

# Grow a Healthy Child

## Fun Food News

Family meals are a special time. You can cook meals together. You can share stories. You can laugh and learn together. Your child will remember these special times you spent as a family.

Healthy foods are important now and for the future. Your child will grow into a healthy adult with healthy foods. Use your time at family meals to share healthy foods. Give your child healthy snacks when they are hungry. Giving your child healthy foods teaches the importance of good health.

### Healthy Snack Ideas:

- Apple slices with low fat cheese
- Homemade popsicles with 100% fruit juice
- Ants on a Log with celery, peanut butter and raisins
- Smoothies with 1% low fat milk and fruit

### When cooking meals, children can:

- Wash fruits and vegetables
- Clean the table and counters
- Read the recipe to you
- Stir ingredients in a bowl
- Tear lettuce or snap green beans



### Family Meal Ad Libs

Fill in the blanks and help make a nutritious and special family meal.

One of my favorite things to do is enjoy a healthy meal at home with my \_\_\_\_\_. It's important to eat a lot of healthy foods. Two of my favorite healthy foods are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. They are so delicious, and go great with a cold glass of 1% low fat \_\_\_\_\_. It's fun to tell \_\_\_\_\_ at the dinner table and make everyone laugh. One of my favorite things to talk about is \_\_\_\_\_. After our meal, I can help by washing the \_\_\_\_\_. It's the perfect way to say "thank you" for making this delicious meal! Other reasons I enjoy eating meals with my family are:



## Easy Chicken Dinner

Serves: 4

### Ingredients:

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken pieces (breast, thighs or meat trimmed from leg)  
 ½ teaspoon garlic powder  
 ½ teaspoon onion powder  
 ½ teaspoon pepper  
 1 cup reduced sodium chicken broth  
 2 cups baby carrots or carrot strips  
 1 cup frozen peas



Nutrition information per serving: calories 151; carbohydrate 13g; protein 21g; total fat 2g; saturated fat 0g; trans fat 0g; cholesterol 41mg; fiber 4.3g; sodium 572mg; calcium 26mg; iron 2mg; percent calories from fat 12%.



## Peanut Butter Muffin

Serves: 4

### Ingredients:

¼ cup peanut butter  
 2 whole wheat English muffins, cut in half and toasted  
 1 apple  
 Cinnamon

### Directions:

1. Wash hands with warm water and soap.
2. Spread peanut butter on muffin halves.
3. Cut apple in half. Remove core section and seeds. Cut apple into very thin slices.
4. Top English muffins with apple slices. Sprinkle with cinnamon.
5. Eat and enjoy.

Nutrition information per serving: calories 180; carbohydrate 22g; protein 7g; total fat 9g; saturated fat 2g; trans fat 0g; cholesterol 0mg; fiber 4.1g; sodium 285mg; calcium 99mg; iron 1mg; percent calories from fat 44%.

## Green and Red Vegetables

Serves: 4

### Ingredients:

1 teaspoon oil  
 12 cups (about 10 ounces) spinach  
 2 cups grape or cherry tomatoes, cut in half  
 1 tablespoon lemon juice or vinegar  
 Pepper



Nutrition information per serving: calories 35; carbohydrate 5g; protein 3g; total fat 2g; saturated fat 0g; trans fat 0g; cholesterol 0g; fiber 2.6g; sodium 60mg; calcium 118mg; iron 3mg; percent calories from fat 27%.

### Directions:

1. Wash hands with warm water and soap.
2. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add spinach and cook two to three minutes, tossing often, until spinach is wilted.
3. Stir in tomatoes and lemon juice or vinegar. Season with pepper.
4. Serve immediately.

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