



Once upon a time in the land of Judea, the Jewish people lived happily. Studying, praying, celebrating, and just being Jews.

But soon a new King rose to power. The mean mean King Antiochus wanted everybody to do everything **HIS WAY!**

2. I am Antiochus

Music and Words: Jackie Cytrynbaum

I am Antiochus and this is what I say:

You must build your statues and that is how you'll pray!

CHORUS: What do we say? We say, "NAY!! You're not gonna be the boss of me! Who helps us fight, with all his might? Judah Maccabee!

I am Antiochus and this is what I say:

You must eat your food whichever way I say! (CHORUS)

I am Antiochus and this is what I say:

You must sing your songs whichever way I say! (CHORUS)



"No more of this Jewish stuff!"



"Eat what
I eat!"



"Dress how
I dress"



"AND you have to worship my idols!"

But Judah Maccabee said,



"I love our
Jewish
foods."



"You're not going to be the boss of me!"



"I love our sacred books."

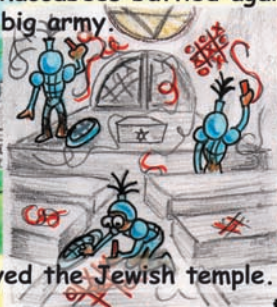
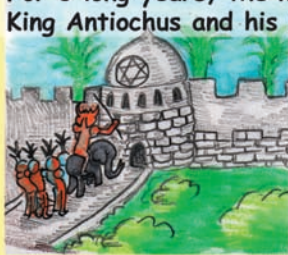
"I love my Hebrew name and the clothes
we wear."



"And everybody knows
that Jewish people don't
bow down to idols!"



For 3 long years, the Maccabees battled against King Antiochus and his big army.



The King's army destroyed the Jewish temple. They made a huge mess of things!



They even took away the beautiful Torah and replaced it with one of the King's idols.

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FINALLY

The Maccabees won the battle.



"Judah strikes
like a hammer!"



Although the Macabee soldiers
were tired and wanted to take
a nap, Judah said,

"First we must
say thank you to God for helping
us win the battle."

But when they returned to the Temple,
they found a huge mess!



"Well, what do you
have to do
when you find a
huge mess?"



You have to clean up!"



they scrubbed
and washed and
swept and cleaned
everything up until
it was shining and
beautiful again.

"Now can we take
a nap, Judah?"





"First we have to light the eternal flame. Did anyone find any oil?"

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Nobody had found any oil!



They searched and searched and searched ...





Finally they found a little bit of oil. It wasn't as much as they hoped, but at least it was enough to last through the night.

They lit the lamp and the light was sooo beautiful! Finally, with smiling faces, they went to sleep.



The next morning, they woke up and it was still burning!

They had a great day, finished cleaning and again went to sleep.



And when they woke up the second morning, it was still burning!
Amazing!

Then something incredible happened.
It just kept burning.
The light burned and burned for
eight days and eight nights!



A great miracle happened there!