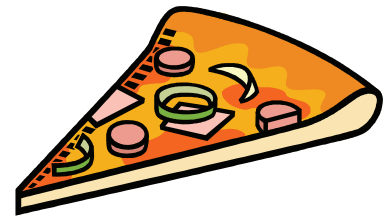


# Let's Talk About *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie*



We all love cookies!  
This one started quite an adventure for a little mouse. After you have read this book, notice how the story goes in a circle.

A pizza may be a circle shape, but once it is cut to eat the slices are a different shape. What shape is a slice of pizza?



Can you think of food, other than cookies, that are round? Pizza! Doughnuts! English muffins! Sliced cucumbers!

Why not plan a meal with lots of circles? Are there dishes on the table that are in a



Can cookies come in different shapes too?

## Let's Play With Rhymes

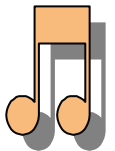


### Making Cookies

I am making cookie dough,  
Round and round the beaters go.  
Add some flour from a cup,  
Stir and stir the batter up.  
Roll them, cut them, nice and neat,  
Put them on a cookie sheet.  
Bake them, count them 1,2,3,  
Serve them to my friends for tea.

### Hickory, Dickory, Dock

Hickory, dickory, dock (*Swing arms.*)  
The mouse ran up the clock.  
(*Run fingers from toes up to head.*)  
The clock struck one, (*Clap.*)  
And down he run,  
(*Run fingers back down to your toes.*)  
Hickory, dickory, dock. (*Swing arms.*)



## Note to Parents & Caregivers

Stories that are circular like this one help children remember the sequence of what happened to the main character. The pictures and repeated pattern of storytelling will help children make good guesses about the printed words on each page. This will give them confidence to "read" the story to you.

Making good guesses is part of learning to read.

## Let's Create

### Spellin' Cookies

Use cookie cutters to create and bake cookies in the shape of circles, triangles, stars or squares. Help older children with spelling by cutting 3" round cookies from cookie dough. Place the rounds on a greased cookie sheet and with a knife cut across the circle in thirds. Push the pieces slightly apart. Bake. When cool, make 3 letter words with frosting... one letter on each piece.



Combine: 3 eggs beaten  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1 cup sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
3 cups flour  
1 tsp. baking powder

*Work on a well-floured surface. You may wish to chill the dough before rolling out. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes.*

## Let's Be Together

Children love to do the things that grown ups do.



You can make cookies with your child and he can help with pouring, stirring and of course, tasting.

If this job seems too big, try the ready made cookie dough so your child can scoop and drop (and of course, taste).

Plan to get messy and have fun.

Make a care package to take to grandma's or to a friend's house with some of the things the mouse uses in the story; cookies, milk, crayons, paper, a pillow and blanket.



Or use them to re-tell the story.

Children feel important when they can help others.



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