



My little  
**Chanuka**  
Book





Dad, I'm confused, could you explain to me,  
Is the menorah, the Jewish version of a Christmas  
tree?

My friends celebrate with gifts and we do too,  
What makes Chanuka different for me and you?



You ask a good question, my little one,  
Let me tell you the story how it all begun.  
A long time ago, in a faraway land,  
There rose a great kingdom — it was really  
grand!



The people were beautiful, they were mighty and strong,  
They drew gorgeous pictures and grew their hair really  
long.

They had much wisdom, and their ideas were great,  
So what was the problem? – you'll see, just wait...



They worshipped the outside – one's body, one's strength,  
But really most important is to be a mentsch.  
That means to be kind, and help a friend,  
Looking pretty is great, but it's not the end.



The Greeks wanted everyone to be the same  
And because they were popular, some joined in their  
games

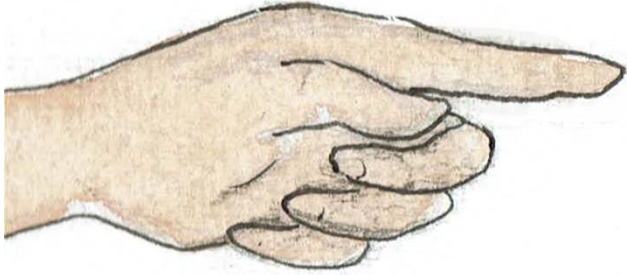
But some Jews remembered Hashem and His laws  
He gave them to us for a very good cause.



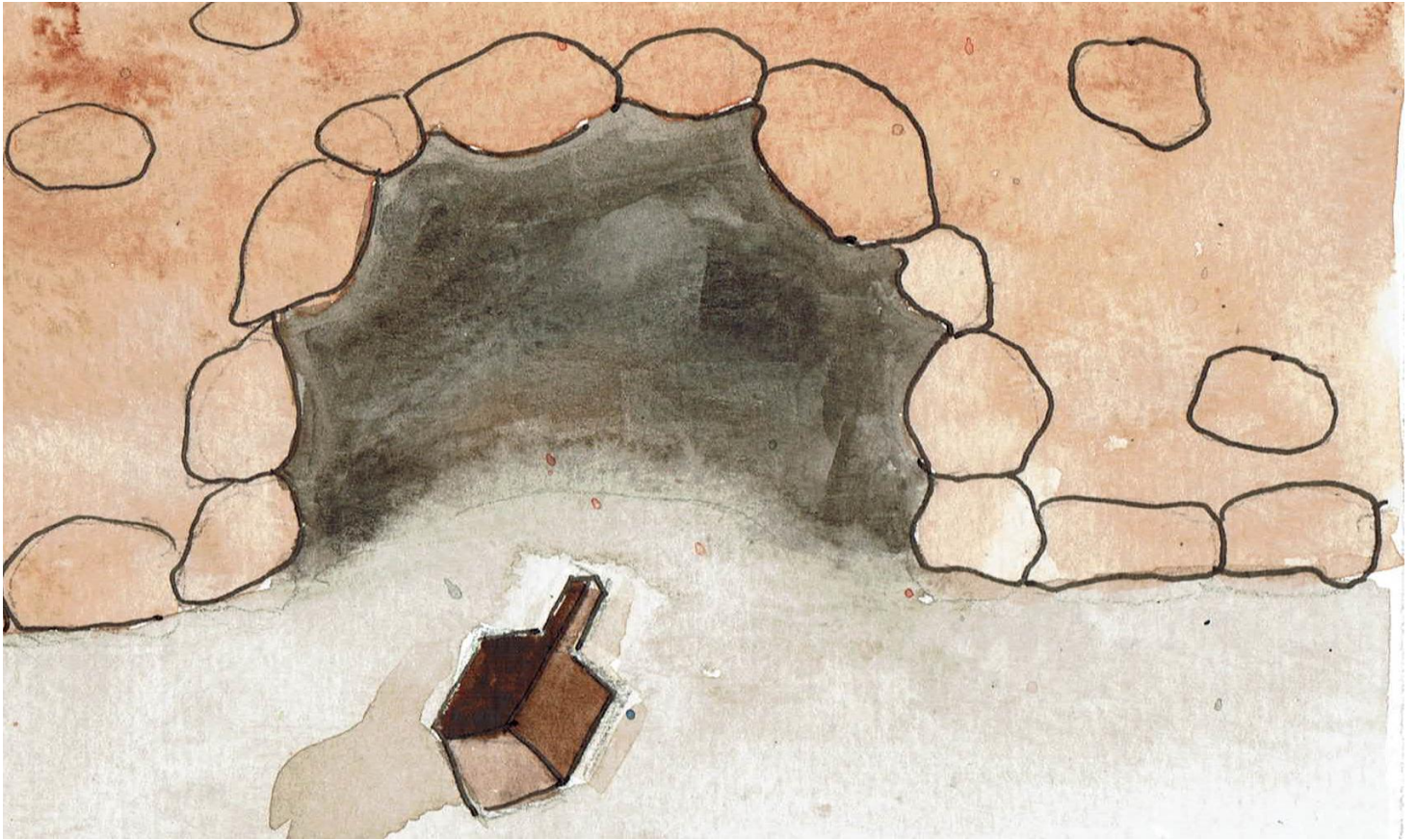
He made the world, and He knows what's right,  
You are not the strongest, if you win the fight  
The strongest person conquers himself  
And spends his time helping someone else.



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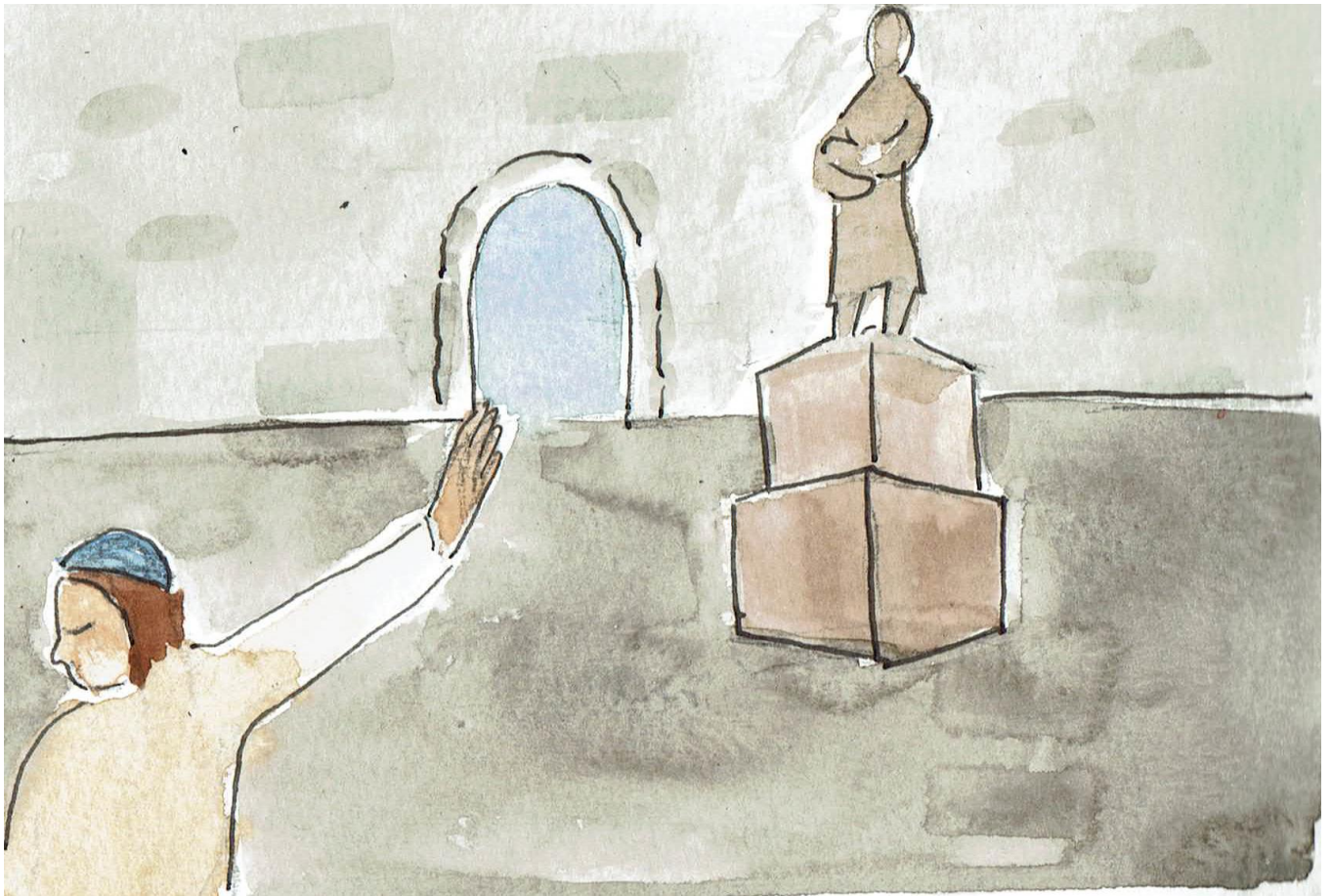
The Greeks were annoyed, they wanted us to change  
They became nasty if we didn't play their game  
They forbade the Jews to learn our special Torah  
They didn't let us keep Shabbat or have a Brit  
Mila.



We had to hide in caves,  
To live our Jewish way.  
We pretended to play dreidel,  
When the soldiers came each day.



But really we were learning,  
We didn't want to forget.  
What it means to be a Jew,  
Even if the Greeks didn't let.

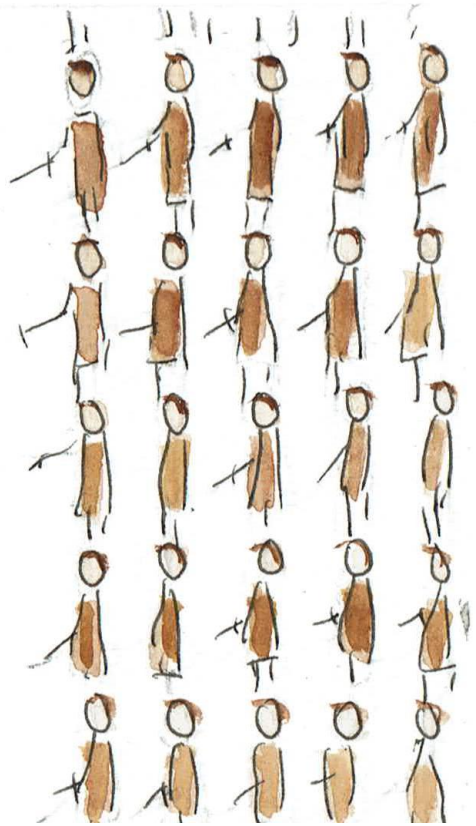
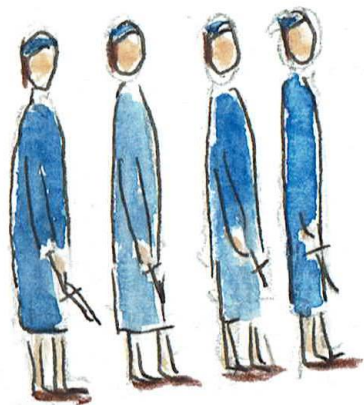


One day, it was just too much

They put an idol in our temple!

They tried to destroy our holiest place

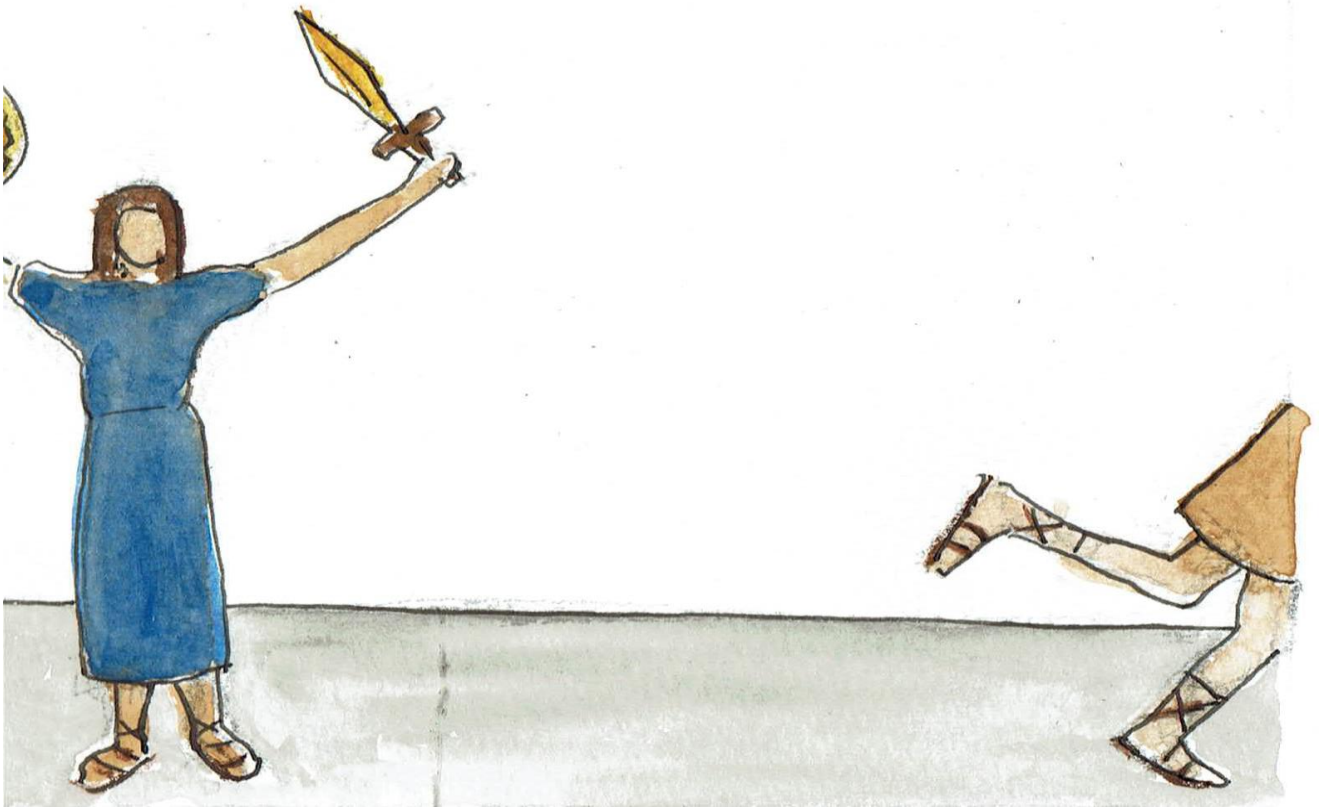
This really made us tremble 😞



So a few Jewish people  
Stood up to the mighty Greeks  
We had no fancy armour  
Just our true, sincere belief



We davened to Hashem,  
And asked him to help us fight.  
We wanted to live freely as Jews,  
What they were doing, was not right!



Hashem performed a miracle for us  
On that amazing day  
We won a crazy battle  
And the Greeks had to run away



We came back to our temple  
So sad to see the destruction there  
We wanted to light the menorah  
But we couldn't find pure oil anywhere.





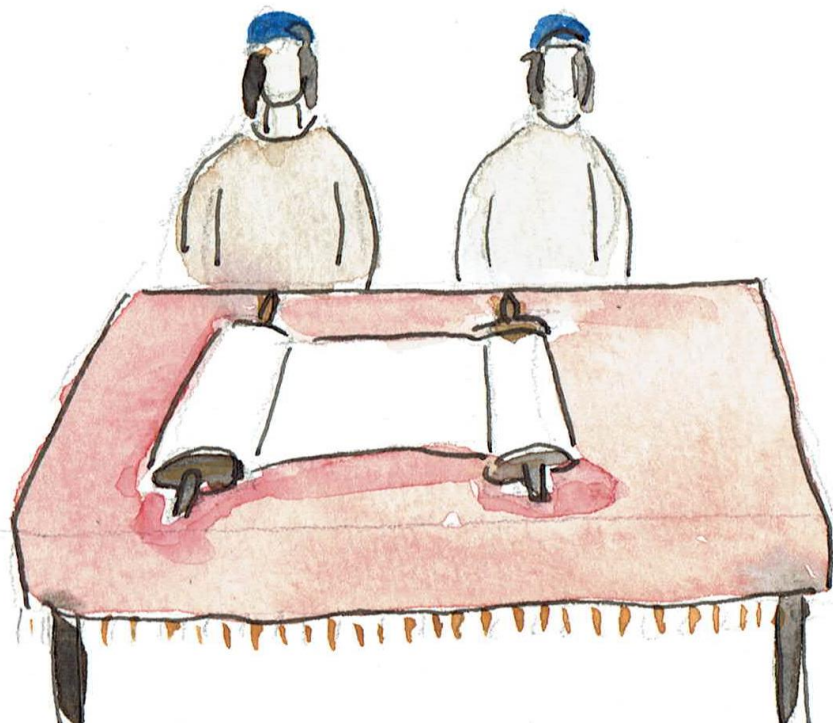
We searched and searched for a long, long time  
Until a tiny jug of oil was found  
We were so delighted,  
We jumped up and down!



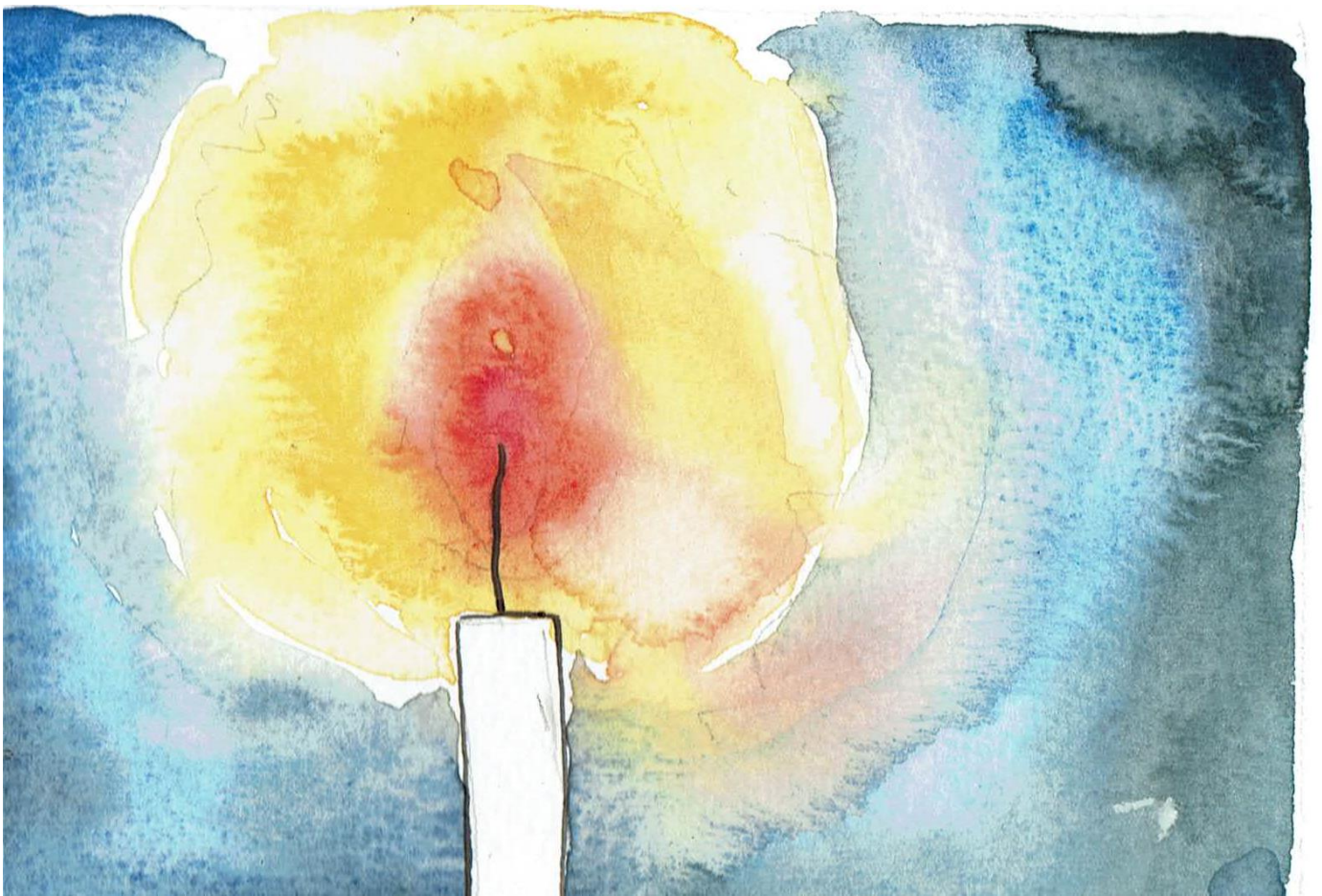
We lit the beautiful menorah,  
with enough oil to last one night  
But Hashem made it last for 7 more days  
So that we could bring the world more light!



We are lucky nowadays  
We live in a country that's kind  
They let us keep our laws,  
They really don't mind.



We make sure to follow their rules  
And we daven for the Queen too,  
They also allow us to learn Torah  
And keep all the mitzvot we do.



Our job as Jews in this world  
Is to be a light to all the nations  
When darkness fills the universe  
We try to bring hope and consolation.



Each one of us is special  
We have our own little light  
Let's work together this Chanuka  
To make the world shine bright



Thank you, Daddy, now I understand  
Why I am here, and what I am  
I am a Jew and I'm proud  
And I will do what I can  
To make sure I keep Hashem's mitzvot  
and elevate this land.



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