

## Quick And Yummy Merienda

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The weekend is here and you find yourself with nothing to do. Then you get a call from your daughter, asking if the kids can spend the afternoon with you while she does her errands. As a devoted grandparent, you quickly agree — it's an impromptu reunion with your *apos*! These unplanned visits, while welcomed as delightful surprises, also means you would have to put together a *merienda* that is delicious, but quick and easy to prepare.

Spaghetti is always a crowd pleaser, especially with little children. It's also a flexible dish, allowing you to work with what you have available in your pantry. Spaghetti used to be thought of only for big parties. Now, with a little Del Monte ingenuity, it can be prepared as a quick and economical *merienda* with the [Luncheon Meat Spaghetti](#) recipe.

This delicious recipe eliminates the additional steps of defrosting and sautéing ground beef. Simply open a can of luncheon meat and cut into cubes! Luncheon meat in spaghetti sauce is similar to having bits of hotdog — another kiddie favorite!

You can make this easy recipe your own by exploring different kinds of luncheon meat — some are packed with a cheesy filling while others will have a spicy variant. Choose which type will best fit the palettes of your guests. If you're serving it to your *apos*, make sure you have plenty of grated cheese and toasted garlic bread to go around.

Reunions, no matter how big or small, deserve a delicious dish to compliment the fun and love around the table. This spaghetti may even become a special request at your next mini-reunion.