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Who celebrates Hannukah? Hannukah is celebrated by Jewish people all over the world.	What is the story of Hannukah? 2500 years ago, a Syrian king tried to make the Jewish people worship Greek gods. A group of Jews called the Maccabees rebelled and, after a three-year war, recaptured Jerusalem. The Jews cleaned and repaired their destroyed temple and dedicated it to God by lighting a menorah. They only had enough oil for one day but it stayed alight for eight days.	When is Hannukah? Hannukah is celebrated in November or December and lasts for eight days.
What foods are eaten? Foods cooked in oil, such as latkes (potato cakes) and sufganiyot (doughnuts) are eaten.	What games are played? Children play with Jewish toys called dreidels, which are a type of spinning top with Hebrew letters on.	What else happens? Candles are lit on the menorah – one on each day of Hannukah. Hannukah gelt (money) is given to children. Families exchange gifts, such as books and games.