

# Bunny Cakes

## **CHALLENGING WORDS**

beautiful  
butter cream  
caterpillar icing  
crossed  
earthworm  
finished  
grocer  
marshmallow  
raspberry  
thrilled

## **SUMMARY**

It is Grandma's birthday and Max wants to make an earthworm cake. Ruby wants to make an angel surprise cake. As Ruby tries to make the cake, Max seems to have lots of accidents. Max wants something special for his cake, but the grocer has trouble reading Max's writing until Max's idea!

## --- Conversation Questions---

**(1) Retell the story.**

**(Answer)** Any logical answer.

**(Follow Up)** Tell me if you ever helped bake a cake.

**(2) Pretend you are Ruby, how would you feel about Max trying to help you in the kitchen?**

**(Answer)** Any logical answer.

**(Follow Up)** Tell me a time you tried to help your mom.

**(3) Imagine you are Max, how would you feel when the grocer couldn't understand what you wanted?**

**(Answer)** Any logical answer.

**(Follow Up)** Tell me a time someone didn't understand you.

**(4) Compare how Max felt when the grocer couldn't read his writing to when he finally understood.**

**(Answer)** Any logical answer.

**(Follow Up)** Tell me a time you had trouble reading something.

**(5) Define 'grocer'.**

**(Answer)** A person who owns or runs a grocery store.

**(Follow Up)** Tell me what store you like to go to.

**(6) What kind of cake did Max make for his Grandma?**

**(Answer)** Earthworm cake.

**(Follow Up)** Tell me your favorite cake.

**(7) What was the first thing Ruby sent Max to the store for?**

**(Answer)** Eggs.

**(Follow Up)** Tell me what else you can use eggs for.

**(8) What was Max's brand new idea to get the grocer to understand him?**

**(Answer)** He drew a picture.

**(Follow Up)** Talk about a time that you drew a picture to get someone to understand you.

**(9) What did Max want for his earthworm cake?**

**(Answer)** Red-hot marshmallow squirts.

**(Follow Up)** Tell me what you think they are.

**(10) What kind of cake did they finally give to Grandma?**

**(Answer)** Both cakes.

**(Follow Up)** Tell me which cake you like best.

## **Activities**

1. Draw a birthday cake you could give to your Grandma.
2. Make a list of all the things Max got at the store.
3. Write a paragraph telling about your favorite birthday.
4. Draw a picture of Max making his earthworm cake. Write what is in it.

## **Introduction**

1. Have a stuffed rabbit to show the children. Ask them if they know any books that have rabbits in them. Let's read about Max and Ruby and see what happens.
2. Have a picture of a birthday cake. Have the children guess whose birthday it might be. In our story someone is having a birthday, let's read to see whom it is.
3. Make a grocery list, put eggs, milk, and flour on it. Ask the children if they know where you would take this. Tell them someone has trouble with a grocery list in our story. Let's read and find out whom.

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<b>Building Oral Vocabulary</b>					
1	earthworm	5	grocer	22	thrilled
<b>Prediction Questions</b>					
9	What will Max have to go get next?				
13	Will he get the marshmallow squirters?				
18	What was his new idea?				
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