

One day Gran made a gingerbread man for the children. As she opened her oven, up jumped the gingerbread man and off he ran.

"Stop, stop," called the cat.
"Let's have a chat."

"Oh no, not me.
No one's eating me
for tea," he shouted,
and on he ran.
On and on ran
the little man.

"Stop, stop," called
the bird. "Let's have
a word."

"Oh no, not me.
No one's eating me
for tea," he shouted,
and on he ran.
On and on ran
the little man.



But then the gingerbread man
came to a big, wide lake.

"I can help," said the old fox.
"I will carry you across the lake."
"Sit on my tail," said the old fox.
"Sit on my back," said the old fox.
"Sit on my nose," said the old fox.

Traditional tale



Do you remember?

Copy these sentences.

Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

1. The gingerbread man jumped from the _____.
(oven, cupboard)
2. First he ran past the _____. (cat, rat)
3. On he ran past the _____. (chicken, bird)
4. When he reached the _____ he stopped. (hill, lake)
5. A _____ said he would help. (fish, fox)



More to think about

Read these sentences about
the story. Copy them in the
right order. The first one has
been done to help you.

The bird tried to stop him.

The gingerbread man ran
past the cat.

He came to the lake.

The fox told the gingerbread
man to sit on his nose.

The fox said he could help.

1. The gingerbread man ran
past the cat.

Now try these

1. Pretend you are the
gingerbread man.
Write about how you
feel when you come to
the lake.
2. Why do you think
the fox tells the
gingerbread man to
sit on its nose?
3. Write your own ending
for the story. Try to
make it a surprise.