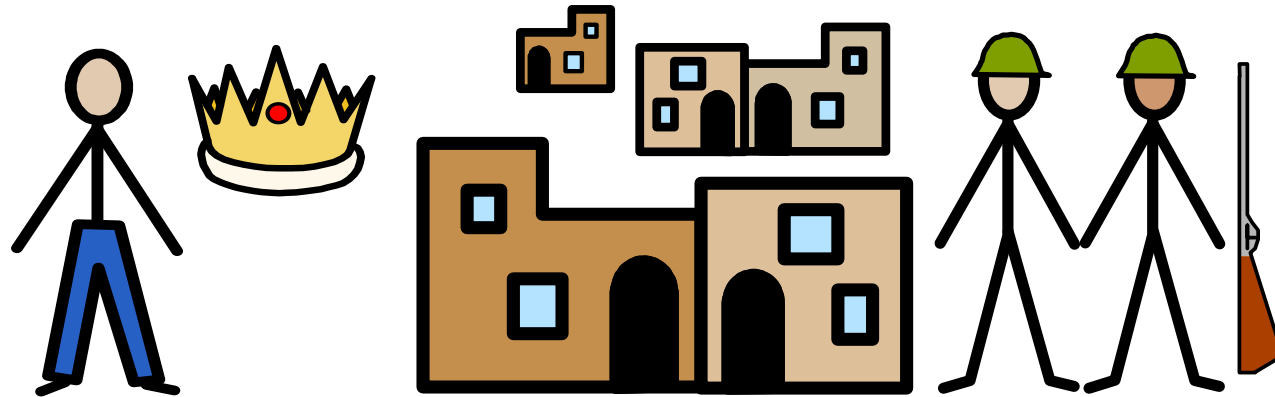


The Story of Hanukkah



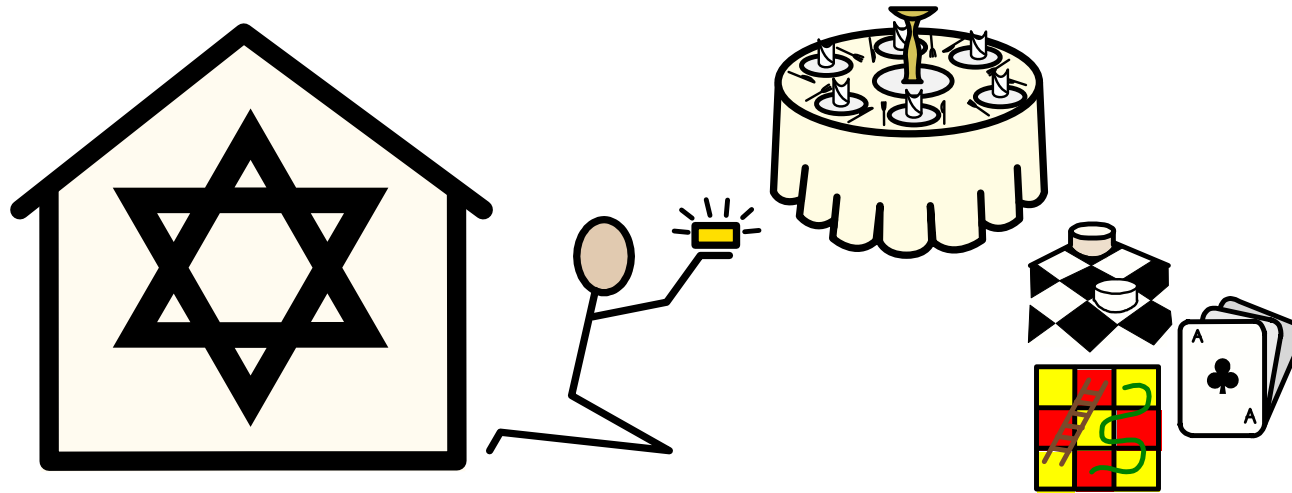


Antiochus was a King who ruled the Jews 2000 years ago.

He wanted the Jews to follow the Greek religion.

The Jews would not do this.

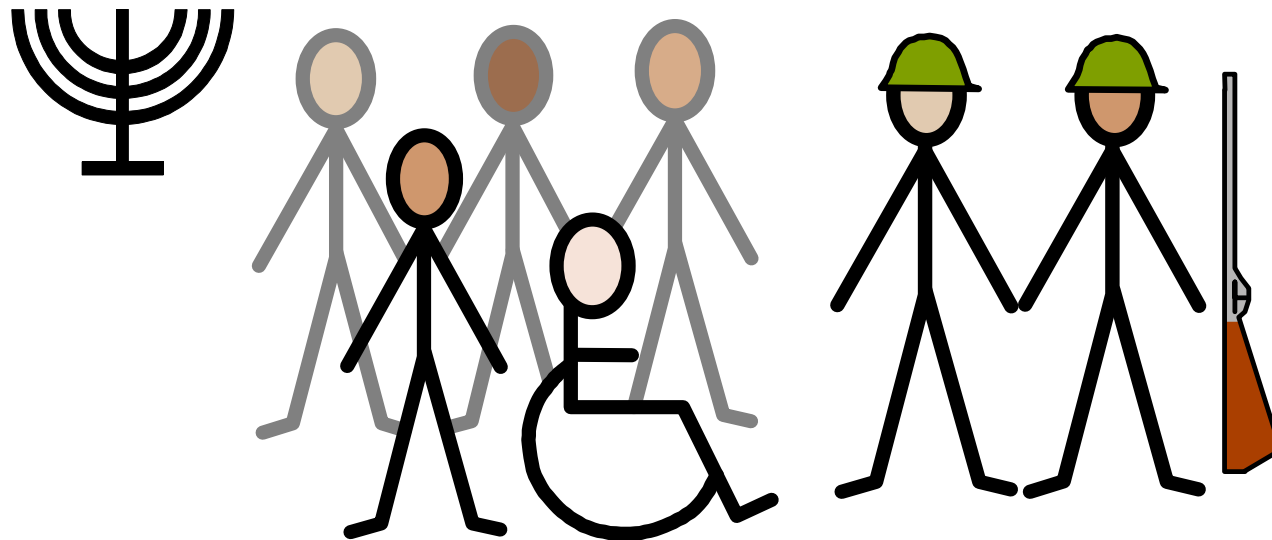
So the King's soldiers marched into Jerusalem.



They killed hundreds of Jews and destroyed the Temple.

They stole the special menorah from the altar.

The soldiers used the Temple for playing games,
feasting and sacrificing pigs.



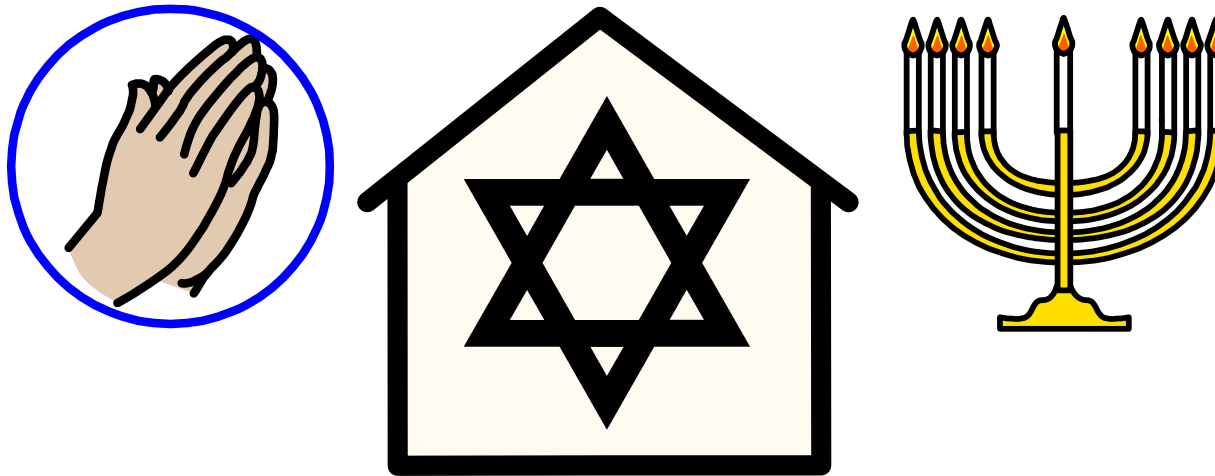
The Jews believed pigs were unclean animals.

They were very upset and angry.

The Jews fought the King's soldiers for more than two years.

There was little food, water or oil left in the city.





Finally the Jews won the battle and were free again.

They were very happy and began to repair the Temple.

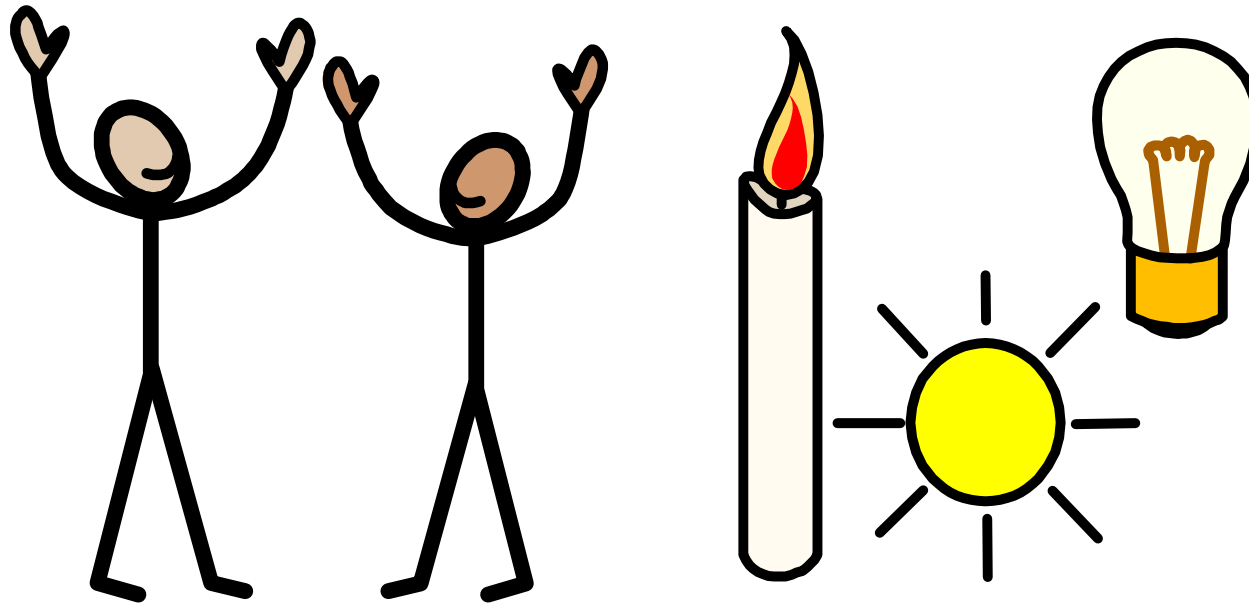
They wanted to make it holy again.

So they re-lit the Temple's special candle called a menorah.



They discovered there was only enough special oil
to burn the menorah for one day.

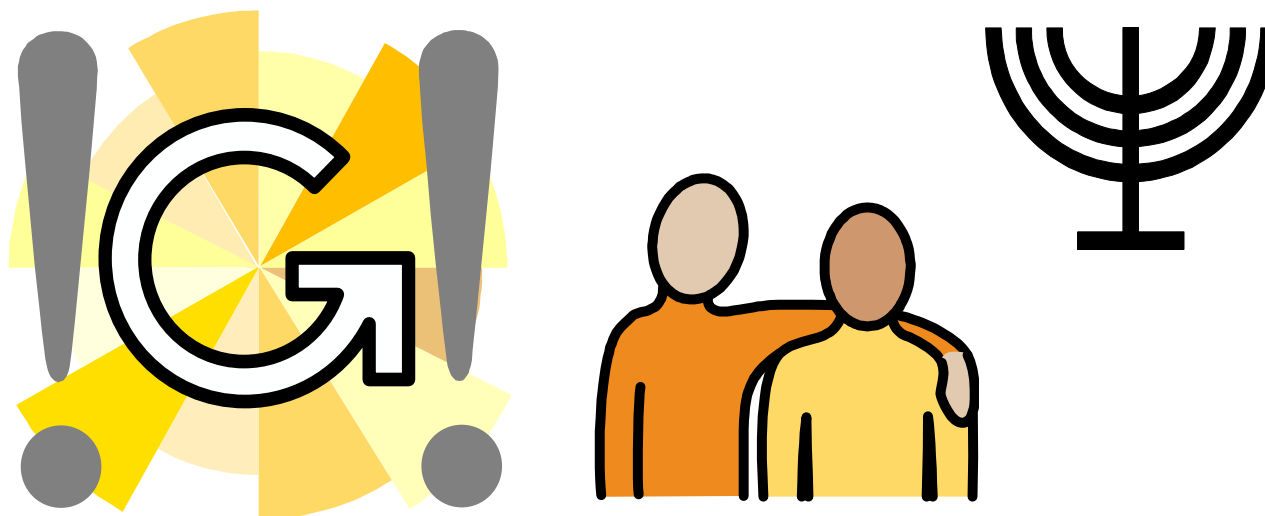
They prayed that it would last until they could get more oil.



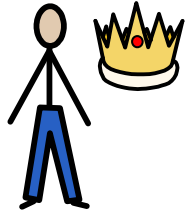
Their prayers were answered and the flames burned for eight days.
Jews have always remembered these eight special days
with a festival of light called Hanukkah.



The eight day holiday for Hanukkah celebrates making the Temple holy again.
One candle is lit each day on the special menorah.



Lighting the candles reminds us how God looked after the Jewish people
a long time ago.



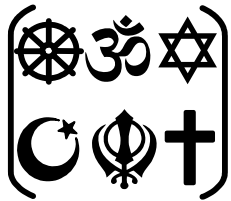
King Antiochus



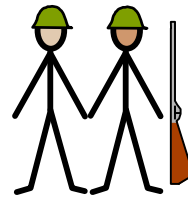
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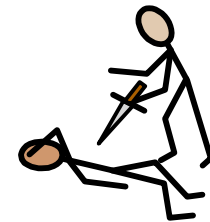
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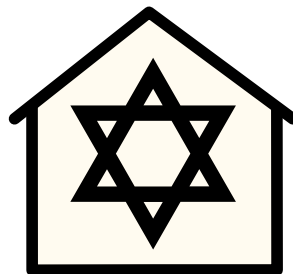
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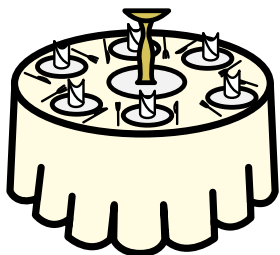
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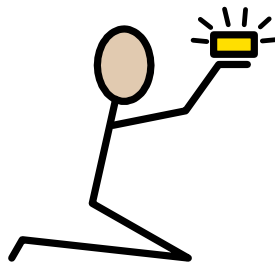
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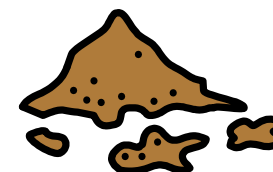
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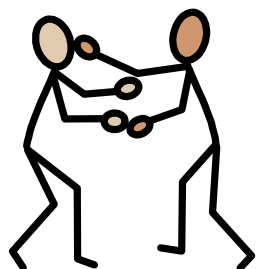
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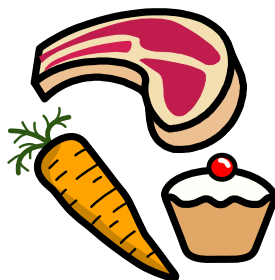
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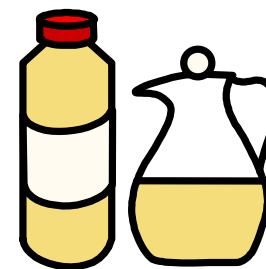
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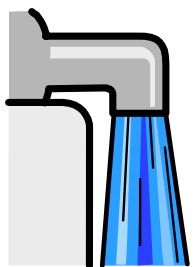
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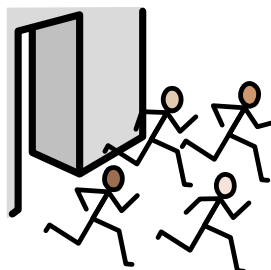
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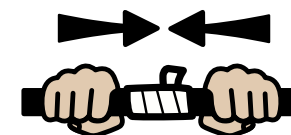
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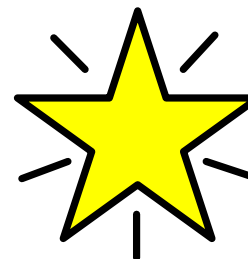
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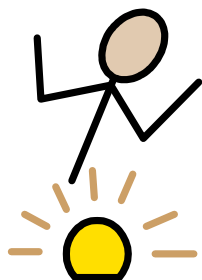
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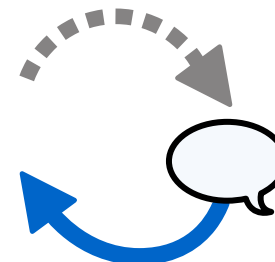
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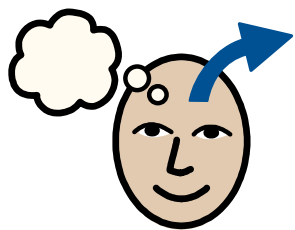
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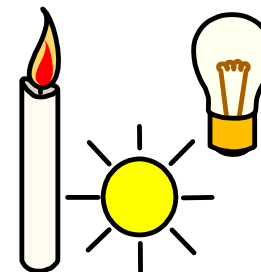
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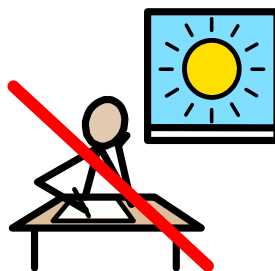
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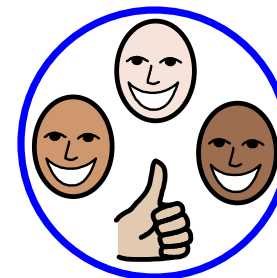
light



hanukkah



holiday



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