

The Gingerbread Pirates

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No springerle or Russian teacakes at Jim's house-on Christmas Eve they make gingerbread pirate cookies for Santa. Now that's a mom! Jim's Pirate Cookie is terribly worried though: who is this Santa Claus who wants to eat his crew? Cookie's-eye-view illustrations and a story enlivened with dialogue make this boy's version of the Nutcracker sparkle. Preschool though elementary.

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