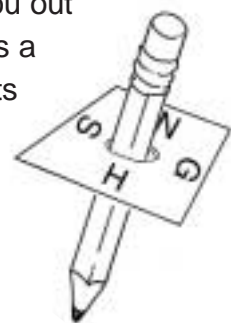




Dreidel, Dreidel

(Use with the reproducible on page 22.)

The first stanza of a favorite Hanukkah song is: "Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel. I've made you out of clay, and when you're dry and ready, then dreidel I will play." A dreidel (DRAY-del) is a four-sided spinning top made of clay, wood, plastic, or even heavy paper. Your students can play dreidel with simple handmade tops. Follow the instructions below.



You Will Need:

- * copies of the reproducible on page 22
- * heavy cardboard
- * pencils
- * prizes (candy, pennies, or chocolate coins wrapped in gold foil)
- * glue

What to Do:

1. Divide the class into small groups. For younger students, reproduce and cut out enough of the dreidels so that each group has one. Older students should be able to cut them out on their own. Give each player the same number of pennies or candies.
2. Help students glue a dreidel pattern onto a "3 x 3" square of heavy cardboard. Make sure the letters N, G, H, and S appear on the sides of the square. Put a small hole in the center and place a medium-sized pencil through the hole. (The pencil may be sharpened or non-sharpened, but note that a sharpened pencil is not as safe and will leave pencil marks on the desktop when spun.)
3. To start, have each student in each group put one prize in a pile in the middle. Have students take turns spinning the dreidel, following the rules of the game:
 - * If the dreidel lands with the N (Nun) side up, the player does nothing.
 - * If it lands with the G (Gimmel) side up, the player grabs all the prizes the middle.
 - * If it lands with the H (Heh) side up, the player takes half of the prizes in the middle.
 - * If it lands with the S (Shin) side up, the player must put one prize in the middle.
 - * Before the next person spins, everyone must put another prize into the pile.



Dreidel Patterns

Color and cut out one dreidel pattern. Glue onto a 3" x 3" piece of cardboard. Put a pencil through the middle. Spin your dreidel!

