

Theme: *Gingerbread*

Age: *3*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Song	Where is My Gingerbread Man?	Where is My Gingerbread Man?	The Gingerbread Man	The Gingerbread Man	The Gingerbread Man	
Art	Paper Bag Gingerbread Man	Gingerbread Ornaments	Paper Plate Gingerbread Man	Gingerbread Man Collage	Gingerbread Garland	
Science	Old Fashioned Gingerbread	Does Gingerbread Dissolve?	Gingerbread Houses	History of Gingerbread	What is Ginger?	
Math	Gingerbread Me!	Gingerbread Counting	Gingerbread Puzzles	Gingerbread Game	Gingerbread House Shapes	
Language	Mini Book	Story Sequencing	Story Characters	Letter G Tracing Page	Gingerbread Alphabet	
Snack	Old Fashioned Gingerbread	Gingerbread Cookies or Teddy Grahams	Graham Crackers	Gingerbread Popcorn	Gingerbread Cookies	

### Materials:

Large Paper Grocery Bag  
 Glue  
 Stapler (optional)  
 Yarn (optional)  
 Buttons (optional)  
 Crayons or Markers  
 Stuffing (one of the following:)  
   Newspaper  
   Shredded Paper  
   Cotton Batting  
   Cotton Balls  
 3/4 Cup Apple Sauce  
 1 4.12 oz. Bottle of Cinnamon  
 Cookie Cutters  
 Drinking Straw  
 Ribbon or String  
 Paper Plate (not foam)  
 Washable Brown Finger Paint  
 Brown Construction Paper  
 Measuring Tape

2 1/2 Tsp. Baking Soda  
 2 Tbsp. Vinegar  
 1/2 Cup White Sugar  
 1/2 Cup Butter  
 1 Egg  
 2 1/2 Cups All Purpose Flour  
 1 Cup Molasses  
 1 Tsp. Ground Cinnamon  
 1 Tsp. Ground Ginger  
 1 Tsp. Ground Cloves  
 1/2 Tsp. Salt  
 1 Gingerbread Cookie (or teddy graham)  
 Graham Crackers  
 Frosting  
 Assorted Candy to decorate with  
 Pint Size Carton (milk)  
 Ginger Root  
 Butcher or Packing Paper  
 (long enough to trace your child)  
 Tape

Glue  
 White Yarn or White Glitter  
 Safety Scissors  
 Scrap Pieces of Construction Paper  
 Googly Eyes  
 Clear Contact Paper (optional)  
 Old File Folder (optional)  
 Brown Construction Paper 12" x 18"

### Snack Ingredients:

6 Cups All Purpose Flour  
 1 Tbsp. Baking Powder  
 1 Tbsp. Ground Ginger  
 1 Tsp. Ground Ginger  
 1 Tsp. Ground Nutmeg  
 1 Tsp. Ground Cloves  
 2 Tsp. Ground Cinnamon  
 1 Cup Shortening, Melted & Cooled Slightly  
 1 Cup Molasses  
 1 Cup Packed Brown Sugar  
 1 Egg  
 1 Tsp. Vanilla Extract  
 Cookie Cutters  
 12 Cups Lightly Salted Popped Popcorn  
 1/2 Cup Butter or Margarine  
 2 Tablespoons Molasses  
 1/4 Tsp. Salt

# Where is My Gingerbread Man?

Sung to: "Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?"

Oh where, oh where is my  
Gingerbread Man?

Oh where, oh where can he be?  
He popped out of the oven and ran  
out the door.

Oh where, oh where can he be?



# *The Gingerbread Man*

Sung to: "The Muffin Man"

Oh, do you know the  
Gingerbread Man,  
Gingerbread Man,  
Gingerbread Man?

Oh, do you know the  
Gingerbread Man,  
Who ran and ran and ran?



# Paper Bag

## Gingerbread Man

### Materials:

Large Paper Grocery Bag

Glue or Stapler

Yarn (optional)

Buttons (optional)

Crayons or Markers

Newspaper/Shredded Paper from a Personal Shredder/Cotton Batting/Cotton Balls



### Directions:

Fold the bag flat.

Trace a gingerbread man shape and cut out (make sure there are two pieces a front and a back.)

Let your child decorate one cut-out (you may wish to do both, if you are going to hang from the ceiling) any way they wish. You can use yarn for hair and buttons down the front if you wish. Color in the face and any other details with the makers or crayons!

Once the decorating is complete, glue or staple the two sides together leaving a small opening to stuff through. Once dry (if using glue) then stuff with crumpled newspaper, shredded paper, cotton batting or cotton balls.

Close the small opening with glue or staples.

Display your gingerbread man. (These are fun to hang from the ceiling!)

# Paper Plate

## Gingerbread Man

### Materials:

Paper Plate (not foam)  
Washable Brown Finger Paint  
Buttons (optional)  
Crayons or Markers  
Brown Construction Paper  
Tape  
Glue  
White Yarn (or white glitter)



### Directions:

Print and cut the following template out of brown construction paper: (All but the body piece)

[http://www.craftfoxes.com/how\\_tos/paper-gingerbread-man-piecing-template](http://www.craftfoxes.com/how_tos/paper-gingerbread-man-piecing-template)

Have your child paint the paper plate brown. Let it dry.

Tape the head, arms and legs onto the paper plate to form a gingerbread man!

Add in the features with color crayons or markers.

Use the glue and white yarn or glitter to add the “frosting” to your gingerbread man!

# Gingerbread Garland

## Materials:

Gingerbread Man Template

Brown Construction Paper 12" x 18"

Tape

Glue

Googly Eyes

Crayons, Markers, or other scraps to decorate with

## Directions:

Print and cut out the gingerbread man template.

Fold the brown construction paper with an "accordion fold."

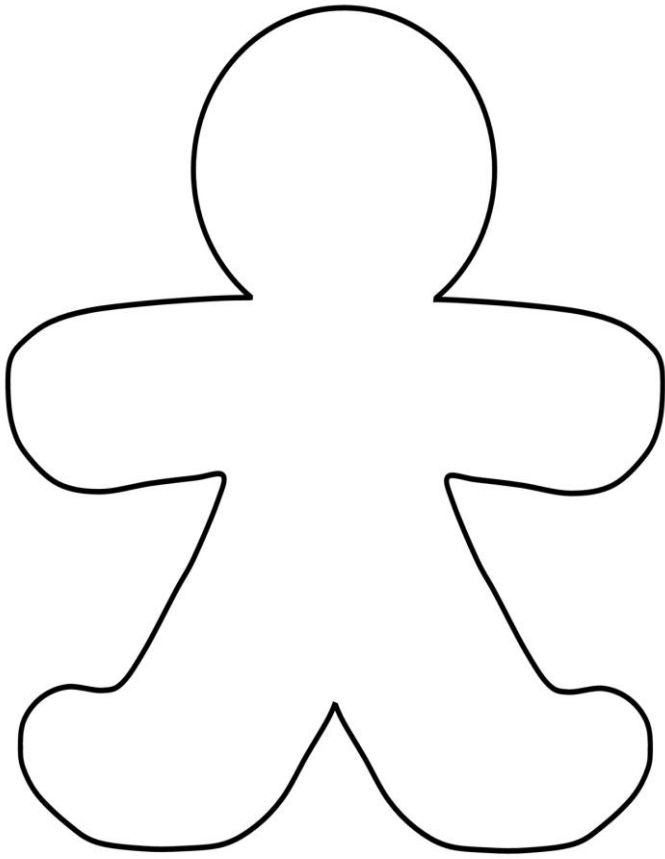
Place the template on the folded construction paper and trace around the pattern. Make sure that the "hands" of the gingerbread man touch the folds of the paper.

Cut out around the Gingerbread man shape. You should have a row of connected gingerbread men!

You can usually fit several rows onto one sheet of construction paper. Once they are all cut out, you can attach them with tape to create one long garland.

Glue the googly eyes on, and decorate any way you would like!





# Gingerbread Man Collage

## Materials:

Gingerbread Man Template

Safety Scissors

Brown Construction Paper

Scrap pieces of construction paper (any Color)

Glue

## Directions:

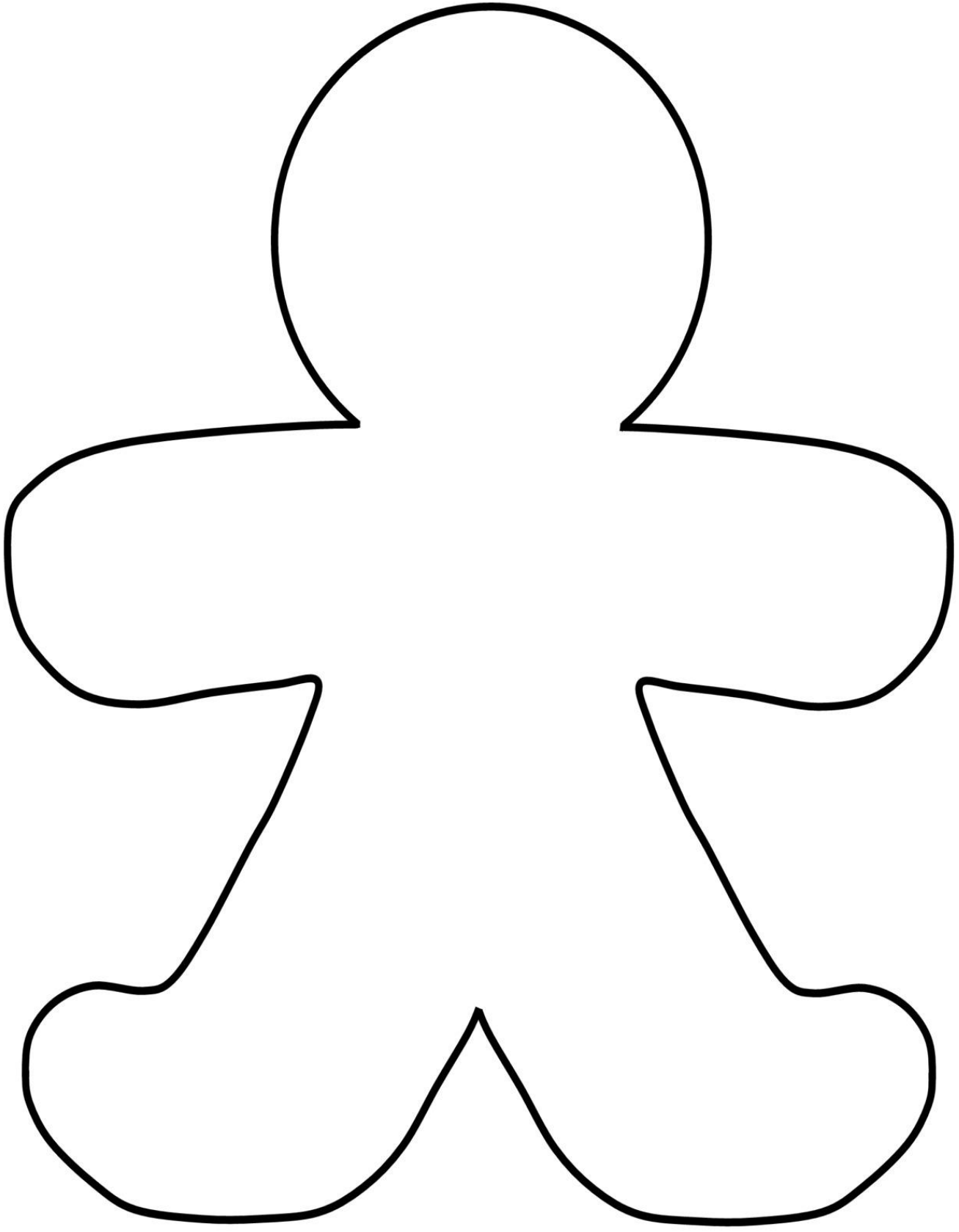
Print and cut out the gingerbread man template. Trace onto the brown construction paper and cut out.

Let your child cut scraps of construction paper with the safety scissors.

Encourage your child to glue them onto the construction paper shape. (Any which way is fine, you don't need to try to get all the features in!)







# What is Ginger?

## Materials:

Ginger Template

Ginger Root

Pen or Pencil



## Directions:

Print out the ginger template

Observe the ginger root with your child.

What does it look like, feel like and smell like?

Cut a small piece of the root off. What does the inside look like feel like and smell like?

Write down your child's observations on the ginger template.

# Ginger



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# The History of Gingerbread

## Materials:

Flag Template

Markers or Crayons



## Directions:

While the earliest forms of gingerbread can be traced to the Egyptians and the Romans, the Germans baked what is more traditionally thought of today as gingerbread. During the middle ages, bakers in Germany would make beautiful gingerbread creations (especially around Christmas time!)

Print out the following Coloring Page:

<http://www.coloring.ws/template.asp?t=http://www.coloring.ws/germany/flag2.gif>

Color the top stripe black, the middle stripe red, and the bottom stripe yellow.



# Old Fashioned Gingerbread

## Materials:

1 Tsp. Baking Soda	1 Tsp. Ground Cinnamon
2 Tbsp. Vinegar	1 Tsp. Ground Ginger
½ Cup White Sugar	1 Tsp. Ground Gloves
½ Cup Butter	1 ½ Tsp. Baking Soda
1 Egg	½ Tsp. Salt
2 ½ Cups All Purpose Flour	1 Cup Hot Water
1 Cup Molasses	

## Directions:

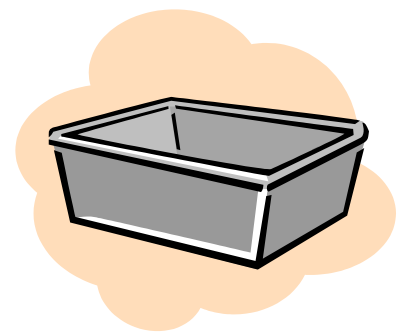
In a small cup pour 2 tablespoons of vinegar. Explain that when baking soda and an acid combine, they make bubbles. Stir in 1 teaspoon of baking soda, and watch the bubbles!

When the baking soda is combined in a batter, the same bubbles will form. The bubbles will help make the cake get bigger as it cooks.

Make the gingerbread recipe as directed:

<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/favorite-old-fashioned-gingerbread/>

Enjoy your science experiment!



# Gingerbread Houses

## Materials:

Graham Crackers

Frosting

Assorted Candy to Decorate With

Pint Size Carton (milk)

## Directions:

Help your child to build a gingerbread house, using the pint size carton as a guide. Use the frosting as “glue” and build up four walls, and then attach a roof.

Once the basic structure is done, let your child decorate their house any way they want!



# Does Gingerbread Dissolve?

## Materials:

1 Gingerbread Cookie (or Teddy Graham Cookie)

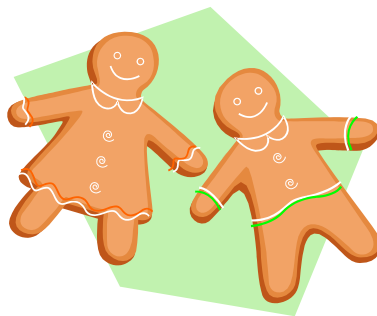
Cup of Water

## Directions:

What will happen if you put your gingerbread man (or Teddy Graham) into water?

Try it and find out.

Set a timer for one minute, three minutes and five minutes. What is the difference?



# Gingerbread Puzzles

## Materials:

Gingerbread Man Templates

Clear Contact Paper (optional)



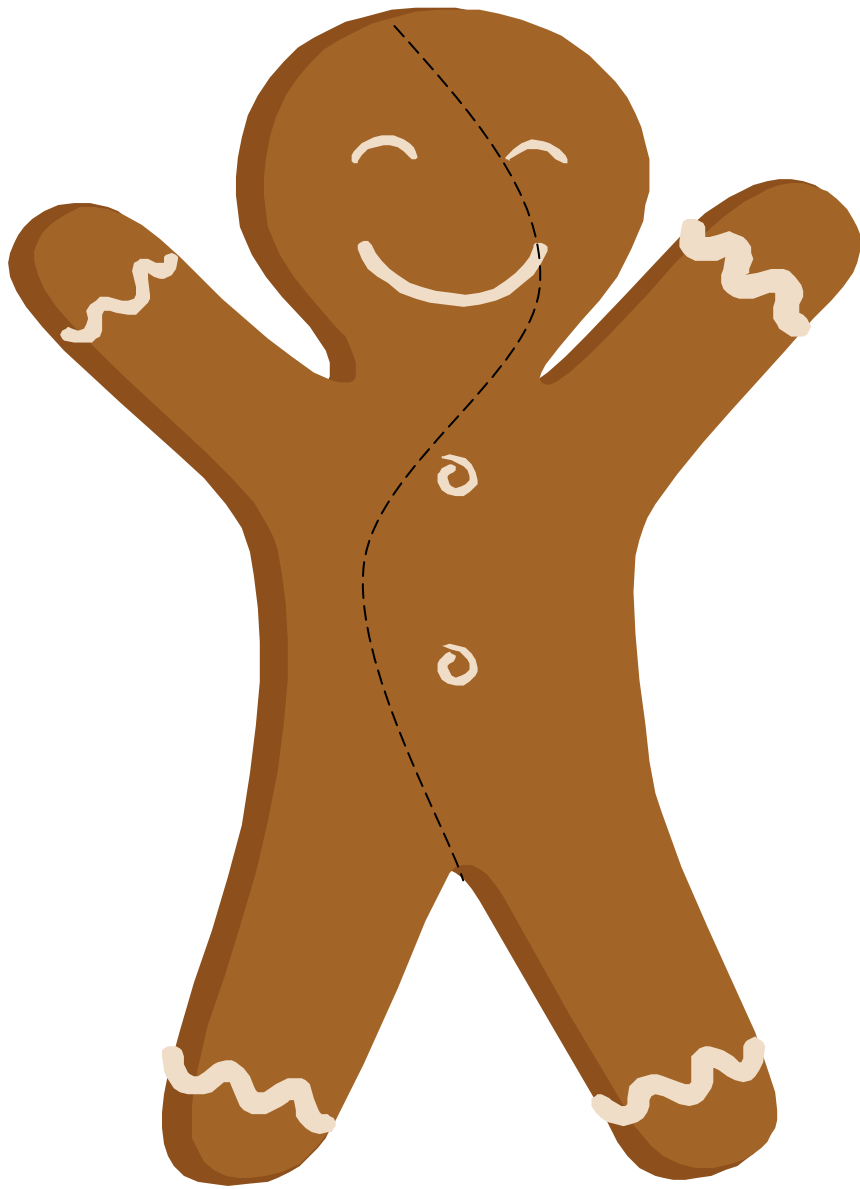
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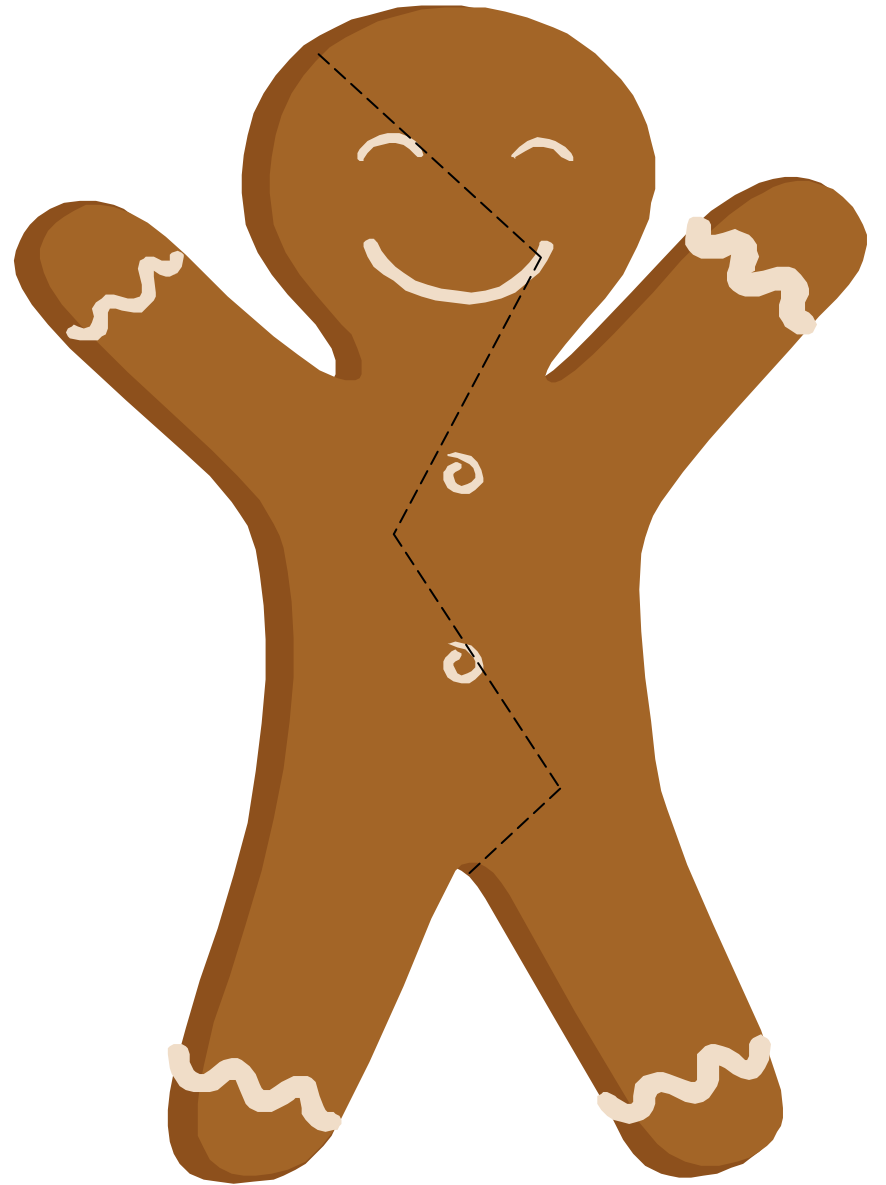
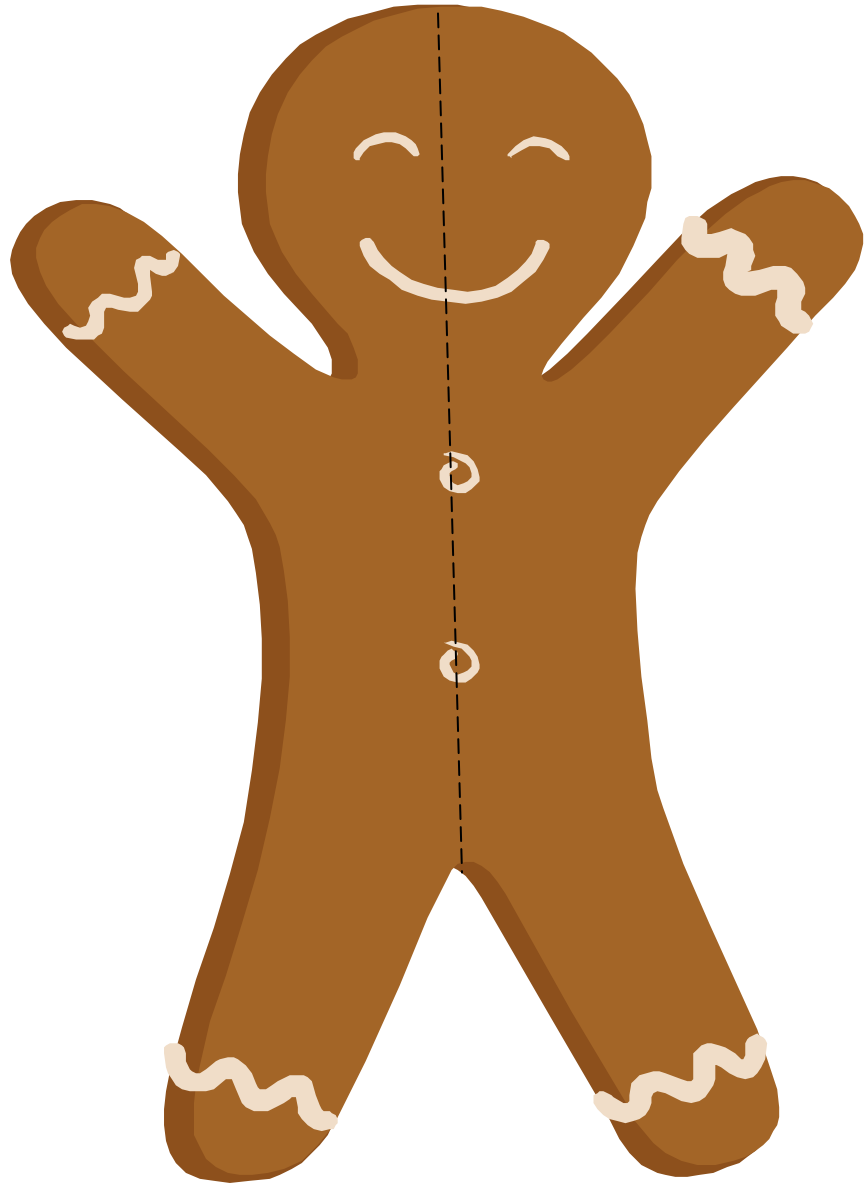
Print and cut out the gingerbread man templates – also cut along the dotted lines to make two-piece puzzles.

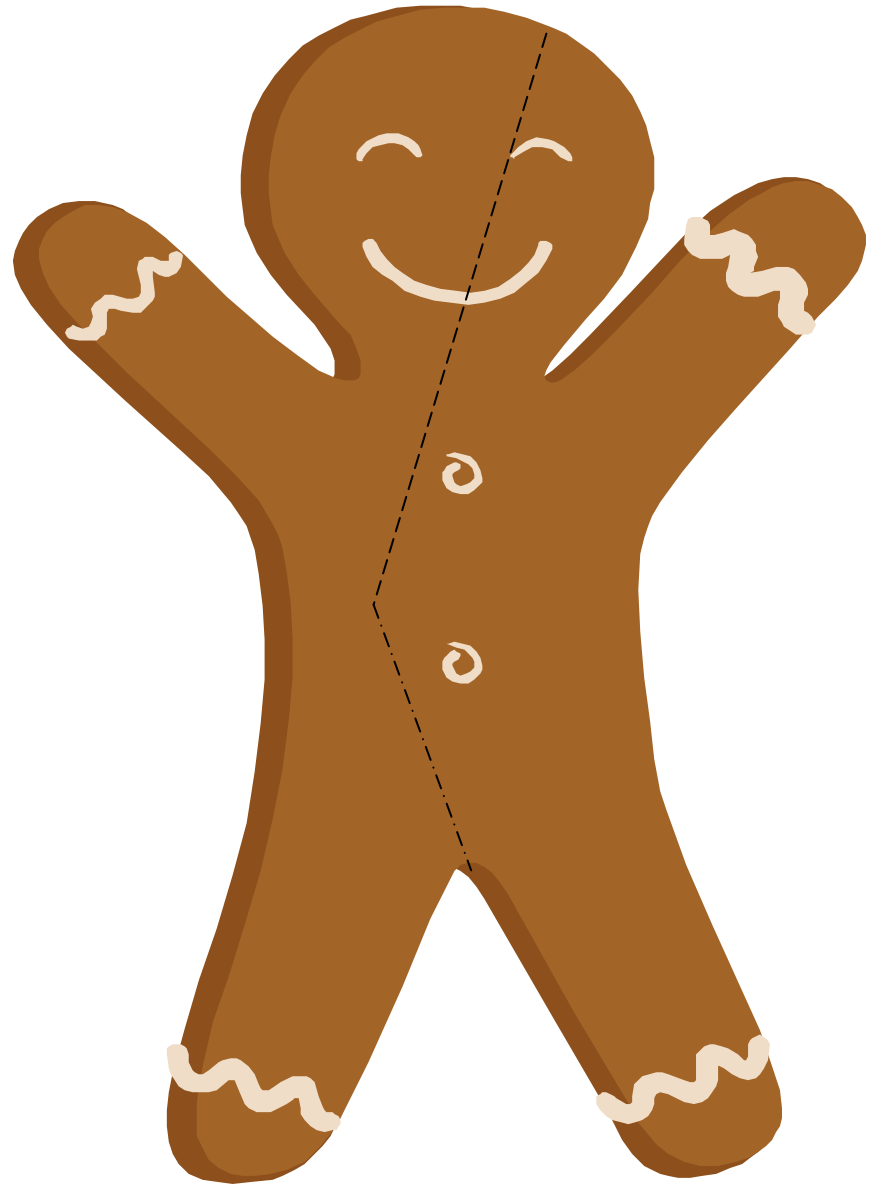
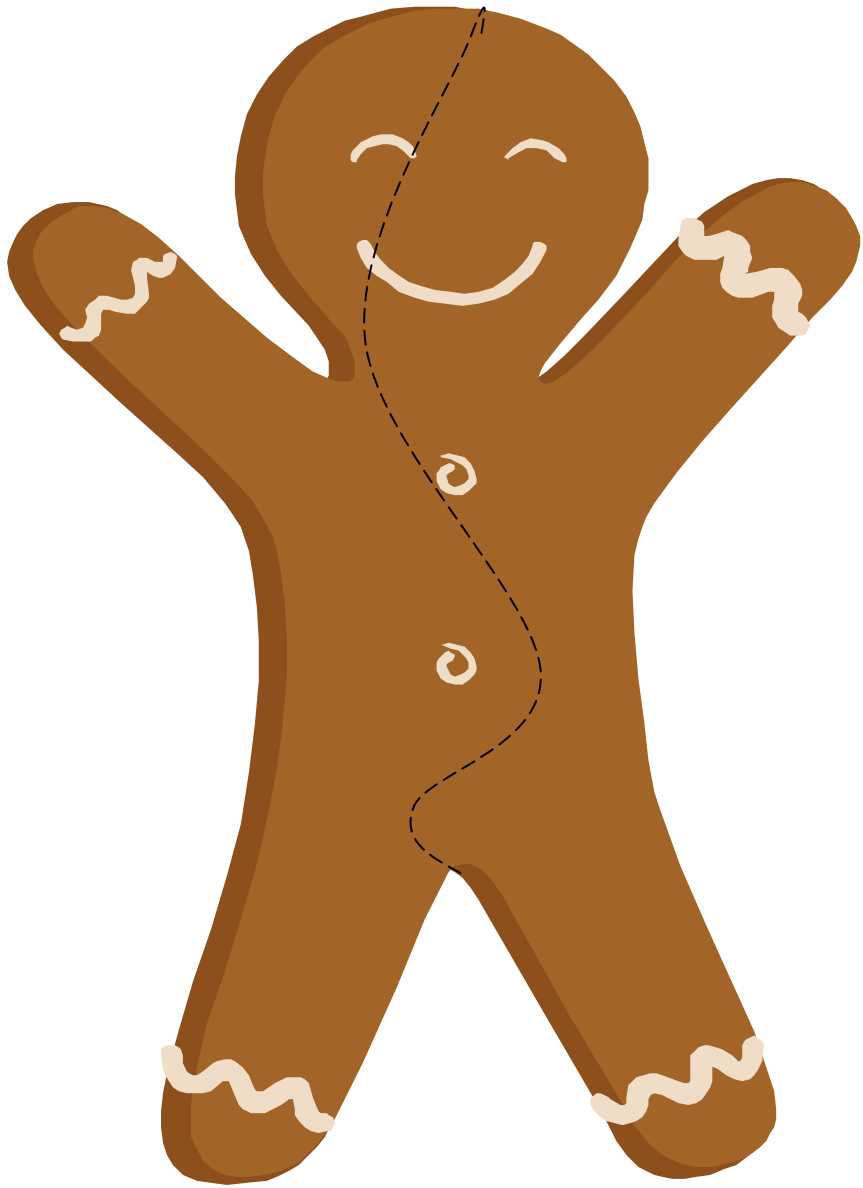
Cover with clear contact paper if you would like this activity to last through more than one or two uses.

Help your child to match the gingerbread man halves together to complete each “puzzle”









# Gingerbread Me!

## Materials:

Butcher or packing Paper (large enough to trace your child)

Crayon or Marker

Measuring Tape

## Directions:

Trace your child's outline onto a piece of butcher or packing Paper.

Cut out the outline.

Help your child to measure with the measuring tape. How big of a gingerbread cookie would he/she be?

Let your child decorate their gingerbread self any way they choose!



# Gingerbread Game

## Materials:

Gingerbread Game Template

Die Template (or a die from another game)

<http://www.lessonsense.com/numbers/templatedicenumbersblack.pdf>

Old File Folder (optional)

Clear Contact Paper (optional)

## Directions:

Print out the gingerbread game template. Cut out and glue to an old file folder if desired. Cover with clear contact paper if desired.

Cut out die template (or use a die from another game).

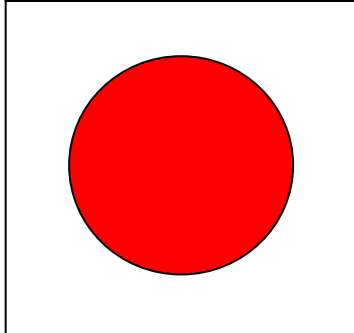
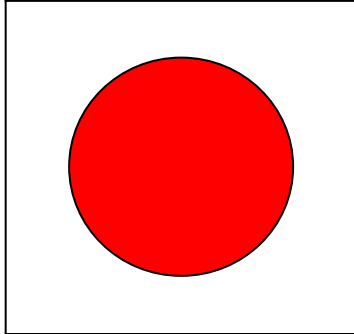
Take turns rolling the die with your child.

Count out the number of spaces on the die and move your character that many spaces on the board. The first one to reach the gingerbread house wins!

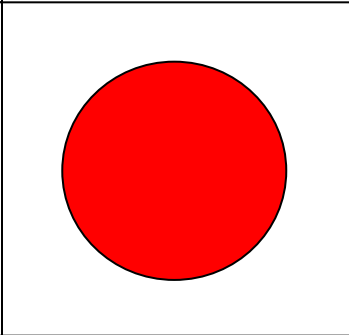
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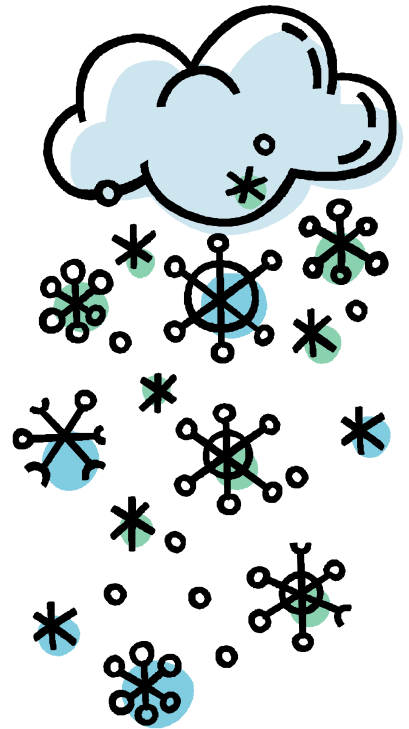
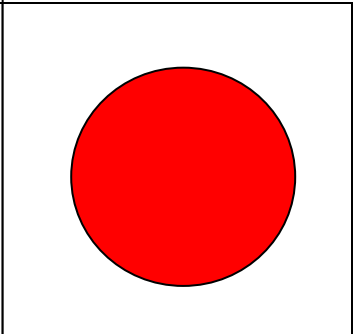
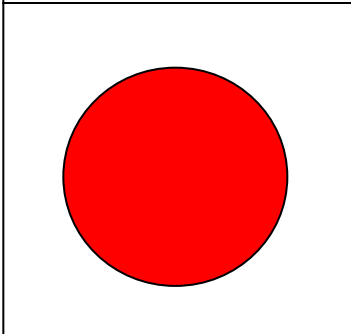
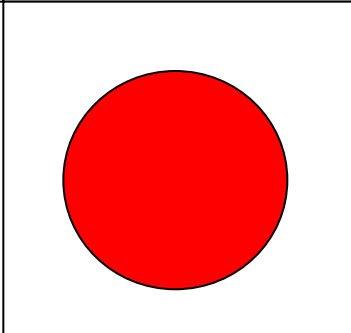
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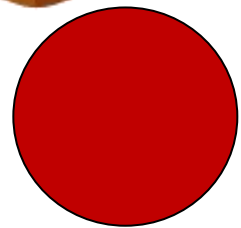
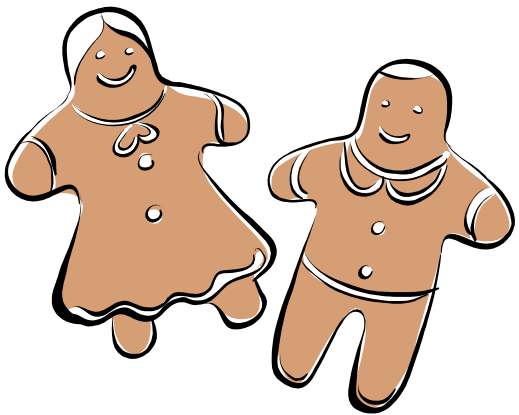


Hop on one foot  
10 times.

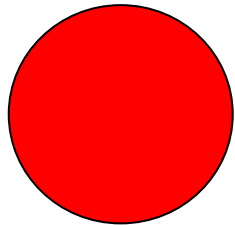
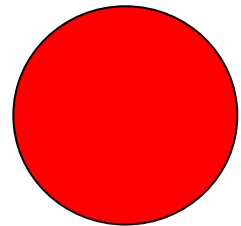
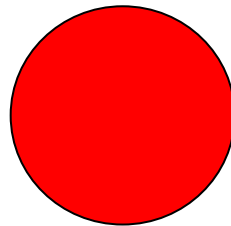


Touch your nose  
5 times

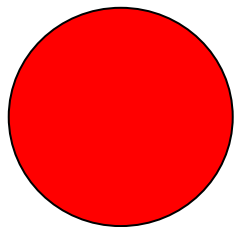




Name all the  
people in your  
family



Touch your  
toes





# Gingerbread Counting

## Materials:

Gingerbread Counting Cards Template

<http://www.earlylearningactivities.com/PDF/gbnpdc.pdf>

Clear Contact Paper (optional)

Cheerios or Teddy Graham Crackers

## Directions:

Print and cut out the gingerbread counting cards template. (You do not necessarily need to use all 20 numbers – if your child is more comfortable with numbers 1-10 just print those!)

Cover with clear contact paper if you would like this activity to last through more than one or two uses.

Help your child to count out the correct number of Cheerios or Teddy Graham crackers and place on each card.

Eat your math when it's done!



# Gingerbread Alphabet

## Materials:

Gingerbread Alphabet Template

[http://www.kidsparkz.citymax.com/f/Gingerbread\\_alphabet.pdf](http://www.kidsparkz.citymax.com/f/Gingerbread_alphabet.pdf)

Clear Contact Paper (optional)

## Directions:

Print and cut out the gingerbread alphabet template.

Cover with clear contact paper if you would like this activity to last through more than one or two uses.

Help your child to spell out a few three letter words.

Or if you would like, print out two sets of cards and use as a matching game.

