



# FREELAND CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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KEY QUESTION: Is light a good symbol for celebration?

## Key Vocabulary

Diwali	A Hindu and Sikh festival, celebrating good overcoming evil in the story of Rama and Sita. Clay lamps called divas showed them the way home.
Hanukkah	An eight-day Jewish holiday celebrated in November or December in honour of the cleansing and second dedication of the Temple after the Syrians were driven out of Jerusalem.
Menorah	A seven branched candle holder used in Jewish worship.
avatar	An incarnation or representation of a Hindu God
preservation	To keep or save from loss or ruin.
Shabat	Jewish day of rest from sunset on Friday until sunset on Saturday every week.
guiding light	A person who has a profound influence on another person and gives them inspiration.
advent	The season beginning four Sundays before advent. Advent means arrival.

## Key Concept Questions

What symbols of light represent Christmas, Diwali and Hanukkah?
How are Christmas, Diwali and Hanukkah the same and how are they different?
How is each advent candle significant for Christians?
Does the image of light communicate a deeper meaning to believers than to non-believers?
What does it mean for a Christian to have Jesus as a guiding light?
Do people need a guiding light?



## Key Knowledge

Diwali is sometimes referred to as the festival of light.
Diwali is a Hindu and Sikh festival which takes place in October/November each year.
Diwali remembers the story of Rama and Sita when good overcame evil.
Rama is the avatar (human form) of Vishnu, the Hindu God of preservation.
Rama, with the help of Hanuman, the monkey God. Lamps were lit along the path to mark the way for them to return to Ajodhya and so diva lamps form an important part of Diwali.
In the story of Chanukah (Hanukkah), light also demonstrates the power of God; the temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed by Antiochus Epiphanes and the Maccabees led a revolt and regained it. When the temple lamp was relit, there was not enough oil to keep it alight, but several days were needed to prepare some more. Miraculously what was there lasted the 8 days needed,
Hanukkah is a Jewish festival celebrated each year in November/December.
A Menorah is a seven branched candlestick used by Jewish people. Six of the branches represent the six days God created the world and the seventh, in the middle, represents the day of rest (Shabat).
In the Bible, Jesus is referred to as the Light of the World.
Advent candles are lit by Christians in churches to count down to Jesus's birth.
In Christian baptism, candidates are given a candle to show that they have passed from darkness to light and Christians are said to live in the light of Jesus.

