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## Benny the Gingerbread Man a fable

Once upon a time, in a bustling kitchen filled with the sweet aroma of baking treats, there lived a cheerful gingerbread man named Benny. Benny wasn't just an ordinary gingerbread man; he was known for his kindness.

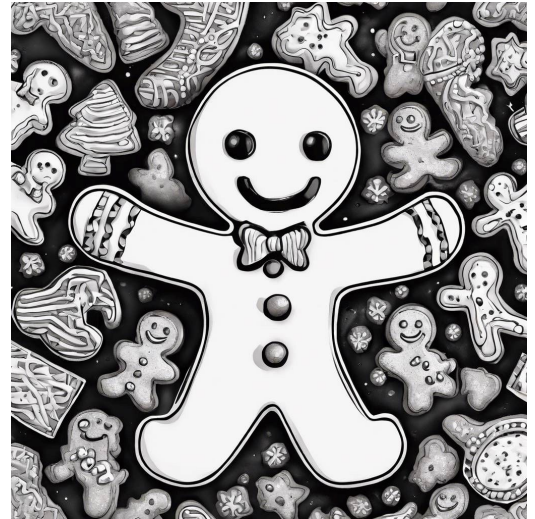
One wintry afternoon, as Benny cooled on a tray after coming out of the oven, he overheard the other cookies whispering about the grand holiday celebration happening in the neighboring town. It was said that the most delicious treats would be welcomed with open arms at the festive gathering.

Excitement twinkled in Benny's icing eyes. "I'll go to the holiday celebration!" he said to the other cookies.

"You? You're just a gingerbread man. How will you get there?" said a sugar cookie.

Not wanting to give up, Benny responded, "I'll find a way."

As nightfall blanketed the kitchen in a cozy hush, Benny's plan began to take shape. He tiptoed to the edge of the kitchen counter and, using a licorice string for a lasso, swung down to the floor. With his gumdrop buttons shining in the moonlight, he set off on his journey.



Through the snowy fields and across the frosty forest, Benny trotted along, meeting different creatures along the way—a friendly squirrel, a helpful robin, and a wise old rabbit. Benny's kindness won their hearts, and they offered to help.

"You're going to the holiday celebration? Hop on my back, and I'll take you across the river," the river otter said with a smile.

Finally, Benny reached the town square, bustling with joyous laughter and twinkling lights. But as he got closer, he noticed a group of hungry mice eyeing the dessert table with longing gazes.

Without waiting, Benny broke off a piece of his gingerbread arm and offered it to the mice. "Here, have a taste! It's delicious!"

The mice were touched by Benny's generosity, and they scurried away, spreading the word about the selfless gingerbread man.

Soon, the town's children surrounded Benny, amazed by his bravery and kind heart. They lifted him onto their shoulders and paraded him around the square, cheering for the little gingerbread hero.

In that moment, Benny realized that the true magic of the holiday celebration wasn't about being the most delicious treat. It was about spreading warmth and kindness, sharing joy, and making a difference in the lives of others.

And from that day forward, Benny's legend lived on, teaching everyone that even a small act of kindness can make a big difference in the world.



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1. List some clues that let you know that this passage is a fable. \_\_\_\_\_

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1. How does Benny feel about going to the holiday celebration?

- a) Anxious
- b) Indifferent
- c) Excited
- d) Bored

2. Why does the sugar cookie doubt Benny's ability to get to the celebration?

- a) Benny is too small
- b) Benny is too slow
- c) Benny is not invited
- d) Benny is just a gingerbread man

3. How does Benny respond to the sugar cookie's skepticism?

- a) "I'll find a way."
- b) "You're right, I can't do it."
- c) "I don't care what you think."
- d) "I give up."

4. What does Benny use to swing down to the floor?

- a) A rope
- b) A ladder
- c) A trampoline
- d) A licorice string



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Decorate Benny.

