

## Hanukkah Activity:

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- 1) Have each child color their 9 candles and then cut the candles out so each kid has 9 separate candles. \*Preferable each candle has one color (one candle red, one orange, one yellow, one green, one blue, etc...)
- 2) talk about the story of Hanukkah and why it is celebrated for 8 days and about the 8 nights of lighting the menorah and how many candles you light each night.
- 3) I recommend this [sesame street video story of Hanukkah](#) followed by this [sesame street video on YouTube](#)  
Or this [read aloud](#) about Hanukkah
- 4) Ask the kids how many candles they would light in the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Hanukkah and when they reply "1" - ask each child to choose 1 candle and stand up with their candle (make sure each child is standing by themselves)
- 5) Ask the kids how many candles they would light on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Hanukkah and when they reply "2" – ask the kids to pair up so they are standing in pairs of twos.
- 6) Ask the kids how many candles they would light in the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Hanukkah and when they reply "3" – ask the kids to team up in groups of 3. Continue in the same manner until you reach the last night of Hanukkah when you light 8 candles.

\*In case there is a group missing candles – the teacher can join or that group can use more of their candles to make sure they have the required number. The idea is that they need to solve problems, so if they are groups of 3's, some of them will need to split up and join other groups of 3's to form groups of 4's, and so on.

- 7) After completing all the candles, you can add another exercise: asking the kids once more to stand alone with 1 candle and then coming together to form a big light. And remind them we each have our light, and when we all stand together, we form a great big light. (You can also give them plastic candles, turn off the lights and perform this exercise using real the plastic candles and real light)

### **Alternatively**

Every time there is a group that is missing candles, the group can instead split up and each child will be the “shamash” and walk between the other groups with their “candle” to light the other Menorah candles

### **Adding challenge – older grades**

Have each child choose 2 of their candles but in each round use just 1 candle

When asking them to form groups of 2,3,4, etc... add more complications:

Create groups of 3 of the same character (Dramamia, Fearolina, Perfectron, Pleasington, Ryangry)

Create groups of 4 with the same color candles

Create groups of 5 with just 1 of each character (1 Ryangry, 1 Dramamia, 1 Fearolina, 1 Perfectron, 1 Pleasington)

Whoever can't find a group – is a “shamash” in that round and is walking around “lighting” other “menorahs”

Once done forming Menorah groups – they can glue their candles on a paper to create their own Menorah

Happy Holidays!