The Story of Hanukah

Read the story below and fill in the missing words from the word bank.

miracle	Greek	temple	oil	idol
jug	holy	soldiers	leader	mountains

Antiochus is the new king. He orders the Jewish people to pray only to _____ idols.

Mattathias lives in Modi'in. When the Greek soldiers come and tell him to pray to the Greek _____ , he says, "No!"

Mattathias and his five sons hide in the _____ above Jerusalem. Many brave Jewish men join them and they fight against Antiochus and the Greek _____ .

When Mattathias dies, Judah his second son becomes the new _____ . After many years of fighting, Jerusalem is again in the hands of the Jewish people. But when Judah enters the holy _____ , he sees that it is dirty and filled with Greek idols. He finds only one small _____ of holy oil. All of the other jugs are broken.

Judah lights the holy lamp of the temple with the little oil that he finds. This oil will not burn for long and it takes eight days to make new oil for the _____ lamp.

A miracle happens! The _____ from the small jug burns for eight days! The light of the holy lamp will not burn out again!

On Hanukah, we celebrate the _____ of the eight days the oil burned in the holy lamp.