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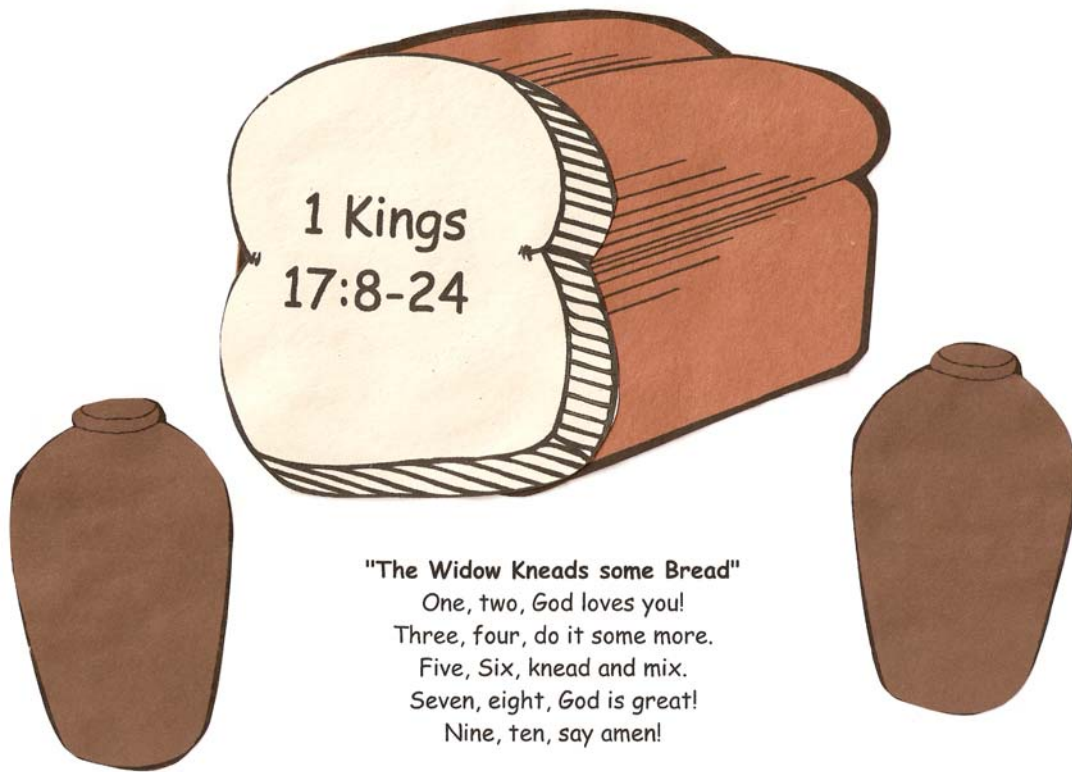
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**The Lord, the God of
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1 Kings 17:14



Craft Sample

“The Widow Kneads Some Bread”

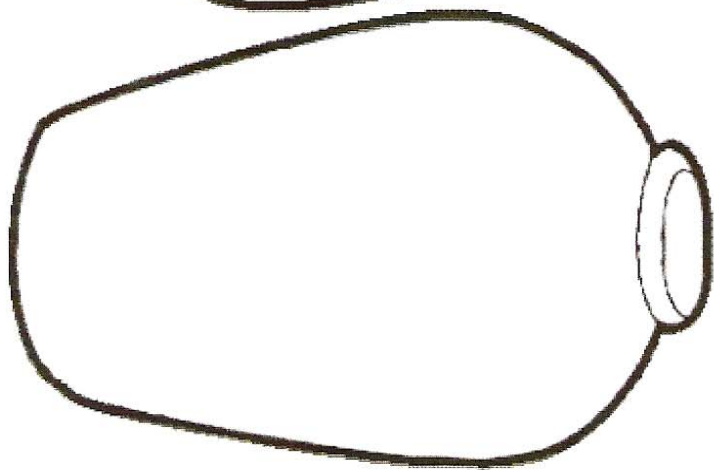
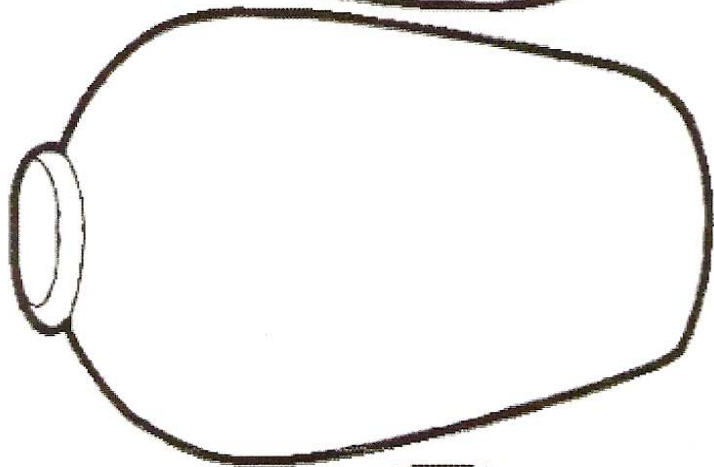
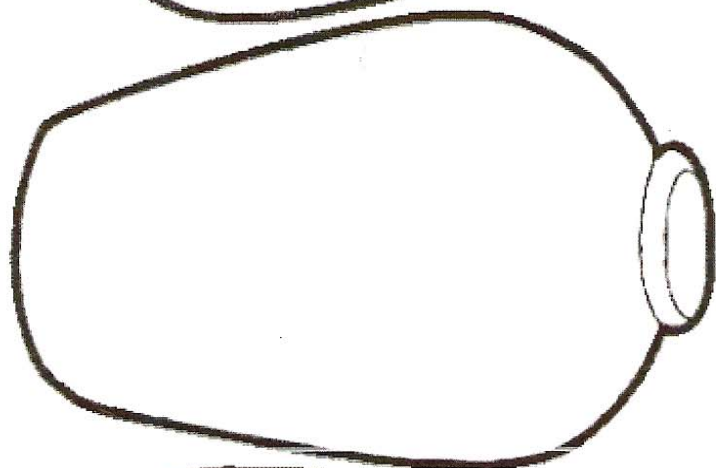
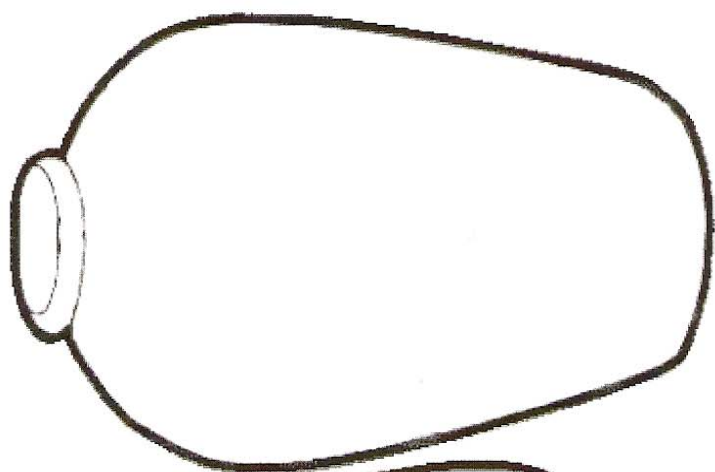
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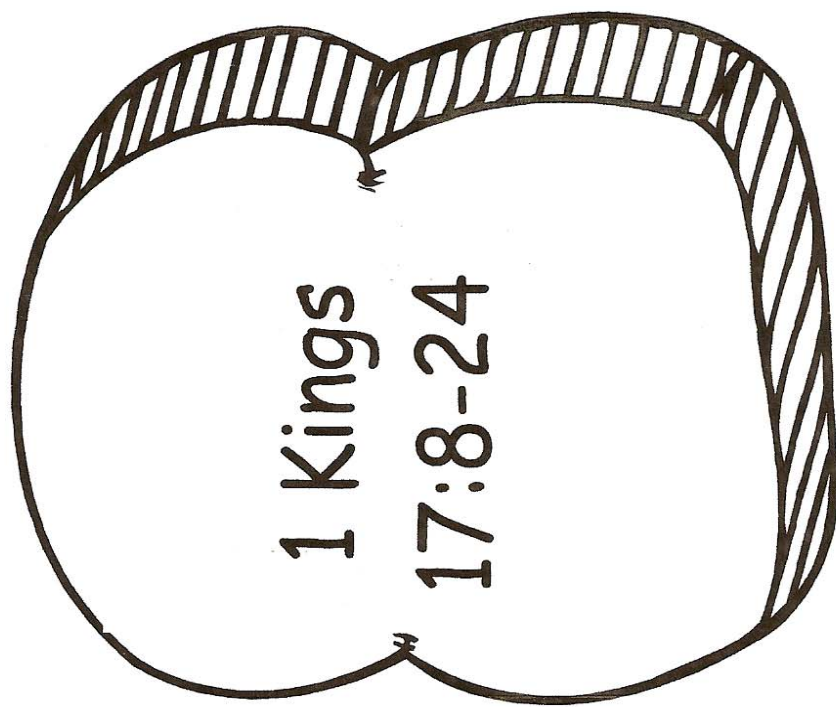
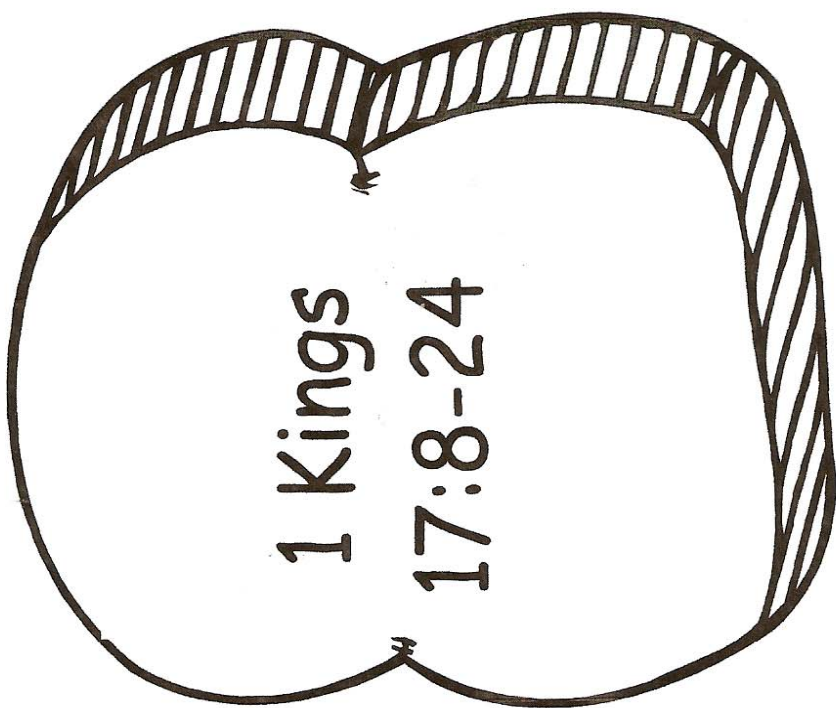
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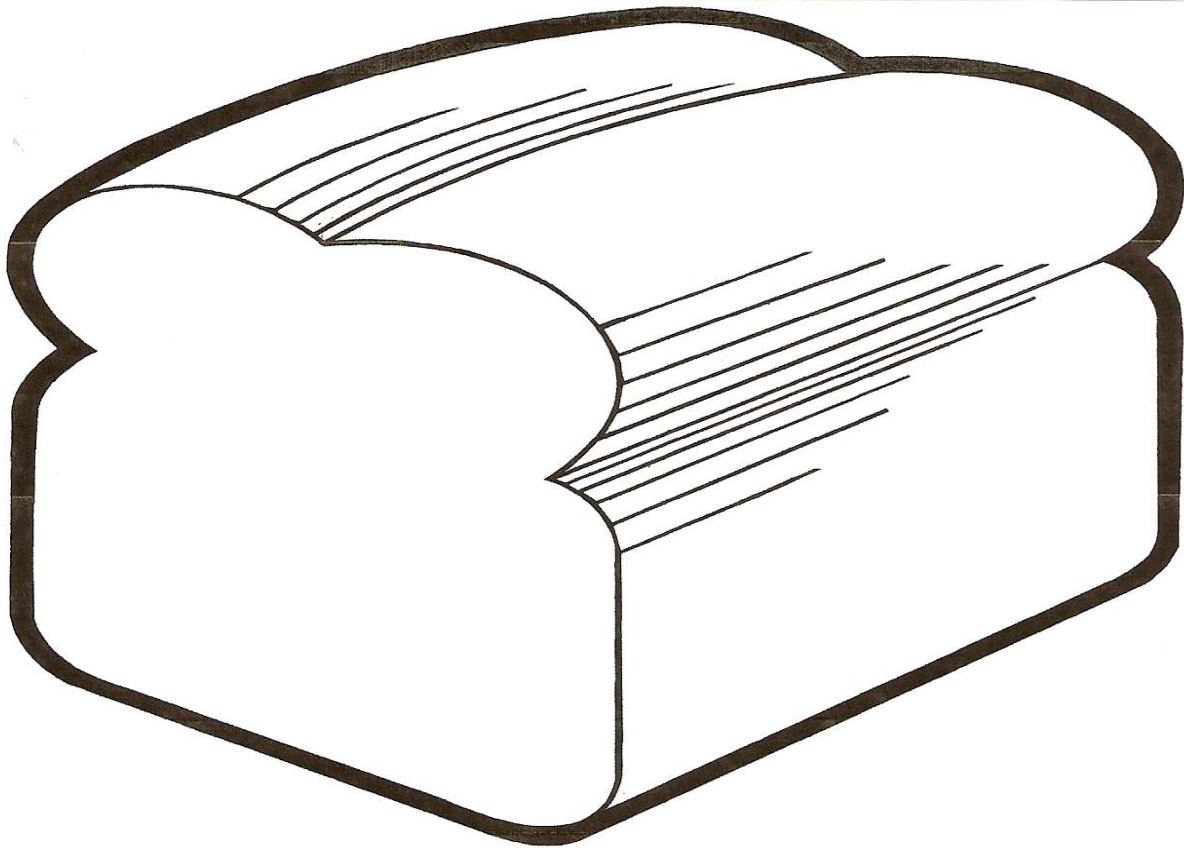
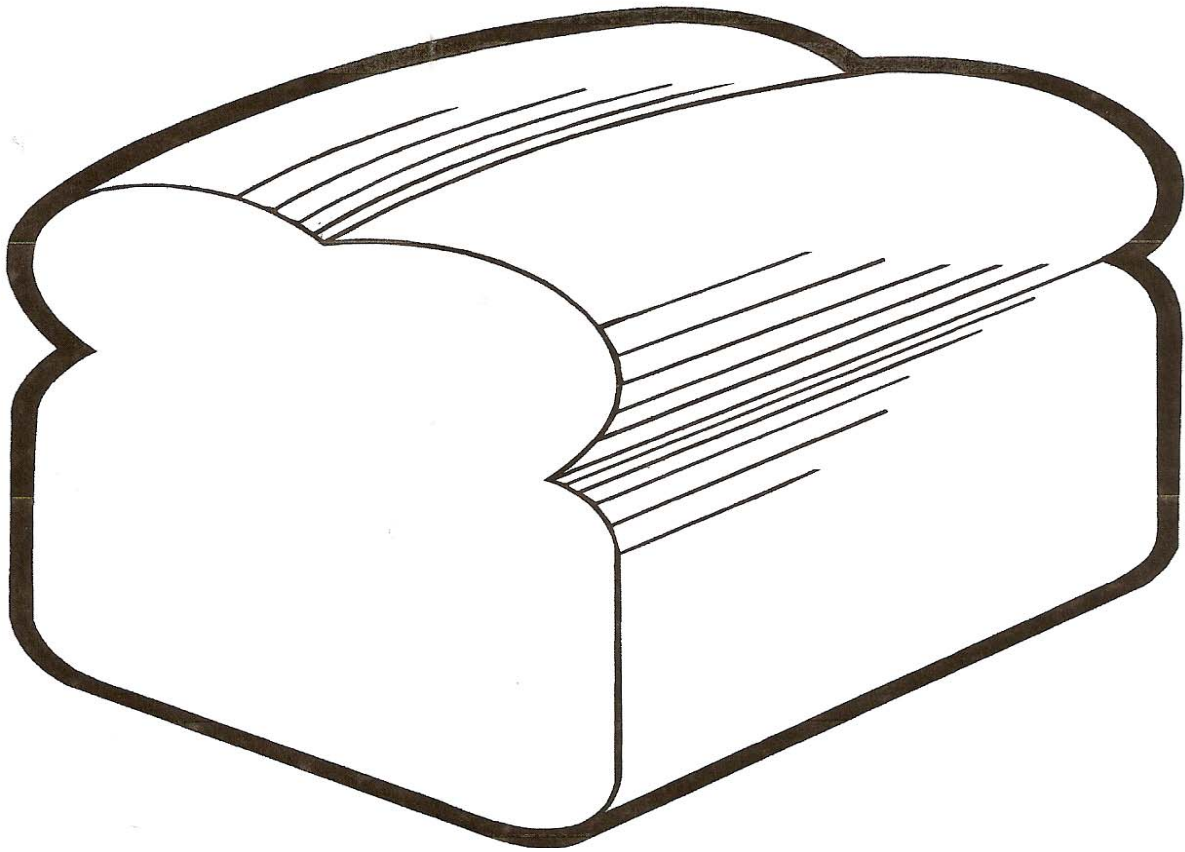
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Seven, eight, God is great!

Nine, ten, say AMEN!









God loves me and takes care of me.

From 2 Kings 4:1-7

Play Dough

1 cup of flour

1 cup of water

½ cup of salt

2 teaspoons cream of tartar (with spices in the grocery store)

1 tablespoon cooking oil

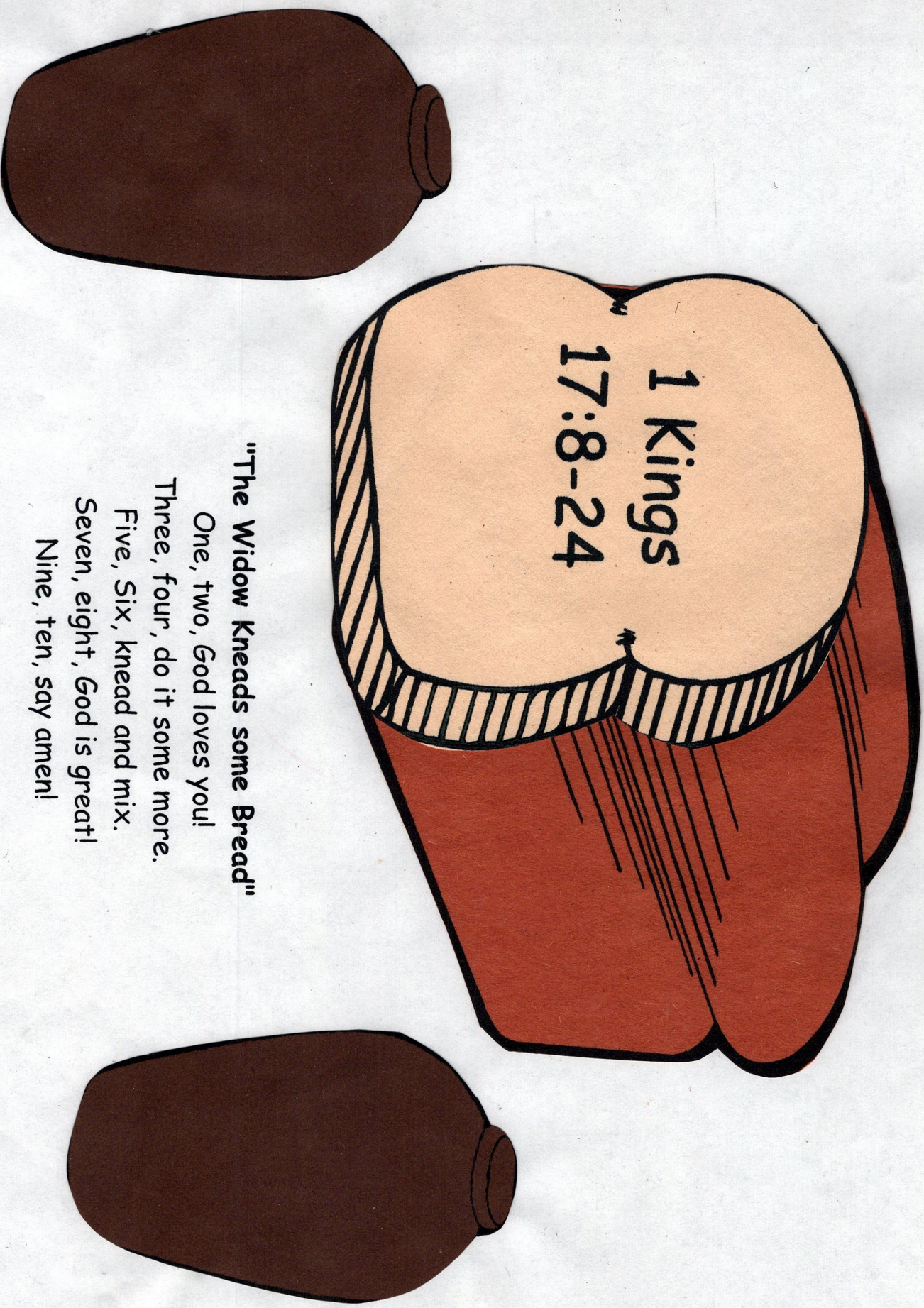
3 or 4 drops of food coloring (if desired) to make colorful play dough

OR

Add one package of kool-aid (any flavor) to make fruity, colorful play dough

- 1) Place all the ingredients into a heavy pan**
- 2) Stir until all ingredients are mixed well**
- 3) Cook quickly, stirring constantly**
- 4) Remove from heat when the mixture balls up and pulls away from the side of the pan**
- 5) Store in an airtight container.**

Note: I usually double or triple the recipe ingredients for large groups.



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17:8-24

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