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**Before You Read**

*Humpty Dumpty was not a person at all, but a cannon that was set up on a wall! The wall was destroyed, so Humpty Dumpty fell and broke. All of the King's horses and men tried to put the cannon back on the wall, but it was too heavy.*

## Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

All the king's horses

And all the king's men,

Couldn't put Humpty

Together again.

**Before You Read**

*The original tale was of a fleeing pancake! The tale has been told all over the world with many Irish, Scandinavian, Dutch, German, and Russian versions. Originally, the pancake was fleeing from a grandmother, a mother, and her little girl.*

## The Gingerbread Man

**Students:** Run, run, as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!

**Teacher:** Here comes the old woman and the old man.

**Students:** Run, run, as fast as you can.

**Teacher:** Here comes a pig, Mr. Gingerbread Man.

**Students:** Run, run, as fast as you can.

**Teacher:** Here comes a dog, Mr. Gingerbread Man.

**Students:** Run, run, as fast as you can.

**Teacher:** Here comes a horse, Mr. Gingerbread Man.

**Students:** Run, run, as fast as you can.

**Teacher:** Here comes a cow, Mr. Gingerbread Man.

**Students:** Run, run, as fast as you can.

**Teacher:** But the fox caught you, Mr. Gingerbread Man!