

## Gingerbread Man Game

Print 1 copy of the cookie sheet and 2 copies of the gingerbread men for each game you would like to create onto heavy cardstock paper. For easy keeping, you can glue or tape the cookie sheet piece inside of a manila file folder, creating your own "file folder game". (Preschools use these for easy storage!)

Smaller gingerbread men can be cut quickly by cutting a circle vs. all the edges. This not only saves time, but gives the pieces a little more durability with all the handling they will receive. ☺ You can also laminate these if you'd like. You can store these easily by taping or gluing an envelope onto the back of your game folder, along with a copy of the directions.

The object of this game in general is to create your 'answers' with the gingerbread men on the cookie sheets.

### For 2 year old children:

Color in a circle on each of their tummies - making two of each color. Then have your child find and name the colors, placing the two matches together on the cookie sheet.

Draw shapes on their tummies - again, two of each shape. Have your child name each shape they find and place the matches together.

Write ABC's on their tummies - all capital letters and two of each. Have your child name and match the letters (you can assist if they don't recognize all of them yet).

Write 123's on their tummies - two of each number. Have your child name and match each number, with assistance as needed.

### For 3 year old children:

You can do any of the above for review work, or add some of the harder options below.

Write ABC's on their tummies, one set of lowercase letters and one set of capital letters. Have your child name and match the letters.

With the ABC's, have your child find the letters in their name. Place them in the correct order on the cookie sheet, and then spell their name out loud back to you.

Draw shapes on one set of gingerbread men, and numbers of the other set. The object here is to match the shape with the correct number of sides it has. For example: circle, 1 - because a circle has just one line/ square, 4 - as the square has 4 sides.

### For 4 to 6 year old children:

Again, you can use any of the games above that meet your needs, or add some of the options below.

Write numbers 1 to 10, creating at least 2 of each number AND you'll need a plus, minus, and equals sign. On your cookie sheet, create math problems for your youngster to finish - or better yet, let them create their own. An abacus is a great tool to teach them how to add and subtract on their own.

Write ABC's on your gingerbread men. Say any three letter word aloud to your child, and help them spell it by sounding it out slowly. They will then need to spell the word on their cookie sheets.

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