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A Baking Activity for Home Gingerbread ABC Cookies

Practice the alphabet and let your child help you prepare the ingredients for a fun activity!

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
3/4 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup molasses
1 tsp. vanilla extract
3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tbsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt

1. In a large bowl, cream the butter and brown sugar. Beat in the eggs one at a time. Mix in the molasses and the vanilla extract.
2. In another bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Then add the flour mixture to the butter mixture a little at a time, stirring well each time. Cover the dough and chill for at least 2 hours.
3. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. On a floured surface, roll the dough flat to a 1/4-inch thickness. Now your kids can cut out large letters with a butter knife.
4. With a spatula, set the letters on a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake for about 10 minutes or until the cookies are set. Yield varies depending on the size of the letters.

(from <http://familyfun.go.com/recipes/kids/specialfeature/baking-sf/>)

Ten Little Candles

Ten little candles on a chocolate cake.
Wh! Wh! Now there are eight.
Eight little candles on candlesticks.
Wh! Wh! Now there are six.
Six little candles and not one more.
Wh! Wh! Now there are four.
Four little candles—red, white and blue.
Wh! Wh! Now there are two.
Two little candles standing in the sun.
Wh! Wh!
Now there are none!

(from Finger Rhymes: collected and illustrated by Marc Brown, 1980.)

The Little Red Hen

a folk tale from England
(flannel board story from The Flannel Board
Storytelling Book, 2nd. edition revised and expanded by
Judy Sierra, 1997.)

A Cake All For Me!

by Karen Magnuson Beil
illustrated by Paul Meisel
(includes a cake recipe!)

More story books about cakes and baking

Benny Bakes a Cake
by Eve Rice

Beverly Billingsley Takes the Cake
by Alexander Stadler

Cook-a-doodle-doo!
by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel

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by Susan Middleton Elya

My Pop Pop and Me
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