# Pod Vegetables

Walk **Play Peas Snap Peas** Ride Catch **Plant** Walk Blueberry Frozen Veggies greer Family Ate A Meal Together Canned Veggies • Blackberry **Snap Peas Jump Green Beans** ' **Plav Spinach** Stretch Run Raspberry Green Beans Frozen Berries Park/Slide Peas

Put an X through the squares of fruits, vegetables, and physical activities you try. Get five in a row for a bingo.









# The Food Waste Problem

It's estimated that 30 to 40 percent of the U.S. food supply is wasted. With many people not having enough to eat, it's hard to see food wasted. Also, wasted food means wasted money for your family.

### What can you do to minimize food waste?

- ✓ Plan meals and snacks carefully. Use what you have on hand first and only buy what you need.
- Store leftovers: Leftovers can be kept in the refrigerator for 3-4 days or frozen for 3-4 months. Although safe indefinitely, frozen leftovers can lose moisture and flavor when stored for longer times in the freezer.
- Practice food safety. Keep your refrigerator at or below 40°F. Store raw meats in a dish or container in the fridge so juices don't leak onto other foods.
- Check dates on food. If you buy foods with a short "Use By" date, plan to cook or freeze them quickly.





can help in the

- Plant seeds
- **Pull weeds**
- Water plants
- Harvest



one hour a dau!



### **CHILD'S NAME**

has completed a Pick a better snack<sup>™</sup> bingo this month.

## **GROWN-UP SIGNATURE**



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Practice these tried-and-true tips to save money:

- Plan your meals and snacks for the week.
- Create a grocery list from your plan and only buy what's on the list.
- Keep an eye out for sales at your local grocery store.
- Avoid aisles or stores where it's easy to make impulse buys.
- Compare the name-brand and store-brand items. Store brands are often cheaper for the same nutrition.
- \$ Purchase fruits and vegetables that are in season.