

Every month we devote ourselves to filling the pages of *Family Circle* with dozens of ideas to make your life easier, happier and healthier. This holiday issue is no exception: from 78 of the best gifts we've ever had the joy of pulling together to beautiful ways to spread Christmas cheer throughout the house to some of the smartest tips for warding off winter colds (I'm already following a few of them). And, of course, we have lots and lots of recipes to make the season truly memorable, with mix-and-match menus so you can easily personalize your feast for Christmas Eve, Christmas dinner or any festive gathering you're hosting (or bringing a dish to). My family happens to love hors d'oeuvres—tho' more the merrier (we are often too stuffed for supper!)—so I was especially thrilled that FC's food editors dreamed up our "Get the Party Started" app story. With recipes that are a quick-fix and simple enough for your kids to make, we hope prepping party food becomes one less thing on your to-do list and instead becomes a fun activity the whole family can do together. Speaking of kids helping in the kitchen, check out this adorable email I received from one of our younger fans. How lucky is Tyler's family?



Dear Linda,

My name is Tyler and I live in Florida. I am 11 and love to cook. I love your magazine and especially the recipes. I made the Cajun Shrimp Taco cover recipe from the September issue for my family and we all loved them. Please keep your great family recipes coming.

Thanks,
Tyler Zager