

Not the Gingerbread man
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A little play to read and perform at home for 2-5 year olds

Characters:

The not young lady - she's *not* old. Suggested props an apron.

The cupboard - no props required, just a pair of arms and a good laugh.

The Rocky Road person - suggested props - a square card box, the sort you might have received your recent order from the gardening store, or book shop or off license, it needs to fit on the head - you might want to cut eye holes in it, and perhaps even decorate it to look like a bit of Rocky Road.

Ideally the little person plays the Rocky Road person and bigger children or grown ups play the Not Young Lady and Cupboard. If there's only one other person at home the Cupboard could be played by a person on Skype/Facetime/zoom etc, or by a real cupboard with the Not Young Lady voicing for the cupboard also.

Other props:

A mixing bowl. A wooden spoon. A baking tray. A spatula.

The not young lady comes into the kitchen.

The not young lady: What's the time?

The cupboard: It's not 1 o'clock

The not young lady: No?

The cupboard: Not 2 or 3 o'clock

The not young lady: No?

The cupboard: It's not 4,5,6 o'clock

The not young lady: No?

The cupboard: It's not 7,8,9 or even 10 o'clock

The not young lady: Ohhhh. Does that mean it is my favourite o'clock?



The cupboard: YES. 11 o'clock

The not young lady: 11 o'clock!

The cupboard: Which means

The not young lady: Elevensies. Elevensies. SNACK TIME. So come on Cupboard - open up!

The cupboard: What's the magic word?

The not young lady: Elevensies

The cupboard: NO!

The not young lady: Please, please open up

The cupboard: No

The not young lady: But I said please

The cupboard: I'm embarrassed

The not young lady: Why?

The cupboard: Because I'm COMPLETELY BARE

The not young lady: What - no cake?

The cupboard: No

The not young lady: No biscuits?

The cupboard: No

The not young lady: Oh that is sad. But I have an idea. I'll make something, bake something

The cupboard: What will you make? What will you bake?

The not young lady: I know. My favourite. A gingerbread man.



The cupboard: What do you need?

The not young lady: Ginger. Sugar. Butter. Flour.

The cupboard: Yes. No. No. No.

The not young lady: Yes no no no?

The cupboard: Yes I have ginger but none of the rest.

The not young lady: Well what *do* you have?

The cupboard: Let me see. Half a bar of chocolate. A few mangled marshmallows. Three digestive biscuits and a scrape of syrup. Nothing you can do with those.

The not young lady: Oh yes there is.

The cupboard: What?

The not young lady: I can melt the chocolate

The cupboard: Yes

The not young lady: Crunch the biscuits

The cupboard: Yes

The not young lady: Cut the marshmallows

The cupboard: Yes

The not young lady: Scrape the syrup

The not young lady and The cupboard: And mix them all together in a big mixing bowl.

Lots of mixing ensues. Feel free to use your props.

The not young lady and The cupboard: Now spread the mixture on the baking tray...

Lots of spreading ensues. Feel free to use your props.

The not young lady: And then we pop the tray in the



The cupboard: oven

The not young lady: Nope. Fridge.

The cupboard: And now

The not young lady: We wait

The cupboard: tic toc tic toc, is it time?

The not young lady: No

The cupboard: tic toc tic toc, is it ready yet?

The not young lady: ALMOST

The cupboard: tic toc tic toc- it must be time now!

The not young lady: Yes it is - it's ROCKY ROAD TIME

The not young lady places the cardboard box on the little actor's head.

The not young lady: Just look at that

The cupboard: Deliciously sweet chocolate

The not young lady: Gooley marshmallows

The cupboard: Crunchy biscuit

The not young lady: I can't wait to take a bite

She opens her mouth widely and is about to dive in when the Rocky Road Person jumps up and comes to life.

Rocky Road Person: Run run,

of this be certain

You can't catch me

I'm the rocky road person!

Now the Rocky road person scoots off and the not young lady chases them around the house. They can repeat their little rhyme if they can remember it.

Once they are both out of puff, the not young lady can draw a halt to proceedings...

The not young lady: STOP STOP

 of this I AM certain

 I can't catch YOU

 You're the rocky road person!

 SHALL WE HAVE A DIFFERENT SNACK INSTEAD?

The end.

Time for cuddles and a snack.

And here is my rocky road recipe in case you are so inclined...

Rocky Road recipe:

Ingredients:

A couple of bars of chocolate, dark or milk, broken into small pieces

A couple of tablespoons of butter

A generous squirt of Golden syrup (honey will do if you don't have)

A handful or so of marshmallows cut up (or raisins or nuts or popcorn, whatever is in the cupboard)

Half a packet of biscuits, broken up (digestives, rich teas, anything really).

Method:

Melt the butter and syrup over a gentle heat.

Add the chocolate to the warm mix and leave to melt.

In another bowl put the biscuit bits and your marshmallows and other goodies.



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Pour over the chocolate mixture.
Combine (make sure it's all coated in chocolate).
Smush into a baking tray and put in the fridge until set.
Enjoy!