



Title: Who Took the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?

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Age Range: 3-5

Topics/Themes: Food habits, animals, cookies, rhyme, repetition

Vocabulary: full jar, trail, some animal names may not be familiar (eg: raven, beaver....)

See example of this story read aloud here: [Who Took the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?](#)

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

I. COMPONENTS OF BOOK (REVIEW EACH SESSION)

- a. Author, Illustrator (roles of each)
- b. Title; front and back covers; spine

II. INTRODUCTION (PREP QUESTIONS)

- What do you see on the cover?
- Who do you think is on the cover?
- What do you think this book will be about?

III. STORY TIME

a. Discussion Questions

- Looking at the cover picture, What is happening? What animals are thinking/saying (before reading title)?
- Who do you think took the cookies?
- What reptile is following skunk?
- When the cookies are found, how can you tell what time of day it is?
- Who left the cookie trail for Skunk to follow? Have students ever seen ants moving crumbs, leaves, etc?
- After reading, can kids remember what each “suspect” said he ate instead of cookies?
- Who has a cookie jar at home? What does it look like? Where else does mom keep cookies?

b. Other

- Point out the animals on the cover that will appear in the story (Raven, Raccoon, etc.) Naming them up front will help kids fill in their names in the story.
- See if children can spot a clue about which animal comes next in some of the pictures. (Tracks, feather, etc.)
- Look at the plants and make a guess about where these animals live.
- Have children chime in with the phrase “Mmm...Oh! Now I know...” (says Skunk before each of his guesses).
- Follow the crumb trail; name the animals and pause to let kids fill in name of the next animal as they appear.
- Call attention to some of the rhyming words (tease/cheese, munch/lunch, etc.)
- Bring in a cookie jar.

c. Related Songs, Rhymes, & Finger Plays

Five Cookies Rhyme

Five little cookies in the bakery shop,
 Shinning bright with the sugar on top.
 Along comes (child's name) with a nickel to pay.
 He/she buys a cookie and takes it away.

(Continue with four, three, two, and one)

Blame Game (*Game instructions are also in the front of the book.*)

From a circle. Using either the kids' names or assigning each one an animal identity, choose one player, (easiest if it's one of the volunteers) to begin the chant.

Everyone chants: "Who took the cookies from the cookie jar?" three times. Clap a rhythmic beat.

(Then "skunk" turns to the child next to her and says, "_____ took the cookies from the cookie jar!")

Child 1 says: "Who me?"

Everyone says: "Yes, you!"

Child 1: "Couldn't be!"

Everyone: "Then who?"

Child 1: "_____ took the cookies from cookie jar!"

Child 2: "Who me?"

Everyone: "Yes, you!"

Repeat until all players have had a chance to be "blamed" and then to blame another player.

IV. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

Blame Game (see above)

Who Stole the Cookies from the Cookie Jar [Activity?](#)

There's a mystery to solve right in your kitchen! Someone stole a cookie from the cookie jar. Have your child become a detective and find out who stole the cookie.

Chocolate Chip Cookies ([source](#))

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons hot water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Cream together the butter, white sugar, and brown sugar until smooth. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Dissolve baking soda in hot water. Add to batter along with salt. Stir in flour, chocolate chips, and nuts. Drop by large spoonfuls onto ungreased pans.
3. Bake for about 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are nicely browned.