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#1 - Saturday, December 24th

Dedication | *Hanukkah* | *הַנְּקִיחָה*

-  Younger children: Being dedicated to something means you are committed to it, or promise, to do it. What are some things you are dedicated to doing to help your parents and family?
-  Older Children: How do you show that you are dedicated to something that is important to you? What things are important to you at home and at school?
-  Adults: What causes are you dedicated to and what made you get involved in those causes? What exactly do you do to show your dedication to these causes?




#2 - Sunday, December 25th

Light | *Or* | *אור*

-  Younger Children: One meaning of bringing light to something can be showing others when something is wrong or unfair. How can showing others something that is unfair help to change that thing?
-  Older children: What injustice in the world do you think is important to bring light/attention to? What are some ways you can do that?
-  Adults: What inequities in the world do you think are important to 'shine' light on? What are some ways you can do that?




#3 - Monday, December 26th

Oil | *Shemen* | *שֶׁמֶן*

-  Younger Children: On Hanukkah we fry food in oil, a reminder that the small amount of oil lasted 8 days. What foods do we fry during Hanukkah? If you could create any fried dish for Hanukkah, what would you fry?
-  Older Children: On Hanukkah we fry food in oil, a reminder that the small amount of oil lasted for eight days. What is your favorite fried food to eat during Hanukkah? How do these fried foods make Hanukkah special?
-  Adults: The oil miraculously lasted for eight days when it should have only lasted one day. What things sustain you when you are ready to burn out?

#4 - Tuesday, December 27th

Strength | *Koach* | *כֹּחַ*




-  Young Children: Strength is more than being able to pick up something heavy; it is also about doing something you thought you couldn't do. What is something you've tried to learn to do that you didn't think you could? How long did you have to practice until you were able to do it?
-  Older Children: When is a time you have been brave and showed your strength in a difficult situation? When is a time you stood up for another person?
-  Adults: What gives you strength? How do you use that strength to support others?

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#5 - Wednesday, December 28th

Hero | *Gibor* | גִּבּוֹר

-  Younger Children: A hero is someone that we look up to that makes good choices and does courageous things. Who do you look up to that makes good choices and is known as courageous? Do you think they are a hero to you or others?
-  Older Children: Do you think a hero is only an adult or can another child be a hero? What kinds of things would someone be doing for you to look up to them as a hero?
-  Adults: What qualities do you look for in a hero? Who are your heroes and why?




#6 - Thursday, December 29th

Miracle | *Nes* | נֶס

-  Younger Children: A miracle is like an amazing surprise that seems impossible and can't be explained as to why or how it happened, such as the oil lasting for eight nights when it only should have lasted for one. Have you experienced anything amazing like this in your life? What miracles happen in nature every day?
-  Older Children: The real miracle of Hanukkah is a small group of Jews fighting and winning against the much larger Roman army. Have you ever fought for something you believed in but didn't think you would win? Why did you choose to stand up for your beliefs?
-  Adults: What miracles do you experience every day? What are the hidden miracles in your life?




#7 - Friday, December 30th

Thanks | *Todah* | תּוֹדָה

-  Younger Children: What are you most thankful for in your life? What are some ways you can show your parents/family/friends that you are thankful for them and what they do for you?
-  Older Children: How many times today did you say thank you to someone? Was there a time today that you should have expressed thanks and you didn't? If so, how can you show that person you are thankful for what they did?
-  Adults: It can be easy to take things for granted in our lives, even when we feel thankful for what we have. What things do you think you could be more thankful for? What do you appreciate most in your life? How do you show your appreciation?

#8 - Saturday, December 31st

Gift | *Matanah* | מַתָּנָה

-  Younger Children: Giving a gift to someone does not have to be about giving an item to them; giving of your time is also giving a gift. In what ways can you make your time a gift for others? Why is it important to do those things?
-  Older Children: Giving your time and your energy to help others is a gift. What non-material gifts do you give to your parents, siblings and friends?
-  Adults: What gifts do you possess that may be unique to you? What gifts do you share with others?