

Once there was a little old man and a little old woman who lived in a cottage.

One day when they were hungry, the little old woman decided to make a gingerbread man.

She rolled the dough and cut out the shape of a gingerbread man.

The little old woman put the gingerbread man into the oven to bake.

When the gingerbread man was done cooking she opened the oven door.

The gingerbread man jumped up and ran out the door of the cottage.

The little old man and little old woman chased the gingerbread man.

The gingerbread man shouted, "Run, run as fast as you can! You can't catch me! I'm the gingerbread man!"

The gingerbread man passed a pig. "Stop!" the pig snorted. "I want to eat you!" But the gingerbread man kept running and said, "Run. Run as fast as you can! You can't catch me! I'm the gingerbread man!"

The gingerbread man passed a cow "Stop!" the cow mooed. "I want to eat you!" But the gingerbread man kept running and said, "Run. Run as fast as you can! You can't catch me! I'm the gingerbread man!"

Soon the gingerbread man was being chased by the little old man, the little old woman, the pig, the cow and a horse.

Finally, the gingerbread man came to a river, but he didn't know how to swim.

A sly and hungry fox saw the gingerbread man and said, "Jump on my tail, and I will take you across the river."

The gingerbread man thought he would be safe on the fox's tail so he jumped on.

Halfway across the river the fox said, "You're too heavy for my tail. Jump onto my back." So the gingerbread man did.

Soon the fox said, "You're too heavy for my back. Jump onto my nose." So the gingerbread man did.

As soon as they reached the other side of the river, the fox flipped the gingerbread man up, snapped his mouth shut and ate him.

That was the end of the gingerbread man.