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AND, they all decided to make extra biscuits. "I am going to put a little Christmas tree in my room and decorate it the old-fashioned German way, Gingerbread stars, apples and nuts. But, no candles, far too dangerous these days. We'll find some old fairy lights, and I'll help you. We used to paint the nuts with gold paint..." Grandma was enjoying herself, and the Christmas smells of baking biscuits was so delicious

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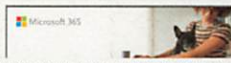
### Grandma teaches her grandchildren about the German Christmas tradition of making sweet biscuits.

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Anna smiled around at her two other cousins, rolling out their cookie dough. They were listening, too. Chris looked up. "I love the cinnamon stars. Especially the thick white frosting on the top." "I like gingerbread men best." Daisy joined in. "You can have fun decorating them"



Grandma smiled as she brought out her box of biscuit cutter shapes – stars, Christmas trees, bells, snowflakes, angels, gingerbread men and even stocking shapes.



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