

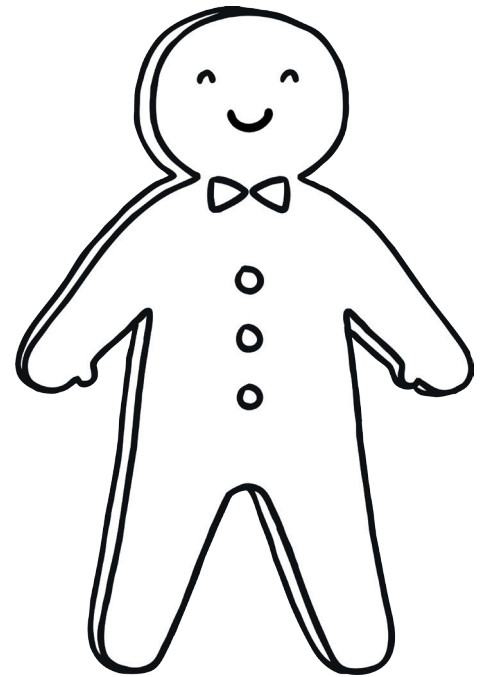
The Gingerbread Man

Cast List

Narrator
The Gingerbread Man
The Old Woman
The Old Man
Horse
Cow
Ducks
Fox

Scene List

The Kitchen
Fields
The River



Scene 1 - In the Kitchen

An old woman is in the kitchen tying an apron around her waist and getting baking things from the cupboard. An old man is sitting at the table reading the newspaper.

Old woman: Today I'm going to make some gingerbread men.

Old man: Delicious! I love gingerbread.

Narrator: The old woman put all the ingredients together and then put the mixture on the table. She got her rolling pin, and rolled the mixture until it was flat. Then she cut out gingerbread man shaped pieces

and laid them on a tray. She popped the tray into the oven and shut the door.

The old woman sits down at the table and falls asleep

Narrator: Suddenly, the old woman woke up with a start. She heard a voice.

Gingerbread Man: Ouch! It's hot in here!

The old woman looks shocked and jumps to her feet.

Old woman: Who said that?

Gingerbread Man: I did! Let me out of here!

Narrator: The old woman bent down and looked into the oven. She could see the gingerbread man standing up, knocking on the glass door! She carefully opened the door.

The old woman jumps back in surprise as the gingerbread man leaps out of the oven and onto the kitchen floor.

Gingerbread Man: Ha! Ha! Run! Run! As fast as you can. You can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man!
(laughing)

The Gingerbread Man runs out of the door.

Old Woman: Come back here! Hey husband, wake up! The
(shouting) Gingerbread Man has run off down the road!

Narrator: The old woman and the old man ran after the
Gingerbread Man, out of the door and down
the road.

Scene 2 – The Fields

Narrator: The Gingerbread Man was very fast. He raced past
a horse in a field.

Horse: Hey, stop Gingerbread Man! You look good
enough to eat!

Gingerbread Man: Run! Run! As fast as you can. You can't
(laughing) catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man!

Narrator: So the horse jumped over the fence and raced after
the old man and the old woman, who were chasing the
Gingerbread Man.

Narrator: Soon, the Gingerbread Man passed a cow chewing
grass in a field.

Cow: Hey, stop! You look good enough to eat.

Gingerbread Man: Run! Run! As fast as you can. You can't
(laughing) catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man!

Narrator: So the cow jumped over the fence and raced after
the old man and the old woman and the horse, who
were all chasing the Gingerbread Man.

Narrator: Soon, the Gingerbread Man passed a family of ducks by the river.

Ducks: Hey, stop! You look good enough to eat.

Gingerbread Man: Run! Run! As fast as you can. You can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man!
(laughing)

Narrator: So the family of ducks waddled after the old man and the old woman and the horse and the cow, who were all chasing the Gingerbread Man.

Scene 3 – At the River

Narrator: The Gingerbread Man was very pleased with himself. He thought he was very clever. Suddenly, a fox appeared from behind a tree.

Fox: Hello Gingerbread Man. How are you today?

Gingerbread Man: Hello Fox. I have run away from an old woman, an old man, a horse, a cow and a family of ducks and I can run away from you!

Fox: *(smiling)* You don't need to run away from me. I was just wondering, how you are going to get across this river?

Gingerbread Man is scratching his head and looking puzzled.

Gingerbread Man: Hmm... well now, that's a good question. I don't know.

Fox: (*grins*) Well, I'm a very good swimmer. Why don't you hop onto my back and I will take you across?

Gingerbread Man: That's a good idea. I'll hop on your back.

Fox: Let's go. Hold on tight.

Narrator: The fox started swimming across the river with the Gingerbread Man clinging to his back. Soon the water started to reach the Gingerbread Man's toes.

Fox: Why don't you hop onto my neck so that your feet don't get wet?

Gingerbread Man: OK. I will.

Narrator: So the Gingerbread Man climbed onto the fox's neck. Soon the water was touching the Gingerbread Man's toes again.

Fox: Why don't you hop onto the top of my head so that your feet don't get wet?

Gingerbread Man: OK. I will.

Narrator: So the Gingerbread Man hopped onto the top of the fox's head. Soon the water was touching the Gingerbread Man's toes again.

Fox: Why don't you hop onto my nose so that your toes don't get wet?

Gingerbread Man: OK. I will.

Narrator: So the Gingerbread Man jumped onto the fox's nose. They were nearly at the other side of the river now.

Fox: Here we are Gingerbread Man.
(climbing out of the river)

Gingerbread Man: Thank y...!

Narrator: Before the Gingerbread Man could say another word, the fox flicked up his nose, sent the Gingerbread Man spinning up into the air, opened his mouth and swallowed him up in one bite! And that was the end of the Gingerbread Man!

Fox: Yummy! Delicious!
(licking his lips)