

Gingerbread

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Gingerbread has that distinctive smell than gets me every time! It just says “Christmas” to me! The aroma is just heavenly.

And what fun gingerbread projects are too. I’ve never made a whole gingerbread house from scratch. Usually in our house we decorate the pre-fab ones. I have made gingerbread cookies. Still not sure if they were the best tasting ones ever, but they sure smelled good!



Gingerbread Party Event Concept

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The event themes on the website can be used for showers, parties, women’s ministry retreats and activities, or church functions. Each theme will have one or several possible spiritual applications. *I give you lots of info and ideas—You pick just a few to enhance your event. More ideas can be used for showers and parties, but less is always more for ministry events.*

Theme Titles

- A Gingerbread Christmas
- A Homemade Christmas
- A Taste of Christmas
- Baking up Christmas
- Baking up Fun
- Fearfully and Wonderfully Made
- From the Oven
- Gingerbread Extravaganza
- Gingerbread Friends
- Gingerbread Girlfriends Night Out
- Gingerbread House Decorating Party
- Gingerbread Wishes!
- Holly Jolly Christmas
- Home for Christmas
- Homemade
- Made to Serve
- Run, Run, as Fast as You Can!
- Sugar & Spice, and Everything Nice
- Sweet Smells of Christmas
- The Smells of Christmas
- Treat Yourself to the Holidays
- You Can't Catch Me!

Spiritual & General Applications

- Focus on serving God with the talents and skills He gave us.
- Focus on how God made us women (gingerbread girls) different and unique to serve and worship Him.
- Focus on celebrating with family and friends around the sweet smell of gingerbread.

Theme Verse Suggestions

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made... Psalm 139:14 (KJV)

Devotional Starters & Workshop Ideas

- Focus on being made to serve the Lord.

- Focus on being made to worship the Lord.
- Download *My Gingerbread Prayer*.

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/theme-helps/gingerbread-prayer-bettencourt.pdf>

Simple Decorating

- Christmas decorations
- Gingerbread decorations
- Tree decorated with gingerbread ornaments
- Gingerbread garland
- Baking supplies
- Baking kitchenware
- Gingerbread houses for centerpieces (small or large)

Icebreakers

Gingerbread Pass the Gift Game

Submitted Idea from one of my visitors...Thanks Debbie!

Read the Ginger Man Story and have your guests play pass the gift to the next person on their right every time you hear the word "Run" in the story.

Download various Pass the Gift Games

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/gift-passing-games.pdf>

Christmas Charades Ideas

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/GAME-Christmas-Charades.pdf>

Ugly Sweater Christmas Game

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/GAME-Ugly-Sweater-Christmas-Game.pdf>

Music

- Christmas songs
- *More Like Jesus* (Fanny Crosby)
- *I Will Serve Thee* (Bill and Gloria Gaither)

Favor Ideas

- Christmas dishtowel
- Christmas potholder
- Gingerbread cookie
- Gingerbread cookie Cutter
- Gingerbread cookie mix in a jar
- Gingerbread ornament
- Gingerbread scented candle
- Gingerbread scented soap
- Measuring cups
- Measuring spoons
- Packaged gingerbread mix
- Packaged mini gingerbread house
- Packaged mini gingerbread kit

Door Prize Ideas

- Christmas apron
- Christmas baking cookbook
- Christmas dishtowels
- Christmas gingerbread decorations

- Christmas gingerbread ornaments
- Christmas potholder set
- Gingerbread cookie cutters
- Gingerbread house
- Gingerbread house Kit
- Gingerbread man/house silicone mold
- Mittens
- Recipe box
- The Gingerbread Man Book (for a kid's party)
- Warm scarf
- Gingerbread Gift Basket (packaged gingerbread baking mix, packaged undecorated gingerbread cookies, baking sprinkles, candy such as gumdrops, peppermints, etc., icing, apron, potholders)

Just for Fun

Shaped Invitations

Sent invitations in the shape of gingerbread men or a gingerbread house.

Smart Cookie Awards

Have several gingerbread cookies wrapped individually in cellophane or cello bags and give out for "smart cookie awards" for those who answer questions or win any games you play.

Decorate Gingerbread as a Group Project

- Decorate a gingerbread house (if you have a small group).
- Decorate individual small houses (if you have a larger group).
- Decorate individual gingerbread cookies together.
- Make sure you have all the baking and decorating supplies on hand that you need.
- You could assign decorating items for your guests to bring with them to the event.

Bake Gingerbread as a Group Project

- Bake gingerbread cookies.
- Bake gingerbread house pieces.
- Decorate them together and enjoy the fun and fellowship.
- Make sure you have all the baking and decorating supplies on hand that you need.

Food & Serving

- Gingerbread cookies (or any type of gingerbread dessert)
- Christmas snacks and treats

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