

# Crunchy Cookies

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# Introduction

By Amanda Bennett

Many favorite childhood memories are formed around a mixing bowl and a cookie sheet full of warm treats. What is it about a warm, crunchy cookie that says “home”? Over my years of motherhood, I have learned the power of home-baked cookies with my family. I discovered that some of the best thought-sharing and worry-calming conversations could be had around a platter of chocolate chip oatmeal cookies fresh from the oven. Just the smell of cookies wafting through the house brings a smile to each face as they come through the door. When they smell that aroma, it sends the message that all is well and Mom’s making cookies again!

Perhaps it is the great big bowl and taking turns at the mixing spoon that cement the experience, but cookie baking can form lifetime memories that extend to future generations. Even if you don’t have time to bake, kids still love to learn about cookies and form some cookie-sharing memories. One of my favorite childhood memories is of sitting with Mom at the kitchen table on cold winter afternoons, munching away on animal crackers and sipping hot tea carefully poured from the bright yellow teapot.

Choosing this topic for a Download N Go™ study was easy for me, since I have so many fun memories of childhood cookie baking with my mom, and later with my children. Each day, your child will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to her *Crunchy Cookies* lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that she is learning to enjoy for years to come.

From gluten-free cookies to monster cookies, the range of tastes and ingredients is endless and always fun. I remember the Dutch windmill cookies that were a vacation Bible school staple—imagine my surprise to discover them again when researching for this study! With *Crunchy Cookies*, your student will learn about cookies and cookie entrepreneurs, along with the types of cookies and how cookies are made. She will learn how to make some of the Download N Go (DNG) team’s favorite cookies, learn about cookies from other countries, and find out why baking soda and baking powder are important in the baking process. The finale is a big cookie party, to be enjoyed by one and all.

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these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation, waiting time, or expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook: a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, and crayons or markers. That's it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

So get ready for a fun experience, and thanks for joining us as we take off with *Crunchy Cookies*. Stay tuned: New titles are coming out soon, including *Expedition Israel* and *Handsome Horses*!



**Notes to parents:** *Remember that Internet site content can change overnight. Please check the sites you plan to use before your child visits them in the study.*

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# Introduction to Lapbooking

By Stephanie Ruby

Have you ever created a lapbook with your child? The lapbooking activities we have designed are made to be easy enough for a beginner, but “meaty” enough for children who have been lapbooking for a long time.

There are only a few items that you need to provide to go along with the activities we have created. You will need a file folder, folded so that the outside edges meet in the middle, creating a “shutter book.” You will also need scissors, glue, crayons, a stapler, and brass brads.

You may want to save each activity in an envelope until the entire week is complete and then attach everything to the lapbook on the fifth day. This will allow you to arrange all of the mini books so that they fit well. This is not a necessity, mind you, but simply a recommendation that might allow the process to flow a bit more smoothly.

If you have never created a lapbook before, you may feel a bit intimidated by the process. Take a deep breath and remember that there is no “wrong” way to lapbook. The process of lapbooking will vary from one person to the next, and will be a reflection of the individual that created the project.

For those of you who still feel that you need a little more guidance, we have included the following links to introduce the concept of lapbooking to you and to give you a variety of ideas for your project. Just remember, the most important part of lapbooking is to have fun with it. The more you and your children enjoy the activity, the more they will retain.

Video: [Lapbook Lessons: What is a lapbook?](#)

[Lapbooking on a Shoestring](#)

[Lapbooking - A Surefire Way to Make Learning Fun](#)

[Lapbook Templates](#)

[Free Lapbooks](#)

Now, let’s get on with the fun!



# Day 1

## What Are Cookies?

To begin our day of cookie adventure, let's take a look at these two videos to see how other kids make cookies:

Video: [Chocolate Chip Cookies](#)

Video: [Cookie Pops](#)

What is your favorite cookie? *Draw a picture of it below.*







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