

Traditional Tales...

The Gingerbread Man

Once upon a time, there lived a little old woman and a little old man. One day, the little old woman made a gingerbread man. But when she opened the oven, he ran away! The little old woman and the little old man ran after him yelling, "Stop! Stop!" but they could not catch him. The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



The gingerbread man came to a cat. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cat and chased him. The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



He came to a dog. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the dog and chased him. The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



He came to a cockerel. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cockerel and chased him. The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



He came to a pig. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the pig and chased him. The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



He came to a cow. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the cow and chased him. The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



He came to a horse. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the horse and chased him.

The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



He came to a boy. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the boy and chased him.

The gingerbread man said, "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!"



He came to a girl. "Stop! You look good enough to eat!" said the girl and joined in the chase. He ran until he

came to a river. He stopped, as he could not swim!



Just then, a fox came by. "I can help you cross the river," said the fox. "Hop onto my tail." The gingerbread man saw the others coming and didn't want to be eaten, so he jumped on. When he began to get wet, the fox said, "Climb onto my back," so he did. The water got deeper. The fox said, "Jump onto my nose." So he did. Just then, the fox tipped back his head and the gingerbread man flew into the air. The fox opened his mouth and SNAP! That was the end of the gingerbread man.



The end.

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1. What did the gingerbread man do when the little old lady opened the oven door?

2. Which characters started chasing the gingerbread man at the beginning?

3. Who did the gingerbread man come to next?

4. What did the gingerbread man say over and over again?

5. What did each of the characters say when they saw the gingerbread man?

6. Who was the last character to chase the gingerbread man?
