

SCRIPT 1: *The Gingerbread Man at the North Pole*
(8 or more actors)

Once upon a time, in a little cottage near the North Pole, a little old woman and a little old man baked a gingerbread man. When he was done, he jumped out of the oven and ran out the door, saying “run, run, as fast as you can, you can’t catch me, I’m the gingerbread man!” The little old woman and the little old man put on their parkas and boots and ran after the gingerbread man.

The gingerbread man ran past a polar bear, and said “run, run, as fast as you can, you can’t catch me, I’m the gingerbread man!” The polar bear ran after the gingerbread man. Now the little old woman, the little old man, and the polar bear were chasing him.

The gingerbread man ran past a small herd of caribou, and said “run, run, as fast as you can, you can’t catch me, I’m the gingerbread man!” All the caribou ran after the gingerbread man. Now the little old woman, the little old man, the polar bear, and all the caribou were chasing him.

The gingerbread man got so cold that he could run no farther. He was frozen solid. When the little old woman picked him up, he crumbled into many pieces—enough for the little old woman, the little old man, the polar bear, and all the caribou to enjoy one delicious bite!

THE END

SCRIPT 2: *The Gingerbread Man and the Gingerbread Woman*
(8 or 9 actors)

A little old woman and a little old man baked a gingerbread man and a gingerbread woman. When they were done, they both jumped out of the oven and ran out the door, saying “run, run, as fast as you’re able, you can’t catch us, we’re the gingerbread people!” The little old woman and the little old man ran after the gingerbread people.

The gingerbread people ran past a horse, and said “run, run, as fast as you’re able, you can’t catch us, we’re the gingerbread people!” The horse ran after the gingerbread people. Now the little old woman, the little old man, and the horse were chasing them.

The gingerbread people ran past a cow, and said “run, run, as fast as you’re able, you can’t catch us, we’re the gingerbread people!” The cow ran after the gingerbread people. Now the little old woman, the little old man, the horse, and the cow were chasing them.

The gingerbread people came to a place where the path split into two parts, one going this way and the other going that way. The gingerbread woman said to the gingerbread man, “My dear, I believe we should go our separate ways, and that will make it harder to catch us.” The gingerbread man said to the gingerbread woman, “You are wise. I will go this way, and you go that way.”

So the gingerbread man went this way, and the little old woman, the little old man, and the horse followed him. But the cow, who was the slowest runner, saw that the gingerbread woman had gone that way, so she went that way too.

The gingerbread man got to a river, and since he couldn’t swim, he didn’t know how to get across. The fox said he would carry him over the river, but instead he ate him up.

The gingerbread woman came to a swamp, and since she couldn’t swim, she didn’t know how to get across. A crocodile said she would carry her over the swamp, but instead she ate her up.

The old man, the old woman, the horse, and the cow went home.

THE END

SCRIPT 3: *The Gingerbread Man Out Runs Them All*
(7 or 8 actors)

The gingerbread man was running down the road with the little old man, the little old woman, the horse, the cow, and the pig all following behind. He said “run, run, as fast as you can, you can’t catch me, I’m the gingerbread man.”

The little old man, who had been running the longest, got tired, and decided he needed a rest, so he sat down under a tree to cool off. Now the gingerbread man was running down the road with the little old woman, the horse, the cow, and the pig following behind.

The cow and the pig, who were not very good runners, got tired, and they decided to head back to the farm for some of their regular food and a drink of water. Now the gingerbread man was running down the road with the little old woman and the horse following behind.

They ran for a very long time, until the horse began to get bored, and then remembered he didn’t really like gingerbread that much anyway, so he turned around and started trotting back home. But the little old lady was really angry at the gingerbread man for running away from her, after all the work she did to make him, so she kept on running. Now the gingerbread man was running down the road with the little old lady following behind.

After another mile, the little old lady (who was a former track star) finally realized that she had more cookie dough at home and could make another gingerbread man if she wanted to. She was so tired she decided she would go home too. Now the gingerbread man was running down the road all by himself, but he was in such a hurry, he didn’t notice that he was not being chased anymore.

The gingerbread man got to a river, and since he couldn’t swim, he didn’t know how to get across. The fox said he would carry him over the river, but instead he ate him up.

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