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The Gingerbread Man





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- Narrator 1: And right when he sat down. Snap! went Mr. Fox's jaws and into his mouth went the Gingerbread Man.
- Mr. Fox: Hmmmm! He was very tasty after all!



The Gingerbread Man

- Narrator 1: Once upon a time, there was a little old man and a little old woman, who lived in a little old house. They would have been very happy but for one thing they had no little child.
- Narrator 2: One day, when the little old woman was baking gingerbread, she cut a cake in the shape of a little man. She added sugar icing for his hair, mouth, and clothes, and she used candy chips for buttons and eyes. Then she put it into the oven to bake.

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- Narrator 1: When it was baked, she opened the oven door. The little gingerbread man jumped out, and began to run away as fast as he could go.
- Narrator 2: The little old woman called her husband, and they both ran after him. But they could not catch him.

Gingerbread Man:

Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me! I'm the Gingerbread Man! Mr. Fox: Why would I want to run after you? You don't even look that tasty. I don't want to eat you at all.

Gingerbread Man:

Well, Mr. Fox, I am tired from running so much. If you don't mind, I think I'll take a little rest.

Narrator 2: And the Gingerbread Man stopped running and sat with Mr. Fox.



Gingerbread Man:

Mr. Fox, Mr. Fox! Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me! I'm the Gingerbread Man!

I ran away from an old woman, I ran away from an old man, I ran away from a cow, I ran away from a horse, I ran away from a chicken, And I can run away from you! I can! I can!

Narrator 2: But Mr. Fox did not seem to care.





- Narrator 1: And so the Gingerbread Man ran and ran. While he was running, he met a cow.
- Cow: Moo! You look very fine! Fine enough to eat!
- Narrator 2: And the cow started to run after him. But the Gingerbread Man ran faster, saying,

Gingerbread Man:

I ran away from an old woman, I ran away from an old man, And I can run away from you! I can! I can! Narrator 1: And he laughed.

Gingerbread Man:

Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me! I'm the Gingerbread Man!"





Narrator 2: The chicken could not catch him. The Gingerbread Man kept running, and soon he met a fox. Narrator 2: But the Gingerbread Man just laughed.

Gingerbread Man:

I ran away from an old woman, I ran away from an old man, I ran away from a cow, I ran away from a horse, And I can run away from you! I can! I can!

Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me! I'm the Gingerbread Man!"





Narrator 1: The cow could not catch him. The Gingerbread Man kept running, and soon he met a horse.

Horse: Neigh! You look mighty tasty. I think that I would like to eat you.

Gingerbread Man:

I ran away from an old woman, I ran away from an old man, I ran away from a cow, And I can run away from you! I can! I can! Narrator 2: And so he ran singing:

Gingerbread Man:

Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me! I'm the Gingerbread Man!





- Narrator 1: The horse could not catch him. The Gingerbread Man kept running, and soon he met a chicken.
- Chicken: Cackle, cackle! You look fine enough to peck for dinner. I'm going to eat you, Mr. Gingerbread Man.