

## King Midas and the Golden Touch

Midas was a king in a faraway country. He wanted to be very rich, so he made a wish. He wished that whatever he touched would turn to gold. His wish was granted and King Midas began to touch everything he could see. He touched rocks, flowers, and even animals! There was gold everywhere! However, when he tried to eat, his food and drink turned to gold, too!

Midas was very sad, so his daughter tried to comfort him. When he touched her, however, she turned to gold, too! Midas began to cry and wished that he could be normal again. His new wish was granted. Now Midas was truly happy.

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## The Gingerbread Man

One day, an old woman made a gingerbread man and baked him in the oven. But suddenly, the gingerbread man jumped out of the oven and ran away shouting, “Run, run, as fast as you can. You can’t catch me, I’m the Gingerbread Man!” As he ran he passed a horse, a pig, and a cow too, but they couldn’t catch him.

Soon he came to a river. A sly fox said to him, “I can take you across.” The Gingerbread Man rode across the river on the fox’s back. However, when they got to the other side, the fox tossed him into the air and gobbled him all up.

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