Shabbat Candles and Birthday Candles are Different
People light candles to celebrate many different joyful days.

People light candles to celebrate birthdays.

People also light candles to welcome Shabbat.
But birthday candles and Shabbat candles are different.
Adults light birthday candles when we celebrate birthdays.

Birthday candles are usually put into a birthday cake.

After the birthday candles are lit, people like to sing “Happy Birthday.”

Then the birthday boy or birthday girl gets to blow out the candles.
People light candles on Shabbat, too.

But Shabbat candles and birthday candles are different.
Adults light Shabbat candles on Friday night when Shabbat begins.

People do not put Shabbat candles in a cake. People put Shabbat candles in beautiful candlesticks.

On Shabbat, people do not sing Happy Birthday. Instead, we sing a blessing over the Shabbat candles.
After singing the blessing, the Shabbat candles are not blown out. Instead, we let Shabbat candles burn.

Some families leave the Shabbat candles on the dinner table so everybody can watch the candles. We enjoy the light of the Shabbat candles all night long.