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## Family Take-it-Home 12/9/18 TOPIC: Mystery and the holidays. This week: Hanukkah

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**STORY:** *Hanukkah* by Miriam Nerlove (good for PreK children) or families might play this **VIDEO** which shares the Hanukkah story and how to play dreidel

*Jumping Jerusalem Hanukkah Video for Kids* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8WcSAADpDI>



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kinara>

### FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS:

- Do you light candles at your house? Do they look like any of these?  
Can you guess which celebrations each picture is for?

[in order: Jewish Hanukkah Menorah, Christian Advent Wreath, Catholic St. Lucia crown, Yule Log, Unitarian Universalist Chalice, Kwanzaa Kinara]

In the month of December, you may find candles to celebrate many holidays: Jewish, Christian, Yule or Earth Based traditions and Kwanzaa (a celebration of African American families, history and community).

- **What do you find miraculous?** *Affirm all points of view. Whether it is a story or the wonder that the sun comes up regularly, or the variety and beauty of birds in flight... Wonder and a sense of awe are the basis of a spiritual and open-minded life and it can co-exist with reason!*

**Unitarian Universalists appreciate the mystery of miracle stories, perseverance and candle light.**

### ADDITIONAL FAMILY TIME OPTIONS:

- Look for Holiday lights as you walk or drive around after dark
- Cook or buy some potato latkes to try (or jelly donuts ;-)
- Play some Hanukkah music videos:
  - Peter, Paul, & Mary - Light One Candle (PBS Holiday Concert) an inspiring song!  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StB\\_ehpZyN4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StB_ehpZyN4)
  - Dreidel song (good for young children with words)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETPIDKT4hdM>
- + Simple dreidel template <https://www.dltk-kids.com/world/jewish/mdriedel.html>
- Make a Candle Card: send it to someone who can use the reminder that you care! It is fun to get mail.



Materials: a square of paper (card stock or construction), scissors, markers, optional: gold glitter or yellow paper for the flame & glue

- Fold the square paper in half, draw a u curve where the flame will show and cut it out.
- Draw flame shape on the inside of the card and decorate front of card.
- Optional to add glue and glitter or yellow paper flame inside the card (note: place the glitter in a tray or dish with sides to keep it confined)

Continue asking these questions of each other at meal time or bed time:

**WHAT WAS YOUR HIGH moment today? WHAT WAS YOUR LOW?**

**WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU MAKE TODAY?**

**WHERE DID YOU SEE LOVE or HOPE, GRACE or JOY today?**

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