

Hanukkah Candles and Christmas Lights

Grade 2

English

Nonfiction

Hanukkah Theme

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Name: _____ Date: _____

READ — READ THIS PASSAGE CAREFULLY. YOU MAY READ IT TWICE.

Hanukkah and Christmas are both winter holidays that families celebrate with lights and special foods. They are different in many ways. Hanukkah lasts eight days, but Christmas is one day. During Hanukkah, families light candles on a menorah, one candle each night. During Christmas, families decorate trees with lights and ornaments. Both holidays bring families together to share meals. Hanukkah families eat foods like latkes and chocolate coins. Christmas families eat turkey and cookies. Children receive gifts during both holidays. Hanukkah gifts come on different nights, while Christmas gifts come on one morning. Both holidays teach children about traditions. Families spend time together, sing songs, and remember what is important. Even though Hanukkah and Christmas are different holidays, they share the same spirit of joy and love.

Tip: Read the passage twice before turning to the questions on the next page.

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Questions

→ **ANSWER** USE THE PASSAGE ON PAGE 1 TO HELP FIND YOUR ANSWERS.

MAIN IDEA

1. What is this passage mostly about?

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. How long does Hanukkah last compared to Christmas? Use words from the passage.

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word 'tradition' mean in this passage?

INFERENCE

4. Why do you think both holidays use lights as decorations?

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What happens because both holidays bring families together?

TEXT EVIDENCE

6. Name two foods that families eat during Hanukkah. Use the passage to answer.

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TEACHER / PARENT USE ONLY — Suggested answers shown below each question

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MAIN IDEA

1. What is this passage mostly about?

The passage is mostly about how Hanukkah and Christmas are alike and different holidays.

TEXT EVIDENCE

2. How long does Hanukkah last compared to Christmas? Use words from the passage.

According to the passage, 'Hanukkah lasts eight days, but Christmas is one day.'

VOCABULARY

3. What does the word 'tradition' mean in this passage?

Tradition means something that families do the same way every year as a special custom.

INFERENCE

4. Why do you think both holidays use lights as decorations?

Lights might represent hope and joy during the dark winter months, making the holidays special and bright.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

5. What happens because both holidays bring families together?

Families share meals, sing songs, and remember what is important to them.

TEXT EVIDENCE

6. Name two foods that families eat during Hanukkah. Use the passage to answer.

According to the passage, Hanukkah families eat 'latkes and chocolate coins.'