



ONE, TWO, THREE, SUKKOT!

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*For little ones, holidays like Sukkot are all about hands-on activities
– and counting them is as easy as one, two, three!*

JEWISH CONCEPTS

Sukkot is a Jewish harvest holiday filled with rich sensory experiences. Many families observe Sukkot by building a *sukkah* (“sukkot” is the plural of “sukkah”), a temporary, three-sided booth that recalls the nomadic dwellings the ancient Israelites lived in during the harvest season. Often beautifully adorned with fruits and vegetables, handmade decorations, and lights, a *sukkah* is a wonderful spot for eating, meeting with friends, reading, and singing. Sleeping in the *sukkah* can be special; covered with *s’kach* (branches or other greenery), the roof is sparse enough that those inside the *sukkah* are able to glimpse the stars at night.

The child in this story shakes her *lulav* (a bundle of willow, myrtle, and palm branches) together with an *etrog* (a citron) toward the east, west, north, and south, as well as up and down – three times in every direction. Observant Jews perform this ritual daily during the holiday of Sukkot (except on Shabbat), and also eat meals and sometimes even sleep in the *sukkah*. Even very young children can participate in almost every aspect of the holiday – the joy of spending time with loved ones outdoors in nature is naturally appealing to family members of all ages. *Chag Sukkot Sameach* (Happy Sukkot)!