

The logo for 'Gingerbread Bash' is presented as a gingerbread cookie with a white icing border and a red and white striped candy cane border. The word 'Gingerbread' is written in a brown, textured font, and 'BASH' is in a pink, bubbly font. The logo is set against a blue sky with white clouds, a yellow star, and red ornaments hanging from branches.

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Family Guide





At-Home Family Guide

Merry Christmas and welcome to the "Gingerbread Bash!" This is a fun and interactive experience designed for your family to do at home. Together, you'll build a gingerbread nativity, hear the Christmas story from the Bible, and discover that Jesus is the sweetest gift ever. Best of all, there's a video that walks you step by-step through the entire experience. It's so simple!

Directions:

Step 1: Gather the supplies. Before you get started, you'll want to gather your gingerbread nativity building supplies. We've included a supply list below, but feel free to use whatever "building" supplies you would like. (Just one note, though—you'll want to incorporate some candy canes into your nativity design.) And don't forget to print the [Nativity Cut-Out Characters!](#) You'll cut those out and use them as a part of your gingerbread nativity set.

Step 2: Press play on the video. David, your video host for the event, will walk you step-by-step through the entire experience. Occasionally, he'll prompt you to play a game or to do an activity, then tell you to press pause. When you're finished with the game or activity, press play again.

Step 3: Build your gingerbread nativity. Part way through the video, David will tell you to pause and build your gingerbread nativity. You can find easy-to-follow instructions for how to do that below. This activity is the centerpiece of the experience, so take your time and have fun with it!

That's it! Seriously...it's that simple!

Video Access:

You can access the video and other materials [HERE](#), or you can copy and paste the following address into a web browser: <https://www.gocurriculum.com/gingerbread-bash-parent-portal-22>

The password is: CANDYCANES (all caps)



Candy Cane Game Directions:

During the video, David will instruct you to pause the video and play some candy cane games. Below are 3 game options to choose from along with directions. Feel free to play as many games as time and interest allow.

Candy Cane Twirl:

Supplies: 1 candy cane per player

Directions: Have players hook a candy cane onto their finger. On "go," everyone must twirl the candy cane around and around for as long as they can. The person who can twirl it the longest without it falling off is the winner.

Candy Cane Race:

Supplies: 1 candy cane per player, plus one additional candy cane per team

Directions: Have every player place the long end of a candy cane in their mouth. Next, have one player hook a 2nd "team" candy cane onto their own personal candy cane. On "go," the players must pass the team candy cane down the line or around the circle without using their hands. Players can only hook the team candy cane with the one in their mouth, then turn to pass it on. If the team candy cane drops, you can pick it up, place it back where it fell off and try again. Time yourself, then try again to see if you can beat your original time.

Candy Cane Funny Face:

Supplies: 12 candy canes per team; 1 roll of scotch tape per team; optional: assortment of other decorations

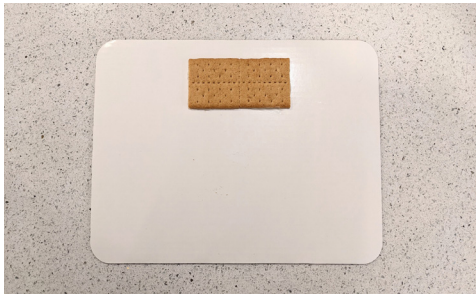
Directions: Choose one person whose face and head will be decorated. On "go," you have 2 minutes to decorate your teammate using 12 candy canes, a roll of tape, and any other (optional) decorations you want. When time is up, be sure to take pictures!

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Gingerbread Nativity Building Instructions:

The following is a step-by-step guide to building your gingerbread nativity. It's only a suggestion, though, so don't feel limited by it. Feel free to use your imagination to build and decorate your nativity however you would like.

Step 1: Use icing to "glue" a graham cracker to your building surface. This will serve as the base for your nativity.



Step 2: Use a bead of icing to attach a verticle back wall to the base of the nativity.



Step 3: Use 2 half pieces to create side walls. Angle the walls slightly so the tops are flush with the back wall.



Step 4: Add a roof.



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Step 5: Use candy, snacks, or other materials to decorate on and around your nativity.



Step 6: Cut out the Bible nativity characters, fold along the bottom line, and place the characters around the nativity.



Step 7: Have a very merry Christmas!



Supply List:

Game Supplies:

- Candy Cane Twirl
 - Full size candy canes (1 per player)
- Candy Cane Race
 - Full size candy canes (1 per player)
 - Additional full size candy cane (1 per team)
- Candy Cane Funny Face
 - Various sized candy canes (12)
 - Roll of scotch tape (1)
 - Optional: various other Christmas decorations like small ornaments, bows, etc.

Gingerbread Nativity Supplies:

- Graham crackers
- Frosting tub (OR see below for a DIY icing and squeeze bag recipe.)
- Popsicle sticks or plastic knives (For spreading icing.)
- Assortment of candy and snacks for decoration
 - Spice Drops
 - M&M's
 - Mini Cookies/Nilla Wafers
 - Candy Canes
 - Peppermints
 - Sprinkles
 - Small pretzel sticks
 - Shredded coconut (For hay. Mix with yellow food coloring.)
 - Twizzlers Pull-n-Peel
- A sturdy building surface for the gingerbread nativity (cookie sheet, piece of cardboard, etc.)
- [Nativity Cut-Out Characters](#) (Print. If possible, use thicker cardstock paper.)
- Markers or crayons (Optional. For coloring [black and white nativity characters](#).)
- Scissors
- Napkins or paper towels



Create Your Own Icing and Squeeze Bag Instructions:

Step 1: Ahead of time, place the following dry ingredients in a quart sized plastic bag:

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons meringue powder

Step 2: When ready to make the gingerbread nativity, add 3-4 tablespoons of water. Seal the bag, then knead the ingredients until a paste is formed evenly. Using scissors, cut the tip off one of the bottom corners of the bag. When squeezed, the icing will come out like a squeeze bag.

