

## What Do I Give For Christmas?

What do you do if Christmas is in a few weeks and you only have \$5 to buy presents for your whole big family, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins?

Even if you have \$500 to spend, a knitted scarf, homebaked cookies, or a simple paper bead necklace, homemade gifts will be treasured much more than any expensive gift card or cardigan.

What about that cousin or uncle who is so hard to buy things for? You could make a simple puzzle by drawing a picture on a piece of paper, gluing card from a cereal box onto the back, and cutting it up into squares or jigsaw pieces.

Or you could make a notebook for them and glue a piece of scrapbook or wrapping paper on the front and adding sticker initials to personalize it.

Or write a story on a topic that interests them, bake cookies or brownies, knit a scarf or hat, sew a tote bag or cushion cover or stuffed animal - the possibilities are endless!

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### BAKING:

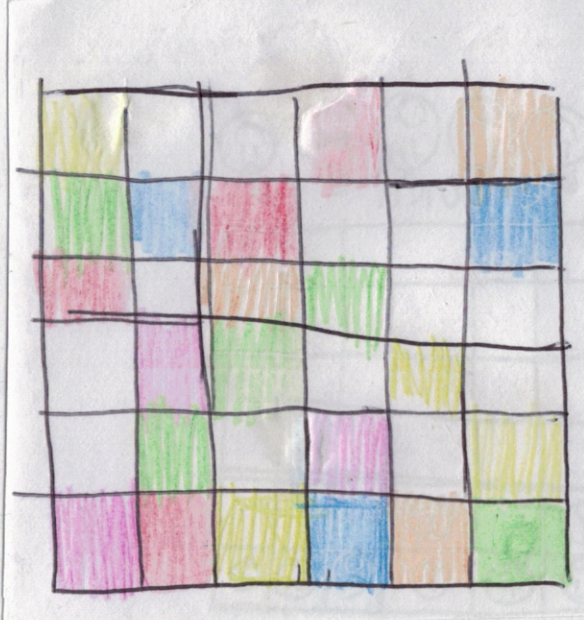
Gingerbread Cookies

CHARACTER CHALLENGE:

Attentiveness



ACTIVITIES



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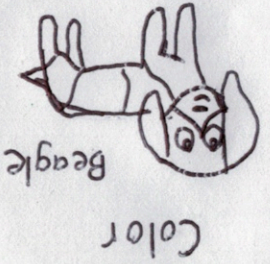


CHALLENGES

Read: Johans Journey by Arnold Ytreide

Write: A story about how an untruth was passed on and created a big problem because someone did not listen carefully.

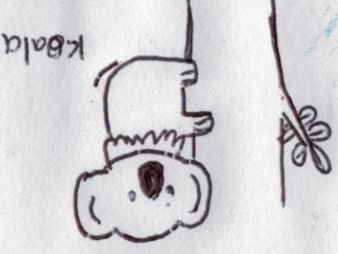
Outdoors: Plan, and make a circus with your friends and siblings.



Beagle



Fluffy Cat



Koala

9. Roll out a piece to 5mm thickness. Cut out shapes and place on trays w/ spatula.

10. Bake for 15-20 minutes until firm and just begging to brown. Avoid overcooking by taking them out before entirely done, otherwise they will be too hard. Leave on trays for a few minutes then place on wire rack to cool. Enjoy!

(Note: All recipes in this magazine have been tested by us so will hopefully be good.)

How to Talk and Listen to Adults

(From 50 things every Young Lady should know by Kay West)

DON'TS

Show irritation at the interruption

Wave them away like an annoying fly

Only talk to people your own age, if you can help it.

Stop what you're doing when an adult wants to speak with you





Make eye contact and be engaged with them.

Politely ask if they can wait a little longer, if you must.



# GINGERBREAD COOKIES

from Edmond's cookery book

- oven temp. 150g butter  
140g sugar (of half white, half brown)  
260g molasses  
2 tsp ground ginger  
2 tsp cinnamon  
1/4 tsp ground cloves  
3/4 tsp baking soda  
1 egg, beaten  
4 cups flour
-  = 160°C  
 = 1 hr  
 = Makes 50  
  
Level = Medium

1. Line 2-3 trays w/ baking paper.
2. Cut up butter and put in large mixing bowl.
3. Add sugar, molasses, & spices to saucepan and stir until melted together and boiling.
4. Add baking soda and stir until frothy and pale gold.
5. Remove from heat and pour onto butter. Stir well until butter melts and mix is smooth.
6. Mix in egg, then add flour gradually.
7. Knead dough until smooth.
8. Divide in half and chill for 5 mins.

# CHARACTER CHALLENGE

All of us, especially girls, need to learn to listen instead of being in a hurry to voice our opinions. We should listen without arguing, interrupting, and criticizing.

Look up and read Proverbs 10:19 (ESV)

"When \_\_\_\_\_ are many, transgression is not \_\_\_\_\_, but whoever \_\_\_\_\_ his lips is \_\_\_\_\_."

Look up Proverbs 18:12

"A \_\_\_\_\_ takes no pleasure in \_\_\_\_\_, but only in \_\_\_\_\_ his opinion."

Look up Proverbs 18:13

"If one gives an \_\_\_\_\_ before he hears, it is folly and \_\_\_\_\_."

Look up James 1:19

"Let \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ to hear, slow to \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to anger."

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# CHARACTER ACTIVITIES

## ~~Beginner~~ Basic (ages 4+)

• Play Simon Says to help you listen carefully

• Pray each day for God's help to listen attentively to others

• Ask a parent to give you a series of chores or instructions. See if you can complete all of them without asking for instructions again.

• Narrate a story back to a family member after they have read it to you.

## Intermediate (ages 8+)

• Write a list of polite questions to ask a person you have just met, in order to get to know them. Memorize it.

• Learn to listen carefully to your parents throughout the day.

• Take notes during a sermon at church to help you remember.

• Role-play different conversational situations with your family.

• Learn to be an encourager rather than a critic.

## Advanced (ages 10+)

• Read about Mary of Bethany and compare her to her sister Martha. Which did Jesus correct?

Luke 10: 38-42

John 11

John 12: 1-3

• Write a critique or review of a book or movie, explaining how it portrays or contradicts biblical truth.

• Find an article or advertisement that portrays falsehood as fact. Cut it out and include it with a short essay explaining its error.

~~• Use the listening inventory on the back to help you think about how well you listen to others~~