My Gingerbread Man

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A flannel board story about a little lump of dough that becomes a gingerbread man. Present this delightful poem with the flannel story board pieces during circle time and also as a large motor activity where the children sing and act out the movements of *The Gingerbread Man*.

Materials:

Flannel board Scraps of red, green, yellow, brown, black and white felt Patterns found on page 2

Process:

Using the patterns on page 2, cut out the gingerbread man and his decorations from the scraps of felt. (Patterns of page 2)

Teacher presents the poem:

I have a little lump of dough,
(crush the gingerbread man figure in your hands)
I'm going to pat it out just so.
(Pat it out smooth between your palms)
I'll not make cookies, but instead,
I'll make a little man of gingerbread.
(Put the gingerbread man on the flannel board.
With raisins on his face so sweet
(Put on the raisin eyes, mouth, buttons, bow)
and fancy little stripes on his tasty feet!
(Put the stripes on the gingerbread man's arms and legs)
Oh! Look at the little gingerbread man!
He's all dressed up, fresh from the pan.

Let's take him with us out to play, We'll find some friends along the way. All day long we'll skip and hop We hope we'll never have to stop!

(choose one of the children to be the gingerbread man. That child leads the rest of the children in a game of "follow the Gingerbread Man" as he acts out the movements of the poem; skipping, hopping, running and jumping. Continue the game with the children taking turns being the Gingerbread Man.)

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My Gingerbread Man pattern pieces

