The Gingerbread Man
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This is the story of the Gingerbread Man with different textures to feel.

New words and sounds your baby might learn:
smooth, fuzzy, bumpy.

Before:
• Look at the cover of the book and talk about the gingerbread man’s body parts such as his eyes, nose, mouth, arms and legs.
• Let the toddler explore the book by turning the pages and feeling the textures.

During:
• After you read the words on a page, talk about what is happening in the picture.
• Help your child feel the textures and describe how they feel.
• Before you turn each page, emphasize Run, run, as fast as you can, you can’t catch me! I’m the Gingerbread Man!
• When the fox eats the gingerbread man act out the snap, snap, snap, chop your teeth together and make a big swallow when you read the word gulp.

After:
• Make gingerbread men cookies with your child.
• As you eat the gingerbread men cookies repeat the phrase, Run, run, as fast as you can, you can’t catch me! I’m the Gingerbread Man!
• Introduce your child to a new Native American folk story.

Try some of the ideas above. Continue to use your own imagination during book play, too. Have fun with the book and enjoy your time together.