

The Ginger Girl

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Characters:

- **Ginger** – the Mom
- **Martha** – Friend from Church
- **Suzi** – Daughter #1
- **Becky** – Daughter #2
- **Husband**

Props:

- 2 Cell Phones
- 2 Chairs (*one for living room area and one for bedroom area*)
- Pen and Paper
- Bible
- Fake Mustache & Hat (*for one of your ladies to play the “husband”*)

(Ginger is sitting with paper & pen—working on her Christmas To Do List)

Ginger: *(Groans)* My Christmas list of things to do is getting longer and longer! How am I ever going to get all of these things done and shop for Christmas gifts by Christmas Day? I guess that’s why my name is Ginger. I’ll have to RUN! Like my dad always said, I was named Ginger for a reason. I sure knew how to run when I was a kid.

(Sing-songy)

Run! Run! As fast as you will! You can’t catch me, I’m the Ginger Girl!

(Martha enters and sits off center of stage. She dials her cell phone)

(Ginger’s phone rings -Ginger answers her cell.)

Ginger: Hello. This is Ginger.

Martha: Hi Ginger. This is Martha.

Ginger: Oh, hello Martha.

Martha: I’m calling to tell you that we still need 8 more pairs of angel’s wings for the Children’s Christmas Program. I told the ladies that you were such a good seamstress. Ginger, we *need* you and your skills! I hope you don’t mind, but I already told them you wo-ul-d. (*draw out the word “would”*).

Ginger: Of course you did, dear.

Martha: Thanks Ginger. You are such a peach. We need them by Friday. Talk to you later. Bye!

(Martha exits)

Ginger: *(Puts phone down and gets her list out.)* I guess I'll add that to my list. *(She sighs and groans as she adds to her list.)*

(Sing-songy)

Run! Run! As fast as you will! You can't catch me, I'm the Ginger Girl!

(Suzi enters)

Suzi: Mom! I need 4 dozen cookies for the School Bake Sale by this weekend. Oh Mom, you'll do it won't you?

Ginger: But Suzi. This is such late notice. I just don't know if I'll have time.

Suzi: *(dramatically-like a teenager☺)* But Mom! I already told them that you wo-ul-d. *(draw out the word "would")*

Ginger: Of course you did, dear.

(Ginger goes to her list and writes another item as Suzi exits.)

(Sing-songy)

Run! Run! As fast as you will! You can't catch me, I'm the Ginger Girl!

Maybe I'll hide in the bathroom. Hopefully no one will bother me in there.

(Pretends to open and shut door)

(Becky enters and begins knocking loudly on door. She bangs on something to make noise)

Becky: Mom! Are you in there? I *need* you! You *have* to wrap presents for the Christmas Gift Wrap my club is doing.

(Ginger pretends to open door and come out of bathroom)

Ginger: Becky! When am I going to find time to wrap presents?

Becky: *(dramatically-like a teenager☺)* But Mom! I already told them you wo-ul-d. *(draw out the word "would")*

Ginger: Of course you did, dear.

(Becky exits while Ginger takes out list again and groans. She adds the item)

Ginger: *(Sing-songy only a little slower than the other times)*

Run! Run! As fast as you will! You can't catch me, I'm the Ginger Girl!

Ginger: Okay, I'm going in my bedroom and shutting the door. I don't even want to think about my list that keeps growing by the minute!

(Pretends to go in room and shut door. Ginger sits down and gives a sigh of relief as "husband" barges in)

Husband: Honey! I'm home! Ginger, you know that Red Velvet Cake you make is my favorite. Would you make one for the Office Christmas Party? The guys all love that cake.

Ginger: But... *(is interrupted)*

Husband: Please, Ginger. I already told them that you wo-ul-d. *(draw out the word "would")*

Ginger: Of course you did, dear. *(Sighs and goes back and gets out her list and adds item. She keeps list in her hand.)*

(loudly as to her family) I'm going for a walk!

(Pretends to go out of door and begins walking)

(Not sing-songy this time but slower like she's running out of batteries)

Run! Run! As fast as you will! You can't catch me, I'm the Ginger Girl!

(She sighs and brings out her list and looks down at it for a few seconds—Then she looks up)

Wait a minute! I know where I need to run and as fast as I can too!

(Ginger hurries back into her house. She goes to get her Bible and pulls it out. She then sits down and opens her Bible up in front of her. Then bows her head)

Dear Lord, help me to remember to run to You as fast as I can when I am overwhelmed. Please help me to slow down and remember that You are the true meaning of Christmas. Amen.

Alternate ending: Just have Ginger take out her Bible and bow her head and omit the prayer. Then have one of your leaders say a few words about slowing down and not getting in such a rush that we forget to stop and concentrate on Jesus—the true meaning of Christmas.