

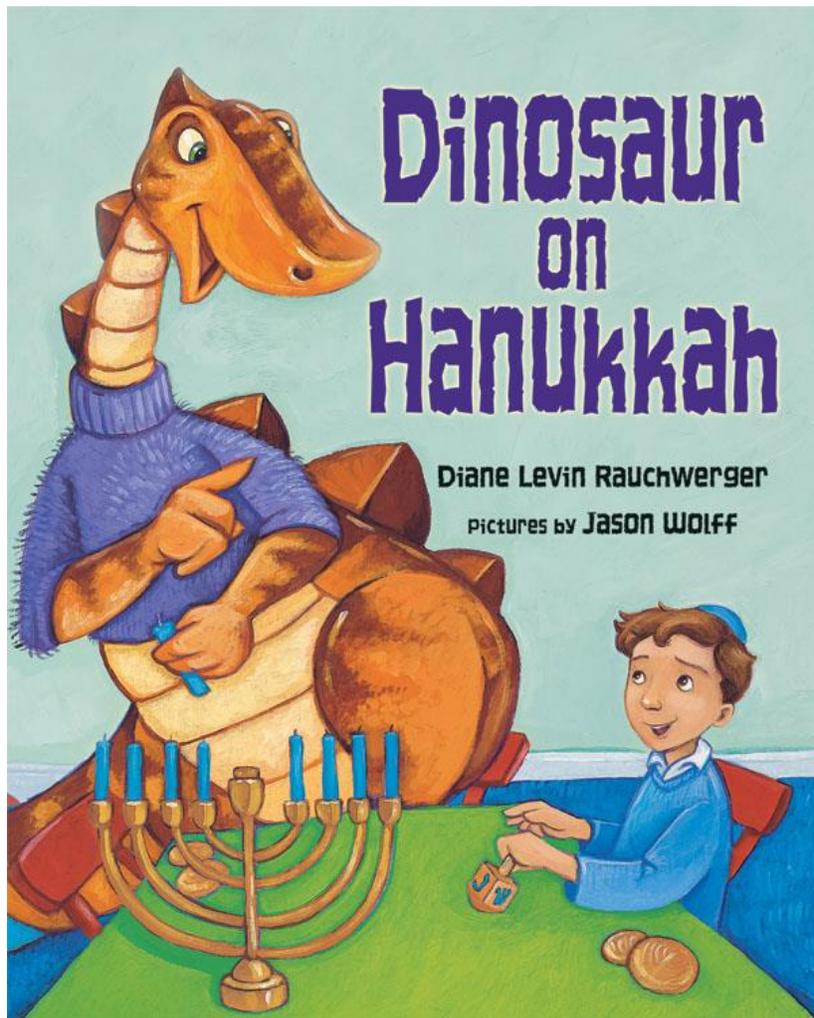
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Overview

A mischievous dinosaur visits a little boy on Hanukkah and causes a commotion as he lights candles, makes latkes, and plays dreidel. Join dino in a rousing holiday romp.

About the Author

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About the Illustrator

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About Hanukkah

Hanukkah is an eight-day Festival of Lights that celebrates the victory of the Maccabees over the mighty armies of Syrian King Antiochus. According to legend, when the Maccabees came to restore the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, they found one jug of pure oil, enough to keep the menorah for just one day. But a miracle happened, and the oil burned for eight days. On each day of the holiday, we add an additional candle to the menorah, exchange gifts, play the game of dreidel, and eat fried latkes and sufganiyot (jelly donuts) to remember this victory for religious freedom.

Standards & Objectives

Reading Comprehension 2.1 – Locate the title, table of contents, name of author, and name of illustrator.

Reading Comprehension 2.3 – Connect to life experiences the information and events in the text.

Lesson Plan

Preparation: You will need a copy of the book, mini-dinosaurs, birthday candles, and a block of wood and strong glue or glue dots.

Activity Steps:

1. Say: "Today I'm going to read a book called 'Dinosaur on Hanukkah' and the story is about a dinosaur [point to the dinosaur on the cover] and a little boy who celebrate Hanukkah together. The boy is happy. He and the dinosaur are playing with the dreidel and lighting the menorah." Begin to read the book.
2. On page 16, when the dinosaur drips wax on the counter, ask the students the following question: "Why did the little boy make the dinosaur leave?"
3. Finish the book. Ask the students: "What would have happened if the little boy did not let the dinosaur win the dreidel game?"
4. Give each student a wood block (they can paint it beforehand) or wood alphabet blocks. Use hot glue to connect the dinosaurs to the wood block. Attach a metal nut with hot glue to each dinosaur. Use birthday candles to light the menorah!

5. The blessing for lighting the candles is:

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam (Blessed are you, Lord, our G-d, sovereign of the universe), asher kidishanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu (Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us), l'had'lik near shel Chanukah (Amein) (to light the candles of Hanukkah)

Menorah Making Ideas

1. Using wood – get two pieces of wood, one wide (about 6" – 10") and another skinny (same length but about a 3" to 4" width). Glue them together with hot glue. Then, place nuts, making sure to use two for the shamash.
2. Get small champagne or wine glasses. Get colored sand and layer them in the glasses. You can sit a candle in the sand. Or, you can flip over the sand filled glasses and glue it to a piece of cardboard, and then put a tea light on the base of the glass.
3. Find beautiful tree branches, and hot glue the nuts to the branches.
4. Lego menorah!



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