

# If you had to cook dinner for your entire family, what would you make?



If I had to make dinner for my family I would cook chicken salad, and I would make a cake for dessert. My family loves chicken salad, and it's my favorite, so that's a perfect meal for my family. It can't hurt to have something sweet afterwards, so that's where the cake comes in. The smell of the cake in the oven makes my taste buds jump up and down.

**Amber Thacker, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley**

If I had to cook dinner for my entire family, I would make meatloaf because my grandmother made that. Every Saturday we would go over to her house for dinner. So, every time I eat or smell meatloaf, it reminds me of her.

**Collier Collins, 7th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Brooks**

If I could fix my parents a meal it would be steak, a big baked potato, and you cannot forget dessert. What I would make for dessert is homemade cookies. First I would put the steaks on the grill. Then I would put the potatoes in oven. And to be honest, I have no idea how to make cookies. That is what I would fix for my family.

**Emma Lawson, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers**

If I had to cook a meal for my family it would be bacon mac n' cheese. My family loves mac n' cheese with bacon. My mom makes it the best, it is so creamy. I think you should try to make mac n' cheese with bacon.

All you do is make mac n' cheese, make bacon, sprinkle it on and there you have it.

**Jayden Ford, 5th, Shoemaker Elementary, Ms. Garrett**

If I had to cook for my entire family, I would cook turkey because turkey is so good and juicy and so, so, so greasy! My favorite part is turkey legs. I would also cook a cup of blueberries. I love them because they are so tart and a little sour. I would also cook salad for my mom because she is a vegetarian. I would cook potatoes because my family likes them. For dessert we would have pie with ice cream or snow cream.

**Ava Palmer, 2nd, Rock Springs Elementary, Mrs. Charlton**

If I had to make dinner for my family I would make mashed potatoes, corn, ribs, and vegetables. I would make mashed potatoes because my family loves them because of their creamy taste. I'd also make corn. I like corn and so does my family. I will make ribs because I love them. Last is veggies. We love veggies, especially broccoli.

Once everyone had eaten I'd make chocolate cake with chocolate icing.

That's what I'd make for dinner and dessert.

**Maddie Watts, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Mrs. Edwards**

If I could cook a meal for my family I would cook Chinese food. My favorite kind of food is Chinese. My family also loves Chinese, so that is why I would cook that kind of meal. My favorite kind of Chinese is orange chicken and breaded white chicken, dipped in sweet and sour. I love sweet and sour sauce—it is the best. I would fix that because it is so good! I would also fix my sister noodles. All she eats is noodles. My mom and dad love egg rolls. I do not like them, so more for them! In all, I would fix my family orange chicken, breaded white chicken dipped in sweet and sour, noodles, and egg rolls.

I think my family would love this meal if I fixed it!

**Riya Lewis, 5th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Austin**

Warm biscuits and apple butter straight from the heirloom kettle. Gravy made from sausage fat and dirty eggs scrambled in the still sizzling bacon grease. Hash brown casserole with much more than a dollop of Daisy, and Sister Schubert cinnamon rolls because sometimes we all need to cheat a little. (Homemade is overrated.)

My family is seated around me, and my apron is dusted with flour. The feast upon the table is the product of my hard work and diligence. Life is good.

**Eliza Smith, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley**

If I had to cook for my entire family I would cook mac and cheese. I would ask my brother to set the table.

For fruit we would have apples and pears.

For dessert we would have ice cream with candy.

This is what I would make for dinner.

**Benjamin Brush, 2nd, Rock Springs Elementary, Mrs. Charlton**

I would make popcorn. It would be for movie nights.

It would also be for game nights.

That is the meal I would make for my family.

**Grayson Ward, 4th, Miller Perry Elementary, Ms. Jeffers**

If I cooked dinner for my family, I would make a pasta salad. The pasta is made with spiral noodles. I add veggies and my favorite Italian dressing to the pasta. For dessert I would make a strawberry cake with pink royal icing. I would also add strawberries and rainbow sprinkles to the top of my cake.

**Madison Miller, 5th, Shoemaker Elementary, Ms. Garrett**

I would make one of my family's favorite dinners, steak and baked potatoes. We rarely have this, so it would be an enjoyable moment. A few side dishes I would cook are creamed corn, green beans, and mashed potatoes. Everyone in my family likes these foods, so nobody will feel left out by not liking certain foods. For the baked potatoes, I would add a little cheese and lots of bacon, which is just the way my family likes it. Finally for dessert, we would have chocolate chip brownies, my personal favorite. With these foods and great conversations, my family would have one of our best dinners ever.

**Alex Hamilton, 7th, Holston Valley Middle, Mrs. Taylor**

If I could cook my family a dinner it would be everything my family likes. It might take me a long time but it's for my family. I would make it look nice because I love my family.

I want my family to like what I cook.

I am not too good at cooking but it looks easy.

**Glocklyn Morris, 5th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Austin**

If I were to cook dinner for my whole family I would cook green beans, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and pumpkin pie. I would tell them to come to my house at 6:15 pm. I would have bounce houses for all of the kids to have fun. Whatever was left of the food I would give it to my dog if no one else ate it. These are the reasons I would cook for my whole family.

**Kayllen Lane, 2nd, Hilton Elementary, Mrs. Edwards**

If I had to cook dinner for my entire family, I would order pizza. Then I would not have to cook!

**Clay Broadwater, 2nd, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Gilmer**

If I had to cook dinner for my entire family, I would make chicken, Spanish rice, fritters, macaroni and cheese, and peach cobbler. I would make chicken because it is one of my favorite meats when baked and my whole family likes it. One of my favorite things to eat is Spanish rice, so I would make it for dinner. Another thing I would make is fritters. Fritters have been a family favorite forever and my mamaw used to make them all the time. Even though it wouldn't taste the same I would still make them. The final part of the plate would be macaroni and cheese. This is my family's special recipe, which actually came from many generations back. It tastes amazing so we eat it whenever we can. For dessert we would have peach cobbler because when I was a little kid my mamaw and I would make it all the time. It just means something when I make it, so it would have to be included in the meal.

**Mia King, 7th, Holston Valley Middle, Mrs. Taylor**

If I had to cook dinner for my entire family, I would make shrimp because everyone loves it.

It's one of our favorite things to eat.

**Shirley Washburn, 7th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Brooks**

If I had to cook dinner for my entire family, I would cook 2 turkeys and a pizza. My aunt will make the rest.

**Nehemiah West, 2nd, Nickelsville Elementary, Mrs. Gilmer**

If I had to make a dinner for my whole entire family, I would make chicken and cheesy noodles.

My mom has made it before and it was good. My mom is trying to teach me how to make all kinds of stuff.

**Megan Pennington, 6th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Jones**

If I made dinner for my family, I would make them Italian or barbecue chicken. What you do is you take raw chicken strips and dip them in Italian dressing or barbecue sauce.

Then you stick them in a pan and put them in the oven for a little while. While those are cooking, I would make some macaroni and cheese, potatoes, green beans, peas, and some nice rolls. I would also like to serve them some dessert after dinner. I would make them some brownies and heat up some chocolate sauce. I would stack 2 brownies on each other, then a glob of ice cream, and then the warm, soothing chocolate sauce. I would make them dinner for love, but I would charge them a 5 dollar exit fee.

**Carter Trent, 8th, Surgoinsville Middle, Mrs. Hensley**

I would make my family a bowl of cereal with their favorite type of cereal. Then I would bring them their choice of drink. If they don't like it, they don't have to eat it.

They would also get a choice of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

**Ryley Crabtree, 6th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Jones**

If I had to cook dinner for my entire family I would make tamales because all of my family enjoys them so much.

Also, my mother has taught me how to make them several times.

**Sarah Trivett, 7th, Holston Valley Middle, Mrs. Taylor**

BACON, the best food ever. Everybody loves it and I love it too.  
**Aidan Yeary, 6th, Jonesville Middle, Mrs. Jones**

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