

## A Delicious Hanukkah Story

#### What's it about?

When Sara sees an old man pick up a bruised apple from the discarded pile next to the local market, she wonders if he's hungry, and thinks about how she can help. As Hanukkah approaches, a season of light and hope, Sara discovers that tzedakah can be as bright and colorful as a Hanukkah cookie with sprinkles.

#### What can my students learn from the story?

*Hanukkah Cookies with Sprinkles* is a great way to introduce the following ideas to your students:

- The symbols of Hanukkah: menorah, dreidel, songs, latkes, sufganiyot
- The Jewish value of *tzedakah* (*charity*, *giving*)
- The Jewish value of *hachnassat orchim (welcoming guests)*

### **Discussion Questions**

- What gift from Sara do you think Morris liked the best? Why?
- Towards the end of the story, Morris cries. Why do you think he was crying?
- What are ways that you and your family can give tzedakah?

#### **Kid Friendly Activities**

- Point out the dreidel letters that appear on the Hanukkah cookie illustrations to your students. Then, teach and play the dreidel game.
- Create a tzedakah box for your classroom. Invite students to bring in coins each week. Once the box is full, tell your students about different worthy causes, and ask them to vote on where the coins should be donated to.
- Make and decorate Hanukkah cookies with icing, sprinkles, and other fun toppings.



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