

Approximate Time: 25 minutes

Prep Time: 15 minutes **Cook Time:** 5–7 minutes

Animal Crackers

1/2 cup rolled oats 3/4 cup all-purpose flour 1/4 teaspoon baking soda 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup butter

1/4 cup honey

3 Tablespoons buttermilk



Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Grind oats until fine using a blender or food processor. In a medium bowl, stir together the blended oats, flour, baking soda and salt. Cut in the butter using a pastry blender or your fingers until the butter lumps are smaller than peas. Stir in the buttermilk and honey to form a stiff dough. On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough out to 1/8-inch in thickness. Makes approximately (16) five-inch cookies.

Treat Time: Let children cut into animal shapes with cookie cutters* (be sure to make two of each animal). Place cookies 1 inch apart onto un-greased cookie sheets. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes, until edges are lightly browned. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks.

Alternative: This is a really simple and fun recipe, but if you're short on time purchase store bought animal crackers and have children search for pairs of animals.

Closing Prayer and blessing on the food.

* Animal shaped cookie cutters can be found at many craft stores.