

# Rhyme Time

<b>Title</b>	Five Little Gingerbread Men					
<b>Possibilities for maths learning</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Composition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cardinality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subitise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comparison	<input type="checkbox"/> Measure
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shape	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pattern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spatial awareness			



Five little gingerbread men lying on a tray,  
 One jumped up and ran away.  
 Shouting, "catch me, catch me, catch me if you can....  
 I run really fast, I'm a gingerbread man!  
 The gingerbread man, the gingerbread man, I run really fast, I'm a gingerbread man!"

Four little....  
 Three little....  
 Two little....  
 One little....

No more gingerbread men lying on a tray,  
 They all jumped and ran away.  
 Oh how I wish they had stayed with me to play.  
 Next time I'll eat them all before they run away!  
 The gingerbread men, the gingerbread men,  
 Next time I'll eat them all before they run away!

**Link to rhyme online**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCZ3dzFK6BI>

**Resources**

You could make gingerbread men puppets, or gingerbread men on sticks to support the children to be involved. These can all be made by the children.

**Extension opportunities**

You can also support gross motor development and spatial awareness by encouraging children to be the gingerbread men and run away then the children can count how many of their friends are left.

If you do not have any resources, you can simply help children to count with their fingers and this will help them to count down and understand that one has been taken away each time. Asking the children at the end of each verse how many are left will help to develop their problem solving skills as well as their number recognition and subtraction skills.

**Home learning ideas**

You can make number sacks for the home learning environment so parents can use these resources to extend the learning.