

JUST FOR KIDS - DECEMBER 2021

DECEMBER HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS

NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 6 - HANNUKAH

Hannukah begins on the evening of November 28 this year and continues into December. (You can check back to the November JUST FOR KIDS to find more Hannukah activities.)

THE HOLIDAY OF HANUKKAH (ages 7-10) video

Hanukkah is a Jewish celebration, but anyone can find meaning in the holiday. Check out the origins of the tradition, and how it is observed today in this quick video.

<https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/33662bec-c99a-47b3-88ec-78d6518e573c/hanukkah-all-about-the-holidays/?student=true>

A SESAME STREET HANUKKAH (ages 4-6) two videos

Elmo learns the story of Hannukah while watching this animated cartoon with Veronica Monica! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3VfChLAADS8>

The Chanukah menorah is missing! Grover gets everyone together to help find the missing menorah before Chanukah begins. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NV-ddVH-iiM>

FACTS AND MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HANUKKAH (ages 7-13) video

Hanukkah is coming up...think you know everything about it? Here's a little quiz and some ridiculousness from Mayim Bialik to help you know Hanukkah. Check it out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYeq7QbGR7E>

AN ASTRONAUT'S CHANUKAH ADVENTURE (ages 7-10) video

How do you play dreidel in space? Buckle up for a Chanukah celebration in... Space Shuttle Discovery! Astronaut Jeff Hoffman hosts the celebration courtesy of NASA.

<https://www.chabad.org/442618>

HANUKKAH ACTIVITIES

JEWPARDY—HANNUKAH EDITION (ages 7-13) interactive online game

Ready to test your knowledge of Hanukkah history, treats, games and more? Play this online game and see how high you score.

<https://www.behrmanhouse.com/demo/jewpardy/jewpardy.html>

HOW TO MAKE FUN HANUKKAH SPONGE STAMPS (ages 4-10)

With just kitchen sponges, popsicle sticks, and some paint and a hot glue gun you can make stamps of dreidels, Stars of David, and more. Your parent can help make the stamps and you can use them to make holiday cards or to decorate your table.

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/november-2020/hanukkah-stamped-sponge-cards>

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

HANUKKAH SONGS (that the adults in your life will enjoy too!)

BOHEMIAN CHANNUKAH (ages 8 to adult) **music video**

If you're a fan of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" then you will love this clever parody. In fact, it's a fun song, even if you don't know the original.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9P30ckBf1wk>

A HAMILTON CHANUKAH (with introduction from President Barack Obama) (ages 8 to adult) **music video**

Don't throw away your shot to celebrate the miracles and the story of the (eight) nights! If you're a "Hamilton" fan, you'll enjoy hearing the Chanukah story through this song by the talented Jewish *a cappella* group, Six13

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWcd-K8_X34

CHANUKAH OH CHANUKAH! (ages 7 to adult) **music video**

In this video with words posted, you can learn a well-known Chanukah song in both English and its original Yiddish! Join song leader Isaac Zones in this singalong...so raise your voice, party down and happy Hanukkah to you!

<https://youtu.be/fcXj8Qt76mQ>

HANUKKAH SONG MASHUP - DANCE SPECTACULAR! (ages 8 to adult) **dance video**

What a wonderfully fun celebration of this special season—incredible performance in the streets of Chicago. Great orchestra, singing and dancing. A joyful and musical performance.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqEQy6l1kzc>

HANUKKAH STORIES

HERSHEL AND THE HANUKKAH GOBLINS by Eric Kimmel (ages 7-10) **Read Aloud**

Hershel of Ostropol enters a village that cannot celebrate Hanukkah because the goblins won't allow it. Hershel decides to help the people by taking on the evil and nasty goblins so everyone can celebrate Hanukkah again. The townsfolk don't think Hershel can do it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHmoM2CDnBA>

THE CHANUKKAH GUEST by Eric A. Kimmel (ages 4-7) **Read Aloud**

Bubba Brayna, is a grandmother so old she's almost blind and deaf, but she still makes the best potato latkes in the village. On the first night of Chanukkah, she makes a special batch for the rabbi, but when she lets in her guest, she's in for a surprise! It's a hungry bear! Find out what funny things happen when she mistakes the bear for the rabbi.

<https://youtu.be/Xm2S2qcmJgA>

In addition to Hannukah, there are other holidays and events that occur in December. Watch these videos to learn about a few of them.

DECEMBER 26-JANUARY 1 – KWANZAA (ages 8-10) video

Kwanzaa is a time to celebrate African American heritage. Learn the ways people observe this festival and trace back its roots to ancient African customs.

<https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/f4984514-f9c9-4b4b-81bb-e04a39d45899/kwanzaa-all-about-the-holidays/?student=true>

DECEMBER 21 - THE FIRST DAY OF WINTER

WHY I LOVE WINTER by Daniel Howarth (ages 4-6) Nonfiction Read Aloud

What do you like about winter? Playing in the snow? Drinking hot chocolate? See how the animals in this book are enjoying winter. Then try making a list of why you love winter and draw pictures for them!

<https://youtu.be/0IV6lknwzzk>

THE SHORTEST DAY by Wendy Pfeffer (ages 8 and up) Nonfiction Read Aloud

It's called the Winter Solstice and it is the shortest day of the year. (It still has 24 hours, but has fewer hours of sunlight than any other day!) Do you know why? Learn about the science, of the solstice and learn how people have celebrated the solstice throughout history.

<https://youtu.be/q3sG01-PuXo>

ANIMALS IN WINTER by Henrietta Bancroft (ages 4-8) Nonfiction Read Aloud

What do animals do in winter? How do they keep warm? This book, with its beautiful pictures, will show you the different ways animals get through the winter.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLDbjt_FiTM

THE STORY OF SNOW by Mark Cassino (ages 10 and up) Nonfiction Read Aloud

Where does snow come from? How is snow made? Have you ever wondered how snow is formed in the atmosphere? After reading this scientific book for kids you will know so much more about the beauty of snow and how it is formed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lnu6T2LQtwg>

WINTER ACTIVITIES

MAKE A SNOW GLOBE (ages 6-8) with parent's help

See how to turn a glass jar and some glitter into a magical snow globe! Once finished, the snow globes make great decorations and work well as gifts for friends, family and teachers

<https://learning-center.homesciencetools.com/article/diy-snow-globe-and-liquid-density>

MAKE A PHOTO SNOW GLOBE (ages 10-adult)

Turn your fun photos of family and friends into a cool snow globe (note: you can use ½ light corn syrup and ½ water instead of baby oil)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ob40dRhF-i4&list=RDCMUCFuPSIZ-o3Fel7IG62LLmSq&start_radio=1&rv=ob40dRhF-i4&t=13

HOW TO MAKE SNOW (ages 4-6) *with parent's help*

How would you like to build a snowperson inside your warm and cozy home? With just a few steps and some ingredients that you probably already have in your house, you can make your own play snow that will provide hours of fun. And no wet, soggy mittens necessary!

<https://savvysassymoms.com/diy-play-snow/>