

## Eight Days of Light

I wrote this song to help explain Hanukkah to very young children. I sing it after giving a brief and simple explanation of the story of Hanukkah. I use a small menorah, and actually light the candles as the song is sung and as the lyrics indicate. The children are spellbound by the lighting of real candles and it helps them sense the seriousness of the occasion. If you are unclear about the story of Hanukkah, search Google or use the links on my website.



You may use a real menorah (there are inexpensive children's ones), or make one out of clay and birthday candles. This song also works well for school music programs.

### Eight Days of Light

On the first day there was oil in the lamp,  
Enough for just one night

But on the second day it was still giving light,  
Burning brightly through the night

On the third day it was still giving light,  
Burning brightly through the night

And on the fourth night it was still giving light  
Burning brightly through the night

On the fifth night it was still giving light,  
Burning brightly through the night

And on the sixth night it was still giving light  
Burning brightly through the night

On the seventh night it was still giving light  
Burning brightly through the night

And on the eighth night it was still giving light,  
Burning brightly through the night

Oh Hanukkah, oh Hanukkah, we celebrate the light you bring

Oh Hanukkah, oh Hanukkah to celebrate we will sing

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight nights of light you bring.