



Reading
Together

The Gingerbread Man

Use these simple activities to have fun reading together!

Understand the Story

Have a conversation with your child about the gingerbread man's actions. Ask:

- Why does the gingerbread man run away from the cottage?
- Why does he laugh when he's running away?
- Why does he say "'Run, run as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man!'" to every character he meets?
- How does the fox trick him?

Talk About Feelings

Think about some feelings words with your child (for example, *happy, sad, scared, grumpy*). Then, talk about how the gingerbread man feels when he runs away from the different characters. How do his feelings change when he meets the fox? Lastly, ask your child how they would feel if they were the gingerbread man.

Discuss Illustrations

There are many illustrations in the story that help you understand the characters. Do a picture walk-through of the story. Look through the pictures in the story. Ask your child to look at the characters and figure out how they are feeling. Talk about why the characters are feeling a certain way. For example, the picture of the horse shows him sitting down. Since he is an old horse, he is probably sitting because he is tired. His face looks confused because he is not used to seeing a gingerbread man running through the field.

