



Family Activities

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Tony loves helping his dad make pizza at their family restaurant until one day his dad decides to open a fancy new restaurant and everything changes. The feature book shows how teamwork, especially working together as a family, can be very rewarding. This book inspires LeVar to make his own pizza. He explains how yeast works, shapes the dough, and tops it, not knowing that additional guests (an entire basketball team) would require him to order out!

Here are several activities you and your child can do together after watching this episode.

Presto Pizza

To make mini pizzas in a few minutes, you will need:

- English muffins
- can of pizza sauce
- mozzarella cheese
- hot dogs or pepperoni
- additional toppings
- baking sheet

Directions:

1. Halve and slightly toast English muffins.
2. Spread pizza sauce on each muffin half.
3. Add cheese and other toppings such as slices of hot dogs or pepperoni, olives, mushrooms, or veggies.
4. If you use sausage or ground beef, brown the meat first.
5. Place topped muffin halves on a cookie sheet and broil for 2-3 minutes or until cheese melts. Presto, your pizza is ready!

Yummy Tongue Twisters

Try repeating these tongue twisters as fast as you can:

- Carl couldn't cut Cathy's cooked carrots.
- Gary's grandmother grows green grapes in her garden.
- Fran's friend Freddie fries flat flounder.
- Hungry Henry happily had Harry's hamburger.
- John got juice and jelly on his jacket when Judy jumped on him.
- Betty Botter bakes brown bread for breakfast.



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- Mario's mama makes marvelous meatballs.

Kids in the Kitchen

There are some things even the youngest “chef-want-to-be” can do in the kitchen. Try having your youngest family members help by engaging in some of these activities:

- As adults read the recipe aloud, preschoolers can do “rough” wet and dry measurements using measuring cups and spoons. They can mix ingredients in a large bowl, use a plastic serrated knife to cut soft foods, and help decorate cookies and cupcakes.
- Kindergarten and first-grade children can help read a recipe, measure, and use a wooden spoon or wire whisk to mix ingredients, knead bread dough, flatten pizza dough, help fill cupcake tins, set a timer, and decorate desserts.
- Second and third-grade children can help read a recipe and write a shopping list for ingredients, help plan a meal using all food groups, help search on the internet for recipes, follow recipes, help wash and dry dishes, or load the dishwasher.

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Here are some books you can check out on your next trip to the library:

What Happens to a Hamburger? by Paul Showers

The Popcorn Book (40th Anniversary Edition) by Tomie dePaola