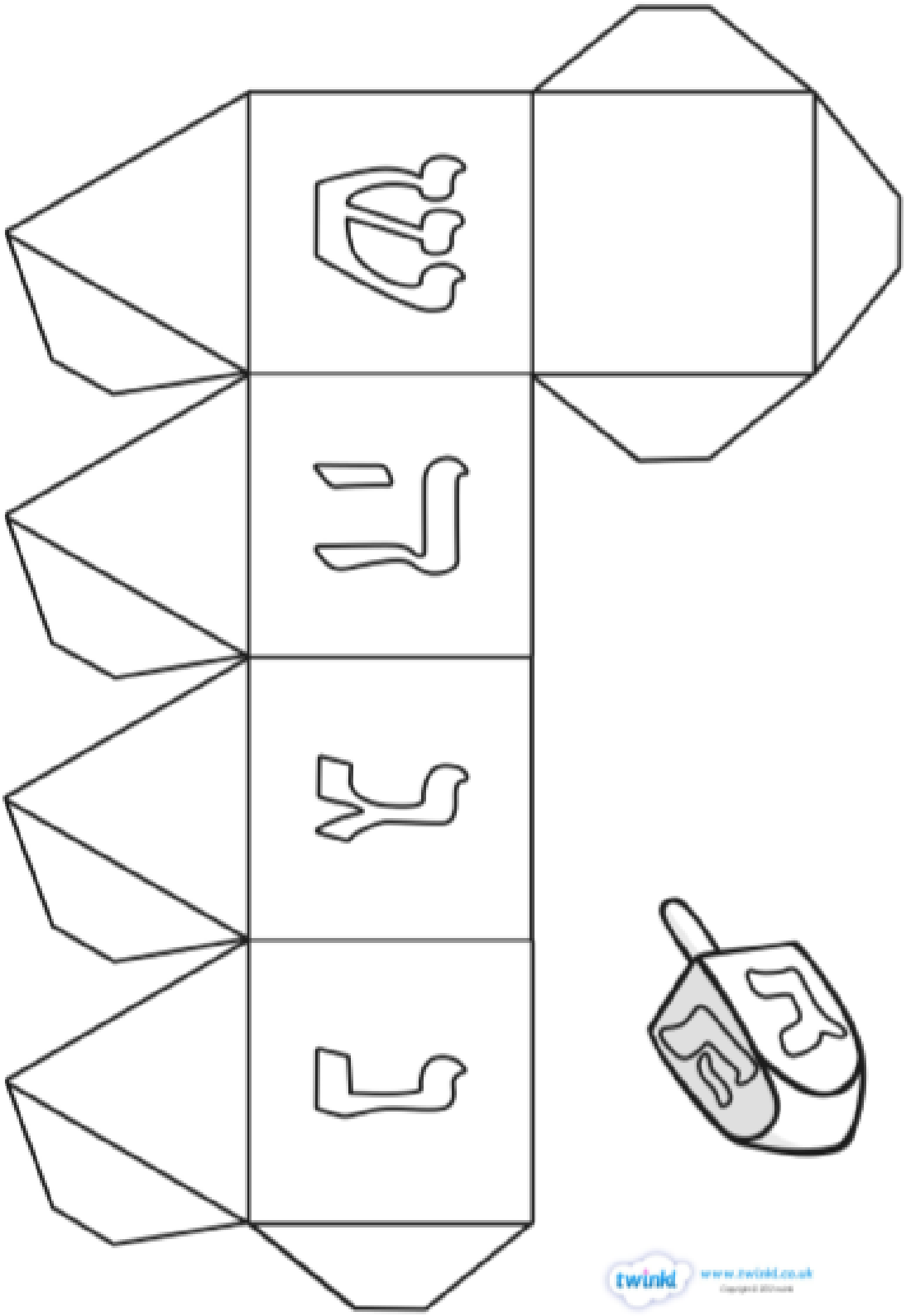


King Antiochus set fire to temples and made people bow down to him.

Judah Maccabee and his brothers decided to fight the King and his army, and they won.

They needed to rebuild their temple. They found enough oil to last for one night.

The oil lasted for eight days. It was a miracle! Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah for eight days each year, to remember the Maccabees and the miracle in the temple.



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