



Hanukkah Drip Mat with Blessings

Topic

Hanukkah drip mat

Grade Level

All grades

Goals for the Lesson/Activity

Students will review the blessings for lighting the Hanukkah candles

Students will learn which direction to place candles into the *Hanukkiyah*, and which direction to light the candles

Students will create a drip mat to put under their family *Hanukkiyah*

Materials needed

- Poster board (one 22"x28" poster board can be cut into four 11" x14" drip mats)
- Contact paper or access to a laminating machine
- Hanukkah wrapping paper
- Scissors and glue sticks
- Copies of the blessings – one sheet per student

Prepare in advance

Copy the blessing sheet onto assorted colored papers

Collect Hanukkah wrapping paper

Make a sample of the project

Description of Activities

1. Ask students to share family traditions they might engage in when they light the Hanukkah candles. Explain that the only commandment we are obligated to observe during Hanukkah is to light candles.
2. Read/sing the blessings as a class, learn the correct way to place candles into the *Hanukkiyah* each night, and learn the direction for lighting the candles (*Shamash*, then newest candle first, from left to the right.)
3. Pass out poster board, scissors and glue sticks, wrapping paper and blessing sheets. Encourage students to cut out different Hanukkah shapes from the wrapping paper to make their drip mats look festive. Remind them to place the blessings and arrows on their drip mats. Glue down blessings, shapes and wrapping paper decorations.
4. Cover with contact paper or laminate the mats.