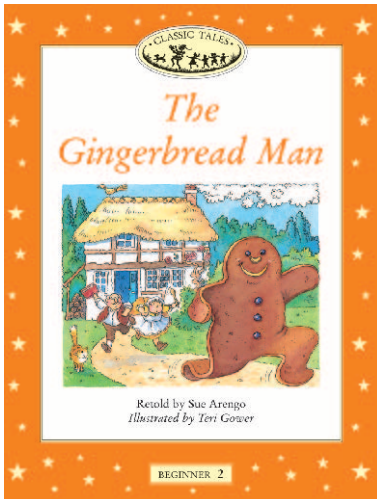


The Gingerbread Man

*A Classic Tales Play developed by Donatella Fitzgerald
from the Classic Tale retold by Sue Arengo.*



The story of *The Gingerbread Man*

There is an old woman and an old man. They don't have any children. The old woman makes a gingerbread man in the kitchen. He has a head. He has arms and legs. He has two eyes, a nose and a mouth. She puts the gingerbread man in the oven. Then the woman hears a little voice. It's coming from the oven. 'Open the door! I want to come out!' says the gingerbread man. The old woman opens the oven door and the gingerbread man jumps out. 'Stop! Come here!' says the old woman. But the gingerbread man runs across the kitchen and out of the house. The gingerbread man doesn't stop. He runs faster and he shouts: 'Run, run. You can run. Yes, you can! But you can't catch me. I'm the gingerbread man!' The old man and the old woman run after the gingerbread man.

The gingerbread man sees a cow. The cow wants to eat him. But the gingerbread man runs faster. And now the cow runs after him.

The gingerbread man sees a horse. The horse wants to eat him. But the gingerbread man runs faster. And now the horse runs after him.

The gingerbread man sees a fox.

'Stop! Come here!' says the fox. But the gingerbread man doesn't stop. And now the fox runs after him.

'I don't want to eat you. I want to talk to you. I want to be friends with you!' says the fox.

Soon the gingerbread man sees a river. 'Oh, no! A river! I can't swim!' he cries.

'Listen,' says the fox. 'I can help you. I can swim across the river and you can sit on my tail.'

So the gingerbread man sits on the fox's tail and the fox begins to swim.

'You are too big for my tail. Sit on my back,' says the fox. So the gingerbread man sits on the fox's back.

'You are too big for my back. Sit on my nose,' says the fox. So the gingerbread man sits on the fox's nose. The fox swims across the river.

The fox throws the gingerbread man up. Then he opens his mouth and catches him. He eats his legs, his arms, his head . . . and that is the end of the gingerbread man.

Characters in the play

Old Woman

Old Man

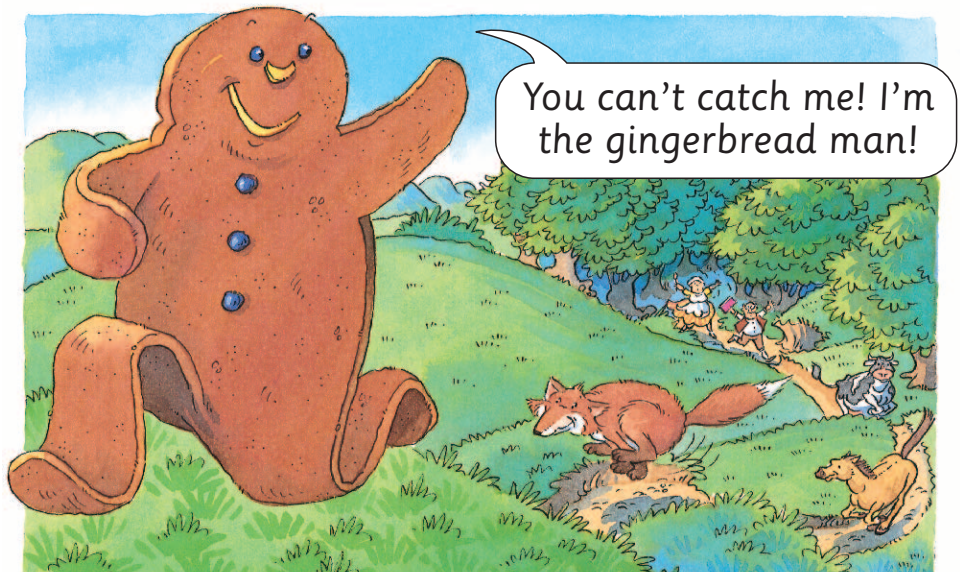
Gingerbread Man

Cow

Horse

Fox

Chorus



The Gingerbread Man

SCENE 1

INTRODUCTION

Chorus This is an old woman.
Old Woman Hello.
Chorus This is an old man.
Old Man Hello.
Chorus They don't have any children.

SCENE 2

LET'S MAKE A GINGERBREAD MAN

Chorus The old woman is in the kitchen.
Old Man What are you making?
Old Woman I'm making a gingerbread man.
Old Man He has a head.
Old Woman He has arms and legs.
Old Man He has two eyes, a nose and a mouth.
Old Woman Look. He's a little boy.
Old Man Yes, our little boy.
Old Woman In you go!
She puts him in the oven.

SCENE 3

HELLO, I'M THE GINGERBREAD MAN

Gingerbread Man Open the door.
Old Woman Who's that?
Gingerbread Man It's me. I'm in the oven.
Old Woman Oh!
Gingerbread Man Hello! I'm the gingerbread man.
Old Woman Hello!
Gingerbread Man Goodbye!
Old Woman Stop! Stop!
Chorus The gingerbread man runs across the kitchen and out of the door.
Old Man Stop! Stop!
Old Woman Come here!

SCENE 4

YOU CAN'T CATCH ME

Old Man Stop!
Old Woman Come here!
Gingerbread Man Run, run. You can run.
Yes, you can!
But you can't catch me.
I'm the gingerbread man!
Chorus Run, run. You can run.
Yes, you can!
But you can't catch me.
I'm the gingerbread man!
Run, run. You can run.
Yes, you can!
But you can't catch me.
I'm the gingerbread man!

SCENE 5

HELLO, I'M A COW

Cow Hello, I'm a cow.
Gingerbread Man Hello, I'm the gingerbread man!
Cow Stop! I want to eat you.
Gingerbread Man Run, run. You can run.
Yes, you can!
But you can't catch me.
I'm the gingerbread man!
Chorus Run, run. You can run.
Yes, you can!
But you can't catch me.
I'm the gingerbread man!
Run, run. You can run.
Yes, you can!
But you can't catch me.
I'm the gingerbread man!



SCENE 6

HELLO, I'M A HORSE

Horse Hello. I'm a horse.
Gingerbread Man Hello. I'm the gingerbread man.
Horse Stop! I want to eat you.
Gingerbread Man Run, run. You can run.
 Yes, you can!
 But you can't catch me.
 I'm the gingerbread man!
Chorus Run, run. You can run.
 Yes, you can!
 But you can't catch me.
 I'm the gingerbread man!
 Run, run. You can run.
 Yes, you can!
 But you can't catch me.
 I'm the gingerbread man!

SCENE 7

HELLO, I'M A FOX

Fox Hello. I'm a fox.
Gingerbread Man Hello. I'm the gingerbread man.
Fox Stop! Come here!
Gingerbread Man Run, run. You can run.
 Yes, you can!
 But you can't catch me.
 I'm the gingerbread man!
Chorus Run, run. You can run.
 Yes, you can!
 But you can't catch me.
 I'm the gingerbread man!
 Run, run. You can run.
 Yes, you can!
 But you can't catch me.
 I'm the gingerbread man!
Fox I don't want to eat you.
Gingerbread Man Oh!
Fox I want to be friends with you.
Chorus Run, run. You can run.
 Yes, you can!
 But you can't catch me.
 I'm the gingerbread man!
 Run, run. You can run.
 Yes, you can!
 But you can't catch me.
 I'm the gingerbread man!

SCENE 8

I CAN'T SWIM

Gingerbread Man Oh, no! A river! I can't swim!
Fox I can help you. You can sit on my tail.
Chorus Oh, no! Oh, no!
Gingerbread Man OK.
The fox swims and the gingerbread man sits on the fox's tail.
Fox Sit on my tail.
Gingerbread Man Yes. On your tail.
Fox No, you are too big. Sit on my back.
The gingerbread man sits on the fox's back.
Gingerbread Man Yes. On your back.
Fox No, you are too big. Sit on my nose.
Gingerbread Man Yes. On your nose.
The gingerbread man sits on the fox's nose.
Fox Here we are!
Chorus Run, run. You can run.
 Yes, you can!
 But you can't catch me.
 I'm the gingerbread man.
Fox Now I can eat you!
Gingerbread Man No, no. Help!
The fox eats the gingerbread man.
Chorus Run, run. You can run.
 Yes, you can!
 But you can't catch me.
 I'm the gingerbread man!
 Run, run. You can run.
 Yes, you can!
 But you can't catch me.
 I'm the gingerbread man!
 Goodbye, gingerbread man!
 And that is the end.
 That is the end of the gingerbread man.

