How Big is a portion for three and four-year-olds?

Fruit and vegetables



For example

5 per day

1/2 large sliced apple
2 tbsp canned fruit
2 tbsp cooked vegetables

8 halved grapes 6 carrot sticks

Bread, rice potatoes, pasta



per 1 slice of bread
5 thsp dry cereal
2 small boiled potato

4 thsp cooked pasta 3 thsp cooked rice

Milk and dairy products



per 1 cup of milk (150ml) 2 tbsp unsweetened yoghurt

2 sticks hard cheese 4 tbsp custard

Meat, fish, eggs and beans



2-3 per 1 slice chicken 3 thsp fish in sauce 1 egg

2 tbsp beans or lentils

Meals and snacks should have a mix of these four food groups

How Big is a portion?

Use your child's hand size as a measure

Two half fingers for amilk and dairy products

Cupped palm for fruit and vegetables

Balled hand for bread, rice potatoes and pasta

Open palm for meat, fish, eggs and beans

Remember to offer water with meals!