

Looking for the Gingerbread Man



Domain:

- Language, Cognitive

Objectives:

- Child will repeat familiar words and phrases.
- Child will recognize that the gingerbread man is missing at the end of the story.
- Child will follow clues to help find the gingerbread man.
- Child will use language skills to describe the location of the gingerbread man.

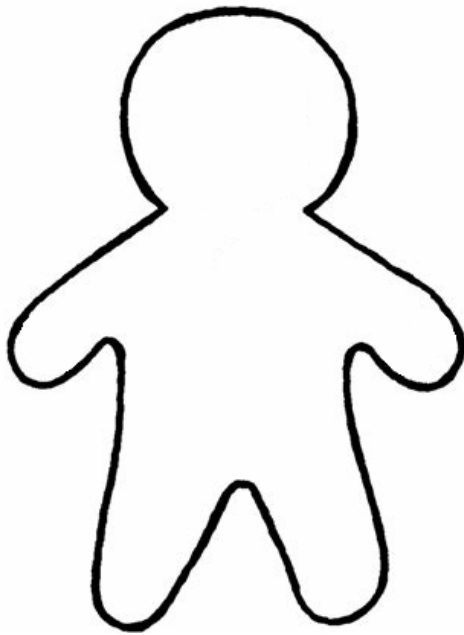
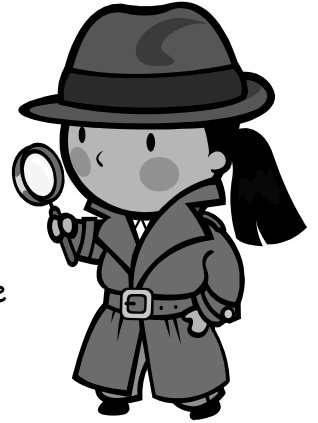
Materials:

- *Gingerbread Man* storybook
- Black silhouette gingerbread outline to tape over the last picture of the gingerbread man in the story book
- One envelope for each location where a clue is hidden
- One small gingerbread man for each envelope
- Written clues
- Large gingerbread man, cardboard or felt stuffed
- One gingerbread cookie for each child

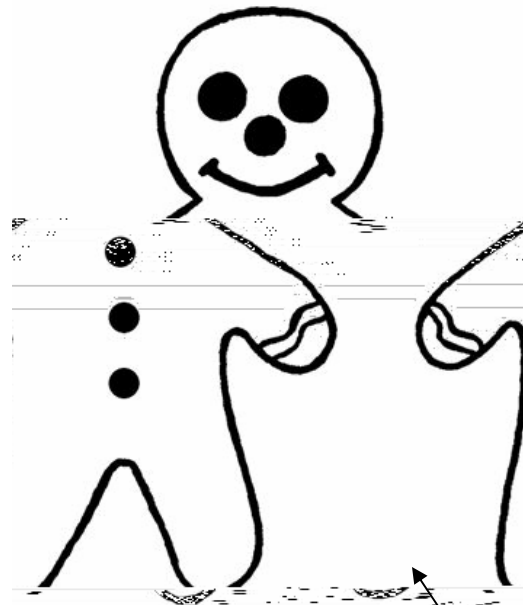
Instructions

- Hide a gingerbread man somewhere in the school.
- Create clues that take the children to different parts of the school to look for the gingerbread man. Make the clues simple and direct so that the children are able to predict where to go next.
- Put clues in an envelope with a small picture of the gingerbread man on the front and place them in appropriate locations keeping the first clue in the classroom for story time and placing a large gingerbread man in the last location.
- Tape a black silhouette outline over the last gingerbread man in the picture book.

- Read the gingerbread man up to the last page.
- Surprise the children at the end of the story by pointing to the empty silhouette and saying "Oh my goodness. Look! The gingerbread man really DID run away. Let's see if we can find him."
- Show the children the envelope and read the first clue. Help the children to determine where they need to go next and proceed with the activity until you find the gingerbread man.
- While your class is playing detective, have your assistant or helper place a plate of gingerbread cookies on the snack table to be enjoyed when you return to the classroom



Pattern for black silhouette



Pattern for envelope

Note for the last envelope:

Dear Boys and Girls,
 I've run and run,
 I need some rest.
 I think this room is the best!
 Love, The Gingerbread Man.