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## **Suggested Family Activities**

- You can flip through the illustrations with your children and identify the work that the brothers do together. In every home there are tasks that invite collaboration. Which household chores are easier and more pleasant to carry out together?
- There are many verbs that describe the work of the farmer. Do your children know them? You can act out the different actions using pantomime.
- Each of the brothers considers the other's needs and gives up his share without being asked. Together with your children, you can make an illustrated list of examples where members of your family share and are considerate to one another.
- Like the brothers in the story, you too can prepare a surprise for your children in the middle of the night. Following your example, your children may surprise you too!
- The brothers in the story understand that fair does not always mean equal. How true this is in family life as well! You can demonstrate this principle using clothes: Gather up different pieces of clothing belonging to the members of the family and ask your children to sort them. Would it be fair to give Mommy's blouse to a child, or Daddy's slacks to a baby? This can lead into a discussion of the needs of

- members of your family, and to your assurance that their needs are met, even if they don't always get exactly the same thing as their siblings.
- "Everyone has a city named Jerusalem" (Natan Yonatan): After reading together the tale of the Temple, you can show your children pictures of Jerusalem (or visit!), sing songs about Jerusalem, and relay to your children stories about "your Jerusalem".

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