



Liora's Festival of Lights

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Liora stands by a frosty window, watching the sunset with a big smile as her family gathers to celebrate Hanukkah. The room is decorated with blue and silver stars, creating a warm and festive atmosphere for the Festival of Lights.



Liora sits on a soft rug while her grandfather shares the story of the brave Maccabees from long ago. The illustration shows the ancient heroes standing tall, representing the spirit of freedom and courage.



A small, golden jar of oil sits in the center of a grand temple, glowing with a magical light. Although there was only enough oil for one day, it miraculously stayed lit for eight whole days and nights.



Liora carefully places colorful candles into the Hanukkah, which has nine branches for the holiday. She points to the tall candle in the middle called the Shamash, the helper candle that brings light to all the others.



The family gathers around the Hanukkah to light the first candle and say three special blessings. They give thanks for the candles, the miracles of the past, and the joy of being together for this special season.



In the kitchen, Liora helps her mother prepare golden latkes and sweet jelly donuts that sizzle in the pan. These delicious foods are fried in oil to remind everyone of the miracle jar from the ancient temple.



Liora and her brother sit on the floor playing a game with a spinning top called a dreidel. They watch it spin round and round, hoping it lands on a letter that wins them some chocolate coins called gelt.



Liora holds a wrapped gift and a handful of chocolate gelt to share with her friends and family. This is a time for giving and showing kindness to everyone, making the holiday feel even more special.



As each night passes, Liora adds another candle to the Hanukkah until all eight are shining bright. The window is filled with a beautiful glow that tells the world the story of the miracle.



Liora shares a warm hug with her family as they watch the flickering candle flames together. She feels happy knowing that the light of Hanukkah represents bravery, freedom, and the love they have for one another.