



Story Time

Stories and picture books can be comfortable ways to introduce social skills and then to connect them to experiences in children's own lives. Here are some examples.

Storybooks on Baking Gingerbread Men

Gingerbread Baby

by **Jan Brett (Penguin Books USA, Inc.)**

Find out what happens when Matti opens the oven door before his gingerbread is finished baking. A new twist to the traditional tale.

The Gingerbread Man

retold by **Eric A. Kimmel (Scholastic with Holiday House Inc., 1993)**

The classic tale of the gingerbread man who runs away to escape being eaten only to be tricked by a fox.

Maisy Makes Gingerbread

by **Lucy Cousins (Candlewick Press, 1999)**

Maisy the mouse enjoys mixing up a batch of gingerbread cookies to share with her friends. (Note: Remind children that when they help to bake cookies, they should not lick the spoon. The raw eggs in the batter could make them sick.)

Mr. Cookie Baker

by **Monica Wellington (Scholastic with Dutton Children's Books, 1992)**

A simple story about a day in the life of a baker and his cookie shop.

Books for the Senses

Busy Bunnies' Five Senses

by **Teddy Slater (Scholastic, Inc., 1999)**

Little bunny characters introduce all five senses with simple, easy text and bright colorful pictures.

Your Five Senses

by **Eric Carle (Philomel Books, 1983)**

This book tells about all the "super-duper things" your senses do for you. Questions posted throughout the book encourage children to talk about each sense. The last pages lead to a matching game between pictures and their descriptions.

