How to involve your child in preparing Ishaan's Kale Pear Smoothie

Replacement ideas: any other leafy green, apples, different nut butters, milk of choice or water

Children's Work (may or may not need adult collaboration)

- 1. Peel stickers off the fruit (same or different day from cooking).
- 2. Wash the pears and kale (same or different day from cooking).
- 3. Peel and slice the bananas (same or different day from cooking).
- 4. Cut pre-cut pear slices into smaller pieces.
- 5. Pour all the ingredients into the blending container. Screw on the top (with adult guidance if it has blades in it like mine).
- 6. Press any buttons needed to blend (if you have one with buttons).
- 7. Wash dishes.
- 8. Clean cooking areas.
- 9. Wash hands (before and after).

Adult's Work

- 1. Your child can watch as the adult cuts the pear into slices or the banana in half.
 - a. Add language/stories: type of food, how does it grow? parts of the fruit seeds/stems/peel, favorite memories with pears or bananas.
 - b. Add exploration: touch textures, smell, what do you see? hear any sounds while preparing? Is the food juicy?
- 2. Pour the smoothie into a smaller pitcher so your child can serve themselves a cup.

Jshaan's Kale Pear Smoothie Source: Ishaan's Family

1 cup kale 1/2 cup milk of choice 1 pear, peeled and chopped 1/2 banana, frozen 1 Tablespoon peanut butter or almond butter 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Combine all ingredients in a smoothie-style blender (or a high-powered blender) and puree until smooth.

Add additional milk to thin out and enjoy!





