

Judah the Maccabee Chanukah Video Classroom Extension Discussions

Use these discussion questions alongside the video [Judah the Maccabee - The Story of Chanukah](#).

Before Watching the Video:

Ask students:

- What did you already know about Judah the Maccabee and his family?
- What do you already know about the Chanukah story?

While Watching the Video:

Have students consider the following questions while watching the video. Students can either write their answers down as they watch, or the video can be paused at different intervals for a facilitated discussion.

- Why do you think that Jews embraced Hellenism?
- What made Judah the natural choice to take over as leader when his father died?
- How do you think that Judah was able to inspire the Jewish people?

After Watching the Video:

Ask students:

- What did you learn about the Chanukah story that you didn't know before?

Further Discussion Questions:

- Do you think the concept of Hellenism still exists today? In what ways?
- Why do you think it bothered Antiochus so much that Jews tried to keep their own religion while also embracing Hellenism? Why do some people have an “all or nothing” approach?
- Do you think Judah was a good and successful leader? What makes someone a good leader?