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Hello everyone! I'm Jim Staley with Passion for Truth Ministries,

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and this is our Hanukkah "How to" video. Every year we get a lot of people asking

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As they learn about Christmas, and they kinda want to transition from Christmas

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to doing something a little bit more biblical, a little bit more in depth, a

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little more meaning...

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they always turn to one of my favorite holidays of the year,

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the Feast of Dedication, or the Festival of Lights, or more popularly known as

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Hanukkah. Hanukkah is simply a Hebrew word that means

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"dedication," and we find even Jesus himself, Yeshua, going to the temple

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for the Feast of Dedication in the Gospels. Not only is this an amazing

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festival that is so

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relative to Christians today but even our Jewish brethren around the world

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keep it as well. I believe that as you learn more about Hanukkah,

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you're gonna want to be able to take part in it as well. So this video is not

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to go over all the details of Hanukkah itself. I have other

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teachings that talk about that. This one is really more

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how do you transition? What do you do during Hannukah? So we're going to talk about...

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we're gonna talk about the story itself. We're going to talk about the ceremony that we do

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each night during the Festival of Lights. How about gifts?

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Should we give gifts? Should we not give gifts? Traditions...

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lights...everything from a...

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from games to latkes

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and food and baking. We're gonna talk about all that in this video and
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hopefully by the end of this
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teaching, or this video, you'll get not a chance just to meet my family alone, but
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you'll get some great ideas that will hopefully
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spin your creative juices
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to where you can begin to create some good ideas and some good transitions,
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good traditions, for your family. Alright,
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so let's travel with me back in time
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to about 180 years before the birth of Christ,
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and that is where the story of Hanukkah begins. At that time period Alexander the Great,
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he was the ruler of the known world, and Alexander was actually a very good
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ruler...a benevolent ruler. He let all the different peoples and the different
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regions maintain their religious beliefs
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and pretty much maintain their habits of daily life.
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But a little over a century later Antioch Epiphanies the 4th would not be so
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benevolent.
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Matter fact he massacres many of the Jewish...
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Jewish people. It was really a holocaust in many respects.
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He put a Hellenistic Greek priest into the temple and
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even desecrated the temple by putting
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a pig on the altar and putting a statue
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of Zeus inside the temple.
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Well amazingly, about three and a half years into this

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control that the Greeks had, there were two groups of people
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that fought back. There was a man by the name Mattathias Hasmonean
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and his son Judah Maccabee and another group of people call the
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Hasideans.
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The Hasideans would eventually become the Pharisees
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of the first century that we read about in the Bible. And as the story goes,
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that Judah Maccabee could not take it any longer, and he pulled out his sword and
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kill one of the Hellenistic priests. And that started
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the revolt of the Maccabeans...the revolt of the Maccabeans that
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eventually took back the temple from the Greeks.
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And they cleaned the temple. They
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took all of the oil that was polluted and unclean, and they replaced all of
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the oil. That was one of the first things that they did
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was set up the menorah back in the Holy Place, and if you know anything about the
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temple
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the menorah represents the Word of God. It represents
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...which eventually will become flesh... represent Jesus himself, Yeshua
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our Messiah. And so this holiday is incredible because not only is it
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connected
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to the ancient story of the Jews taking back their temple,
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but ladies and gentleman remember this was our temple, too.
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This is that very same temple that would be rebuilt
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in the third...in the millennium when the Messiah comes, and He says that He's

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gonna be

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the light of the temple, and that temple represents the very Word of God...the light...

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the city on a hill as it's talked about in the book of Matthew.

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It's connected to the end of times in Revelation and Daniel...

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the three and a half years in the

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tribulation when there will be a desecration of

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the temple and the altar. It's the same desecration that happened in the

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three-and-a-half-year

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take over the Greeks that they had over the temple. And so prophetically we are the temple

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of the Holy Spirit,

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and the enemy has take our temples over in many categories in many areas

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and now is a time during the Festival a Dedication,

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the Festival of Lights, to renew our temple and teach

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our families, our kids, and even ourselves that this is a time...an 8-day feast

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to focused on the light

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in our temple and to get out idols in our life...to get out things that are not

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of God...traditions and doctrins of men...

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and to focus on the things that are true, the things that are holy...

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looking at our temples and preparing them to meet

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our King. Speaking of the truth, there's a story made up by the rabbis that the

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miracle of Hanukkah is that the oil lasted eight days when it was supposed

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to only last one.

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This was made up because it was against their laws to celebrate military

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victories.

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So they needed an alternative reason to celebrate this great moment in Israel

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history.

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As far as our family goes, we choose to stick to the historical facts so we

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don't confuse the kids.

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So that's pretty much it in a nutshell the story

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of Hanukkah. One of our favorite parts

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a Hanukkah is food. Everyone loves food and Hanukkah is no different. We love to

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spend time in the kitchen

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with my kids and our family during Hanukkah, and this is kinda one of our

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favorite things to do

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is to bake Hanukkah cookies. So that's what we're doing here today.

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On our left we actually have a shofar... so we have an actual

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shofar, ram's shofar. We have

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a menorah that the kids will be decorating here little bit, the word

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Chai, which means "life," and we've got a couple snowflakes

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as well. And we also have a

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Torah scroll that we'll be decorating

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and also the dreidel, which are always really popular. And

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dreidel is

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very much a part of Hanukkah, and it's also a game that we'll talk about

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as well. Another amazing thing that we like to do, a tradition in our family,

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is the...is the baking

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of bread or challa bread. And this is a traditional...

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a traditional challa bread that we make for

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Hanukkah, and its actually a challa bread menorah.

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This is our challa bread menorah that my daughter Sierra made.

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And we actually made it pretzel bread because

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pretzel bread and challa bread are a perfect combination. Another fun dessert

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that we have taken on this year...

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someone gave us a great idea. This came from someone in our local fellowship

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is marshmallow dreidel sticks.

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So each one of these marshmallows has

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marker... it's edible marker, but it has the letters of "nun," and "hey,"

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and "gimel," and "shin" on it, and on top is a Hershey's Kisses that is melted on

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there

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with a pretzel. And a great part about these is that when you're done using

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them

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as a dreidel, you can eat them...

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Yum, that pretty good. You guys having fun?

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What'cha doing? Icing the cookies?

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Alright, you're pretty good there, Maleah. How are you doing over there,

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Kylah? You doing pretty good? Alright.

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Sierra? Sierra down there?

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How are you doing? Ha! Ha!

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Alright, the traditional foods during Hanukkah are really

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the fried foods. Everybody loves fried food...from fried doughnuts

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to fried latkes and I encourage you to look online for some fantastic

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recipes

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of latkes online...some of them are extremely

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elaborate to very simple with just

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apple sauce on top. Either way that you choose to make 'em, your kids will have

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fun and the story of Hanukkah behind those

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are great as well. There are eight nights of Hanukkah,

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and it's very traditional to invite people over during the nights of

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Hanukkah to celebrate with you so it's an awesome time

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to get together friends, to get together family and create new traditions.

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So it's not just one night like it used to be with Christmas,

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but this is an entire over a week long process of

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just friends and family getting together, playing games, eating food,

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trying out new things, and creating new traditions for your family. In the

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transition from coming from

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our background of Christmas to Hanukkah, At first it's kinda very frustrating,

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and then you get creative, and you begin to have fun with it.

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And so that's what we're doing here. I want to give you just a couple of ideas

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that the Staley family

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has come up with. First of all, one of the things that we did right off the bat in the

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very beginning

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is we wanted to portray pictures. Everybody loves pictures, and we love

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taking pictures of our kids. Our pictures are...

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our kids are our stars, if you will, and so what we did was we decided to take

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stars,

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cut them out, and put pictures of

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each year as we're preparing for Hanukkah and doing Hanukkah

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and put them on the stars and then hang them on the ceiling from our house.

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every year we take new pictures from what we're doing

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and we'll put those pictures on stars and snowflakes next year

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and then we'll kinda trade those out. And what's fun is as

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years go by, you pull out these pictures, and it just brings back memories when

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you're showing pictures of your kids when their small

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or as everybody gets older. It's just a neat...

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a good feeling to pull out those pictures those memoirs

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as you're decorating for Hanukkah that year.

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Another tradition that we've done early on is actually making our own menorah.

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This can be really fun. They can give you the opportunity

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to really dive in with your kids or your grandkids and be creative and do

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something fun.

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And so that's what we've done here with this. This was our very first

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original menorah that we made. I think we picked something up

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at and one other craft stores. We have some blue sand that we put in there,

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and then we just simply put candles inside

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up that menorah. Originally we used

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clear oil candles. We wrapped the oil candles

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in paper for each night of Hanukkah, and on the paper, it would have

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what the light represented. So it started off with the light of creation. I put

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creation around it.

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And then had different lights, and the light of Yeshua as the

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center shamash candle, and so I'll be talking about that a little bit later as

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I go through the actual

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ceremony and kinda what we do each night of each candle

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Hanukkah. But you can...one tradition is you might be able to make your own

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Hanukiah.

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You don't have to have just one. You can have all over the house, and

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they're all kinds of different Hanukiahs...

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Hanukiahs or menorahs out there.

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The menorah is a beautiful instrument that

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is...it's a candlestick of light. That light, like I said,

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it not only connects to the light of creation

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and the light of the Word of God... representing

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the Bible within the Scriptures itself and ultimately Yeshua,

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but it also has the connection they calling Judaism the

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Tree of life because it actually looks like a tree

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and the blossoms on the

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candlestick branches itself are coming from the almond tree,

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which is the tree of life that was found in the Garden.

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So it has beautiful connection to the actual Garden of Eden

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and the eternal tree of life. That's what the

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Eden...that's what the Menorah represents is the Tree of Life, and so when

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we create a menorah on our

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tables, when we buy a menorah, when we decorated with a menorah, we...however you

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do it...when you light the menorah,

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you are literally, prophetically lighting the tree of creation. You're bringing

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back that pure holy,

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beautiful light that was never supposed to be burned out.

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If you look online you'll see about 5,000 different kinds of menorahs that are out there...

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from kids menorahs to very elegant menorahs

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or very simple wooden menorahs, you can choose one for your family or

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multiple ones for your family.

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We have several. This is one on our dining room table. What I wanna do is to go

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through the menorah

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and share what I share with my family each and every night

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and how we do it because the whole point of this video is to kind of give you

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some ideas. Not necessarily so that you could do exactly what we do,

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but for you to get some ideas of how the Staley family does it.

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And then you can kinda spin off your own ideas if you want to or you can adopt

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some of ours. There are some great ideas

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that are out there. Alright, first and foremost, you start on the right hand side,

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and this is day 1. So day one I make everything about light and so I'll pull out the

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Bible, pull out the Scriptures...

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and pull out Scriptures that are connected to each one of the days

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that are found as we move through here. So on day one

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I talk about the "light of creation,"

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and I'll pull out Scriptures in the book of Genesis where it talks about

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creation...where it talks about light,

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and I'll have one of my kids read those Scriptures. Day number two

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I call the "light of Adam." And the reason why I do that is because

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the light was given to Adam and Eve to be able to hold it up and take that

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torch,

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and I bring in Scriptures and let the kids read the Scripture of how

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Adam and Eve fell

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and how they put their light under a bushel. They didn't pass their light on.

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So what we're doing is we're doing an evolution of light from Genesis to

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Revelation so that

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my kids, my family, people that are spending time with us that night

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can see exactly what I believe

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Hanukkah is really all about. It's the Festival of Lights...It's about light.

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The third light...and by the way, the first light that you normally light is

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called the shamash candle.

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It is the servant candle, and from the servant candle...

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which you can notice is higher than all of the other candles...

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it stands higher and today in Judaism nobody knows
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why the shamash candle is higher than the rest of the candles.
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Well, I have a hint of why it's a little bit higher. I believe because the greatest
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servant is the greatest in the household. And
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the greatest servant that ever lived is
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Jesus, Yeshuah the Messiah, who stands higher,
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and he serves all the rest of the candles. And so
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from the shamash candle you light each and every candle.
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And so the third light...but since our shamash candle is a little modern here...I'm
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going to use a
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a lighter...our third candle is the "light of Moses."
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This is where the light was given back to Moses, and his job was to take the
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light and to...
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to share it with all of Israel, and Moses did a great job doing that. And
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we'll pull Scriptures out let them read a little bit of how Moses got the Ten
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Commandments and
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how David calls the Ten Commandments...calls the commandments a light
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under his path...which brings me to the next candle. The fourth night
15:36
is the light of King David. One of my most favorite figures in the Bible
15:40
is King David. He was an incredible king, as you well know,
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but he has some phenomenal Scriptures...
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some amazing sayings that we find in the book of Psalms.
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And so I like to go to the favorite...the longest chapter
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a the Bible, Psalms 119, and specifically

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nine through 11, and I let my kids read that out it says,

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you know, that how can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to

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Thy Word.

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He talks about how the commandments are the light unto his path and how

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that there's no way for him to

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keep his way pure outside of following the light of the commandments.

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So... and there are other scriptures of how it's a light unto our path

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and a lamp unto our feet...So

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finding Scriptures...and you can find some Scriptures well...maybe you've got some better

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ones.

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That can go through each one of these days. When we come to the fifth day,

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this is the the day of

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the disciples so we have you sure on this day

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and the light comes to Yeshuah who is our Messiah,

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and He is connected to the fifth and the

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sixth and seventh and eight days because on the fifth day,

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this is His day. This is the "Light of the Messiah"...the resurrection of our Lord,

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and so I...it's easy to find Scriptures and bring them up and to talk about

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the light of Messiah raising from the dead and Him even giving instructions

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about a city on a hill, and we shouldn't put our light under a bushel. Those are great

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Scriptures to read

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on day 5. When you come today six

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it's real easy. Yeshua gives His light to His disciples, and He says...and turns to them
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and says,

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"You are a light of the world..You are the light of the world."

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And He gives them instructions on how to take His light

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and give it to Him and how they're supposed to take His light

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give it to other people. And so the disciples where the next part

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chain a light, if you will, to take the light from creation

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to Adam...to Moses..to David...from Yeshua...

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to the disciples. On day 7,

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the next day...the second to the last day, the disciples are giving their light

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to gentiles...in my case, that's me.

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And I explain how Israel

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is a part of...is the entity...the National entity

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of light that God gave the children of Israel...

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the children of God. And how the disciples, the Jewish disciples from the southern

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kingdom,

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mixing with the Israelite gentiles, if you will,

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of the northern kingdom and how coming together of all of

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Israel becomes the beautiful perfect light to be able to give to the rest of

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the world...

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the great gospel of Jesus Christ, Yeshua HaMashiach. On the last day,

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day eight, the eighth day is the greatest day. As a matter of fact

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during the festival of Sukkot, which many theologians believe is why Hanukkah

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is an eight-day festival...because they did not get a chance to celebrate Sukkot,
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which is the favorite holiday of the year...the favorite holy
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festival of the year...they never got to celebrate it while they were under solicit
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control
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of the Greeks, and so they decided that when they got back control
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of the temple that they were going to celebrate the Feast
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of Sukkot. And so that's why they mixed the
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menorah with the eight-day festival
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and outcomes a 9 branched
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menorah because you have the shamash candle and so the 8 branched
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menorah with the center candlestick being
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Yeshua, Himself. The very next light that comes is the return of the Messiah and the
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light of the Millennium. This is where the light, the perfect light, of
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the temple will come into existence, and we will
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see not dimly. We will see as we are seen.
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And so I pull out Scriptures that have to do with the Millennium. And so
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altogether the nine branch candlestick represents
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the light of the world...Jesus the Messiah,
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Yeshua our Messiah and in everything together puts together
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perfect light into this world...this dark world.
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OK one of the fun new traditions that we did this year was actually letting the
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kids make their own Hanukkah t-shirts.
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It was a fun experiment and some of them turned out really fantastic so I'm just gonna

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walk through my kids

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let you see their shirts and kinda what they did. This is my second oldest, Sierra.

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Show us your shirt. We've got "Happy Hanukkah," little snowman down there, a little

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dreidel, a menorah. And

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she sports the ring around the collar snowflake style.

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Alright, this is Alena...number three. She also has a menorah...very creative

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way she did hers, "Happy Hanukkah" down the side,

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and with the base of the menorah being a dreidel. I thought

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that was pretty cool. Maleah show us yours. Alright, turn towards the camera

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there...

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alright, that's very cool...oh, yours is the form of a heart. So you have a heart

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and the star David in yours. That's beautiful...

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then "Happy Hanukkah" down there. You did a really good job. That's awesome.

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Kylah, give me five. Yours turned out really good, too. You have a white shirt

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and you kind of did the same menorah as your sister.

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Really good job. And then my little bit, Selah, give me five.

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What's yours? You have...

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what is that? Selah: a snowman

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A snowman...very good! "Happy Hanukkah to you"...

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This is an awesome opportunity for you to be able to be creative with your

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family from ideas that you make up in your head

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to all the ideas that you'll find online. This is a festive season. Listen...

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it's called the Festival of Lights for a reason.

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It's all about light of the menorah, or it's all about taking back the temple

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and making it ours again...kicking the enemy out and

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putting Yahweh back in His place. That enough is time for celebration. So

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Festival of Lights...it's the time Yeshuah was conceived in His mother's womb,

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and what a great time for you to start conceiving

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new ideas and do new traditions for your family.

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Another thing that you can do during Hanukkah is play lots of games,

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especially if you have kids. Big kids love games. Adults love...as a matter fact, I

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love this game.

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This is one of my favorite games. It's actually the most traditional game

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in all of the Hanukkah season, and it's called Dreidel Game.

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And on the dreidel there are four Hebrew letters. There is a...

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the letter "shin." There is the letter "nun."

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There's also a letter "gimel," and the letter

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"he." Together they form the acronym

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"ness gadol ha'ya sham," which simply means a great miracle happened

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there, and so each one of these letters has a significant meaning.

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And when you play the game whichever letter it lands on gives you

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instructions on exactly what to do.

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So if it lands on a letter "he," they get to take half the pot.

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If it lands on the letter "gimel,"

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they get to take the entire pot. If it lands on the letter

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"nun," they don't get any of the pot. It goes to the next player.

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And if it lands on the letter "shin," they have to put one

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into the pot. So you simply go all the way around by

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spinning the dreidel, and I'll

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see what happens.

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Shin...I have to put one in the pot. Everybody starts off with five.

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I have to put one in the pot, and you simply play the game until it goes all

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the way around. Now the great part of the game is what's in the pot...

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what's in the pot are gold coins.

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These gold coins are not just any gold coins. These are chocolate gold coins, and

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you can use any kind of candy you want, but

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it is more traditional to use the golden coins. Why? Because in the Seleucid times

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during

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the the takeover at the temple when the Greeks were in control,

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the tradition is that the Jewish people were hiding in the caves,

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and when the Greeks would come by, they would stop

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and put their Torah scrolls away cuz they were not allowed to read the Torah

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during the Greek take over of the Jewish people that time.

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And so they would put their Torah scrolls away, and they would start playing the

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Dreidel game,

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and they would teach the kids the Torah through

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the letters of the alphabet. And so it was to trick

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the soldiers during that time period, and as soon as the soldiers were gone,

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they would pick their Torah scroll back up. well, that's the tradition

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story anyway, but let's play and have some fun and

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eat at the same time.

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Oh, you get all of it! Wow!

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Shin...

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she's got to put one in...

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Shin...

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Kylah...look here...Good job, Kylah!

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You win! So along with the dreidel game, our family

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likes to play a variety of games and one of those games that we like to play,

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even just in general, is Memory.

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So we decided to make up our own Hanukkah memory game. We just kinda

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drew

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some different pictures on here of

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things that have to do with Hanukkah. These two youngest ones

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always beat everyone so let's see how they do.

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Good job!!! OK, Selah, your turn.

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Alright, gifts...a lot of people ask us about gifts. "Is it okay to give

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presents during Hanukkah?" We don't want to be like Christmas. We don't want to do

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all that stuff.

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This is each person's individual conviction.

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We've tried multiple different ways. We first started out...we should give

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gifts every night...

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of Hanukkah...one gift a tonight per

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kid. Well, we have six kids. That kinda adds up and

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feels a little bit too much like Christmas to me, and they kinda got too

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excited about the gifts they were getting each night

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and weren't paying attention to much...to the actual meaning

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I was trying to bring to each night of Hanukkah. So we stopped doing that

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and what we do today is basically we give one or

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two gifts each person on the last day of

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Hannukah. You can do it on any day... the first, the middle of the week

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or at the end. And that way there's absolutely no

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focus on the gifts at all. We don't make them expensive gifts in all. They're just to

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tell them that we love them.

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And so some people are against gifts and that's okay. That's their

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conviction, but you can give gifts any time of the year.

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We choose to give one or two gifts just to say that, "Look,

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you brought light into

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my lift. I want you to know that I appreciate you," It's just from

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us to them makes, and it makes it real simple, very cute,

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and it works. So that's kinda how we

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work with the gift thing. We're not really into the whole piles of gifts.

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That's one of the materialistic things that as I believe, one of the downfalls of

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Christmas is it's fallen into materialism

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and gets people focused on materialism.

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So no matter what holiday you celebrate,

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when you do that, it really takes the focus away from the spiritual message that we're

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trying to create. So that's where our family is.

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Alright, let's talk about lights. This is the Festival of Lights, and so there

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is no better time

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to decorate your house inside and out

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with lights during the Festival of Lights.

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If anybody has the right to put up lights on the outside of her house,

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it is us because Christmas has nothing to do with light.

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Christmas has to do with all kinds of crazy stuff, but

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this is the Festival of Lights, and we have the right to

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banner lights on the outside of our house. So I encourage you to do that.

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Do it big, do it small, do it however you want to do it.

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And I always encourage you to put your menorahs up outside to let people know that

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we're not celebrating Christmas. We're celebrating the Festival of Lights.

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And it creates great conversation for your neighbors because their probably going to think

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your Jewish,

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and I it gives you an opportunity to witness to them and

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let them know what you really believe... where you're coming from. So

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we always enjoy decorating the inside and outside of our house

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with lights and I encourage you to do the same.

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Alright, I hope you enjoyed our Hanukkah video to give you a kind of

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Staley how-to...and how we do things here at Passion for Truth and our own

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personal home.

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I pray that God gives you tremendous ingenuity...creativity...

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to come up with some traditions with your own family as you transition to this

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amazing holiday. We pray that God blesses you

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along the way. Are you ready guys?

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One, two, three..."Happy Hanukkah!" Selah: Happy Hanukkah!

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See you later guys, Shalom.