## Healthy Eating for Kids

## Taster Edition

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The complete Healthy Eating for Kids e-book contains over 70 pages in PDF form with more than 60 easy to prepare recipes.

The full table of contents is shown below. This sample book only contains 12 of the recipes shown - the rest are in the full version of Healthy Eating for Kids, available by clicking any of the links in this book.

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## Introduction to Healthy Eating for Kids - Taster Edition

As game consoles and television replace tag and football as the favorite pastimes of our children, healthy eating is becoming more of an issue than ever before. The rate of obesity in children is rising dramatically, leading to serious problems like diabetes, heart trouble, sleep apnea, and cancer at earlier ages. Where adult-onset Diabetes was rarely seen in children a decade ago, it is a common occurrence today.

Even worse, the habits learned in childhood stay with our children throughout their entire lives. Overweight children are much more likely to grow into obese adults.

Another important consideration is ensuring that our children have a balanced diet, full of the vitamins and minerals that their bodies need to grow. If the right nutrients are lacking in the diet, children can be listless, have trouble concentrating, and get sick more easily. At the same time, every parent knows how hard it can be to coax their children to eat healthy foods. When children turn up their noses at vegetables and low-fat, low-flavor foods, it becomes so much easier to grab a bag of chips or dinner at a fast food restaurant, leaving healthy eating by the wayside.

Healthy eating doesn't have to be a chore for your children. By thinking of eating healthier as an adventure rather than as a diet, finding foods that are fun and tasty for kids as well as being satisfying and nutrient-rich, and letting your children participate in selecting and preparing their own meals, you can make healthy eating exciting.

To get you started, Healthy Eating for Children includes ideas for snacks, meals, desserts, and drinks that are not only healthy but also fun, and delicious. Your child will look forward to healthy eating instead of rebelling against it. We've included recipes that are bright and flavorful, while including a wide variety of ingredients that are packed full of essential vitamins and minerals.

These recipes are also easy for busy parents to prepare, and given in single-sized portions just for your child. If your child balks at the food you are preparing for the rest of the family, you'll be able to make a healthy meal just for him or her, without fuss or hassle. At the same time, if your whole family enjoys the recipe, it's easy to increase the proportions.

Teaching your children healthy habits when they are young is one of the best things that you can do to give them the tools they need for a long and healthy life. Making good eating fun will ensure that those habits become second nature.

## Snacks



## Happy Face Snack

Welcome your children home from school or cheer them up on a rainy day with this fun and great-looking snack. It's sure to bring a smile to their faces and a wide range of important vitamins and minerals to their bodies!

## Ingredients:

- 1 banana, split in half length-wise
- 1 small cluster of red grapes
- 1 strawberry
- 1 star fruit
- 2 slices cantaloupe
- 1 kiwi


## Directions:

Start with a large round plate, preferably in a bright color. Use the fruit to create a happy face.

1. Use the grape cluster for hair.
2. Two slices of kiwi form the eyes.
3. The strawberry makes the nose.
4. Make cheeks with two slices of star fruit.
5. Use the two slices of cantaloupe for ears.
6. Finish with the banana half for a great, big smile.

Encourage your children to make their own art with the remaining fruit, before devouring it as well!

## Fruity Yogurt

Yoghurt is a fun snack that you can mix up to suit any child's individual tastes. It is also an excellent source of calcium and vitamins, and even helps to boost the immune system. Instead of buying pre-flavored (and pre-sweetened!) yogurt from the store, why not try blending your own at home?

## Ingredients:

- Low-fat plain or vanilla-flavored yogurt
- Fresh fruit, cut into small pieces
- Honey or maple syrup (optional)
- Granola (optional)


## Directions:

1. Mix fresh grapes, berries, slices of pineapple, peach, mango, kiwi, or other favorite fruit into low-fat unsweetened yogurt.
2. For a touch of sweetness, add a dash of honey or maple syrup or a pinch of cinnamon.
3. Sprinkle granola on top for added crunch and added fiber.

You'll be amazed at how good yogurt can taste when you flavor it yourself!

## Drinks



## Fruity Lemonade Zing

By making this easy lemonade mix yourself, you can not only limit the amount of sugar and artificial additives your child consumes, you can also tailor it to his or her individual tastes.

## Ingredients:

Juice from 4 lemons
4 1/2 cups water
3/4 cup sugar
Your child's favorite fruits, including mango, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, peaches, nectarines, and limes, sliced
Ice

## Directions:

1. Combine lemon juice, water, and sugar and stir vigorously until mixed.
2. Add sliced fruits and ice.
3. Pour immediately into chilled glasses.

Serve with a wooden skewer to let your child eat the fruit after the lemonade is gone.

## Banana Milkshake

This tasty drink is packed full of calcium, protein, potassium, and vitamins.

## Ingredients:

1 fully ripe banana
1/4 liter cold milk
1 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon vanilla flavoring
Kiwi slices for garnish

## Directions:

1. Peel the banana and cut it into large chunks.
2. Put one half of the banana into a blender.
3. Add half of the milk and blend for about 15 seconds.
4. Add the rest of the milk, the vanilla flavor, and the sugar. Blend for about 10 seconds, or until smooth.
5. Pour into a glass.
6. Alternate remaining banana chunks and kiwi slices around the rim of the glass for decoration. Serve with a straw.

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