

The Hanukkah Story

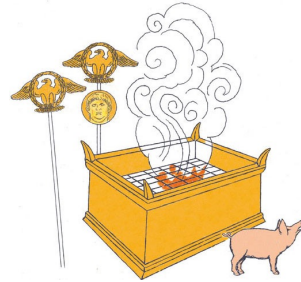
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A long time ago, in a distant land
Came to power in Israel a very evil man
His name was Antiochus Epihanes
He wanted everyone to bow their knees
But the Jews would not fall into idolatries.



A small town man named Judah Maccabee,
"The Hammer," raises up a ragtag army
On elephants the Syrian soldiers rode
But the Maccabees fought for the Temple code.
And a miracle happened there; they beat their foe.



In the Jerusalem Temple the killing of pigs
Left an ugly mess that was very, very big
The Levite priests went to work that day
To clean the whole place until they could say
The Holy Temple was ready to worship Yahweh.



The altar and menorah were ready for use
But oil for one day would not make do
Then, another miracle made everyone amazed
The small amount of oil burned for eight whole days!
The Feast of Dedication began with shouts of praise!

So we light the menorah for eight full nights
Put it in the window for everyone's sight
Fry potatoes and donuts in oil to remember it all.
Eat chocolate gelt, watch dreidels spin and fall
A great miracle happened there, Nun, Shin, Hey, Gimel.



Happy First Hanukkah, Jasper!

