

## Genesis 29; 35:23-26: JACOB'S WIVES AND SONS

FOR THE LITTLE ONES: Twelve boys.

Materials: Playdough, gingerbread man cookie cutters (2" size is perfect, but you can use larger), rolling pins (or pieces of fat dowel or cylindrical building blocks), paper trays or large paper plates (heavy construction, such as Chinet), wax paper.

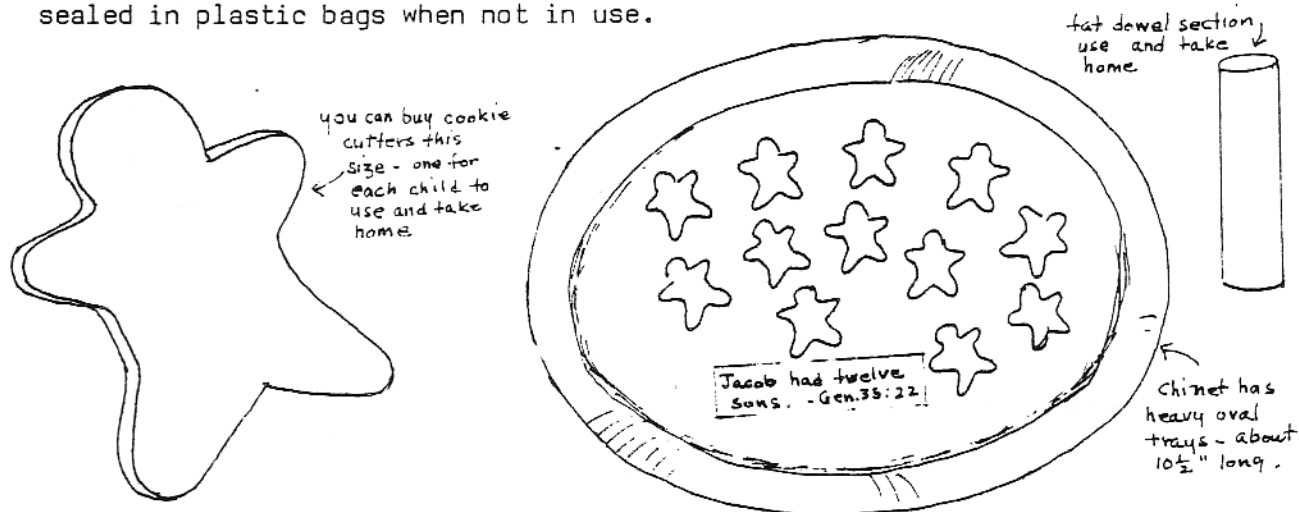
Before class: make playdough and place it in containers with snap-on lids, or seal it in plastic bags.

## Recipe:

- 3 cups white flour
- 2 cups salt
- 1 cup water, more or less

Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Add water a few drops at a time if mixture is too stiff; add extra flour if mixture is too sticky. You can divide the dough and color the parts by kneading in different food colors.

In class: The children roll out the dough and cut twelve little men each. They put them on the paper trays to carry home. They can let them dry, or punch them down later and reuse the playdough. The dough will keep for some days if kept sealed in plastic bags when not in use.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN: Bake cookies.

Materials: Cookie mixture, gingerbread man cookie cutter, rolling pins (or fat dowels or well-scrubbed cylindrical building blocks), wax paper, cookie sheets, spatula, cooling rack, containers to take cookies home in. (Check the church kitchen for tools: you may not have to bring them from home.)

Before class: Make any basic recipe for rolled cookies, place dough in plastic bag and refrigerate until needed. Note oven temperature and baking time required.

In class: Preheat oven. Each child rolls dough on wax paper and cuts out a man, marking a name of one of the sons with a knife blade. You can use raisins, etc. for eyes and clothing details if you want. As the children work, discuss the story, mentioning the names often. If you don't have the right cookie cutter, the children can cut out their own human shapes with a knife. Bake and enjoy.