

Reader's Theater

Based on:

The Doorbell Rang

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<u>Performers</u>	<u>Props</u>
Use 12 kids	2 big plates w/ 12 cookies 12 small plates (can use real cookies or pretend. If use real, might want to provide enough for entire audience after story) Sign that says "Ding, Dong"

Set the Stage

Hide one big plate of cookies under a towel.

Storyteller holds one big plate of cookies.

Line up 2 kids on one side of performance area and 10 kids on the opposite side.

Give each child a small empty plate to hold.

Kids and audience: *(Hold up sign)* Ding Dong!

Storyteller: Hello kids! I'm so glad you're here. I baked a batch of my favorite cookies. Just like my grandma makes them. Let's see. I've made 12 cookies. There are 2 of you, so how many cookies can each of you have? Remember, we have to share.
(6 cookies)

Kids and audience: *(Hold up sign)* Ding Dong!

Storyteller: Hello kids! *(Bring in 2 kids)* I'm so glad you're here. I baked a batch of my favorite cookies. Just like my grandma makes them. Let's see. I've made 12 cookies. There are 4 of you, so how many cookies can each of you have? Remember, we have to share.
(3 cookies)

Kids and audience: *(Hold up sign)* Ding Dong!

Storyteller: Hello kids! *(Bring in 2 kids)* I'm so glad you're here. I baked a batch of my favorite cookies. Just like my grandma makes them. Let's see. I've made 12 cookies. There are 6 of you, so how many cookies can each of you have? Remember, we have to share.
(2 cookies)

Kids and audience: *(Hold up sign)* Ding Dong!

Storyteller: Hello kids! *(Bring in 4 kids)* I'm so glad you're here. I baked a batch of my favorite cookies. Just like my grandma makes them. Let's see. I've made 12 cookies. There are 12 of you, so how many cookies can each of you have? Remember, we have to share.
(1 cookie)

Kids and audience: (Hold up sign) Ding Dong!

Storyteller: Oh no! Everyone already has 1 cookie. But that wasn't the doorbell. It was the oven. (*Bring out second plate*) I've made more cookies for everyone!