



TRIED & TRUE GLUTEN-FREE LUNCH BOX IDEAS

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Understandably, lunch is usually the biggest challenge for gluten-free kids. But with creativity and planning, it doesn't have to be! Of course, leftovers are always an option but give one of these fun, gluten-free lunch recipes a try too:

• Peanut Butter & Jelly on Cinnamon Raisin Bread

- Sneak in a few chocolate chips, thin apple slices or even banana slices for an added surprise!

• Pizza

- Try topping a gluten-free pizza crust or bagel with your child's favorite veggies, meats or cheeses for a delicious treat, served warm or cold.

• Chicken Nuggets

- Substitution tip: First, dry out a few slices of your favorite gluten-free bread (like Rudi's!). Then, grind the bread into crumbs and mix with your favorite gluten-free cereal to create delicious breadcrumbs for the chicken nuggets.

• Chicken Waldorf Salad

- Does your child have a sophisticated palate? This salad can be eaten right from the container or made into a sandwich with gluten-free bread at lunchtime. The recipe includes mayo and yogurt, so be sure to use ice packs to keep this sandwich fresh, tasty and safe.
- Direct Link: http://tinyurl.com/3galgeh

• Sweet Potato and Avocado Sandwich with Poppy Seed Spread

- A good recipe for kids who prefer to eat vegetarian! This recipe calls for mayo, so use ice packs to keep it fresh and safe.
- Direct Link: http://tinyurl.com/4xhhfuo

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