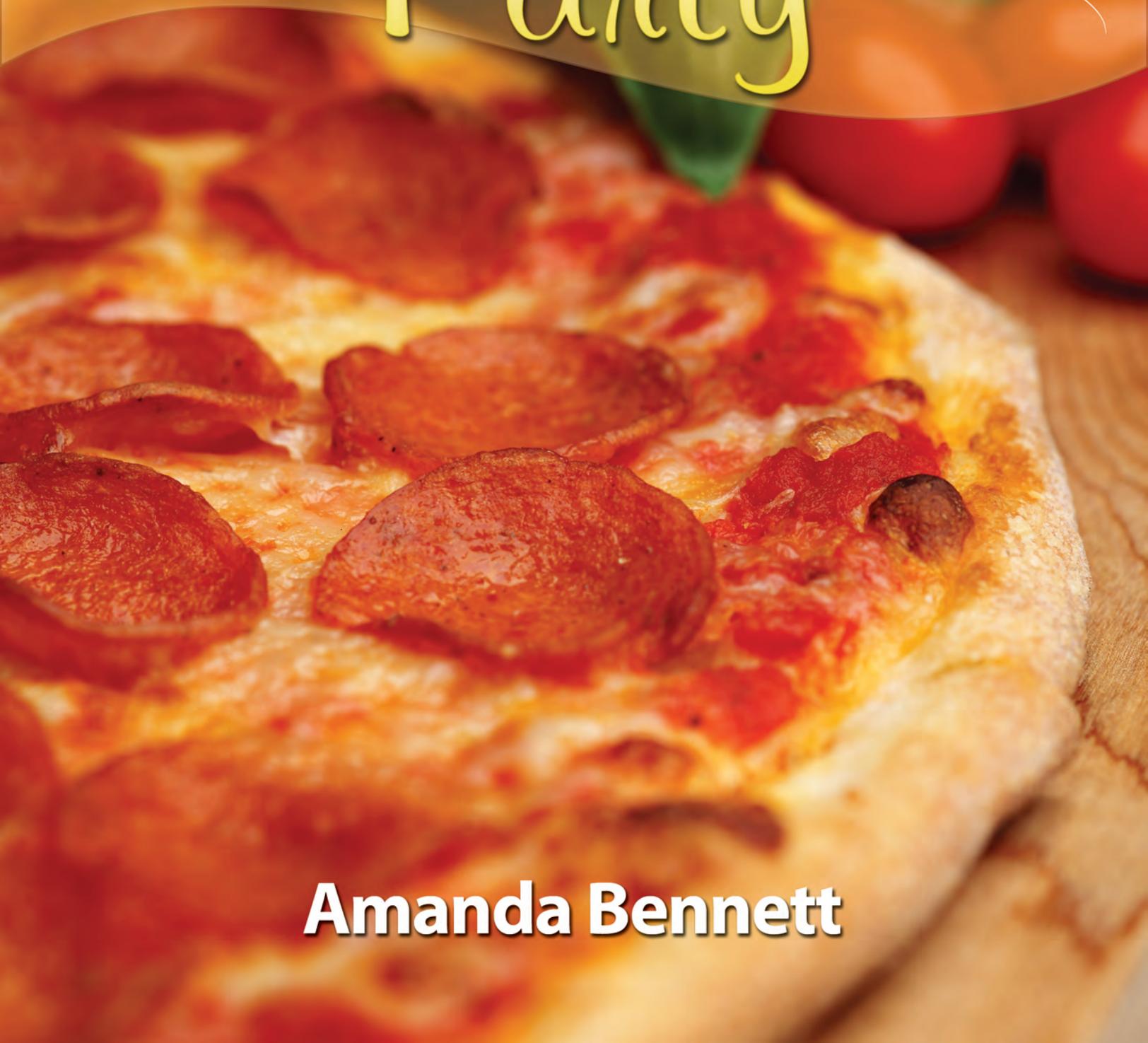


Pizza *Party*



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Introduction

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Pizza. Just the mention of this wonderful food can get the immediate attention of most children. So many fun and memorable childhood events include memories of pizza parties, either at home or at a restaurant. From celebrating a first recital or baseball team win to gathering with family and friends or commemorating a graduation or anniversary, pizza certainly helps make some lasting memories in many lives.

At our house, a favorite event was Friday Pizza Night. We made pizza together as a family, making the dough and stretching it, and then each one adding his favorite toppings to “his” part of the pizzas. We used the usual toppings like pepperoni and cheese, and then added things from the garden, such as zucchini and peppers and anything else that we happened to have on hand. While the pizzas were cooking, we would put on a family movie and get settled in for a fun night of pizza and movies with the whole crew. Those were some very special times for our family, and what an easy and affordable way to make those great memories.

Choosing this topic for a Download N Go™ study was easy for me, since we have had so much fun with pizza at our house. With this study/lapbook, your child will investigate all kinds of things about pizza, including the history of pizza and types of pizza, and he will learn about Italy, the country where pizza originated, and much more. Each day he will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to his Pizza Party lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

With the new Download N Go™ unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, and crayons or markers. That’s it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

From developing an understanding of the basics of how pizza is made and where it comes from to learning about the Leaning Tower of Pisa and Galileo’s experiment there, this is going to be an exciting adventure. Your child will be learning about:

- The history of pizza.
- Italy, home of the modern pizza.
- The science of pizza.
- Pizza tastes around the world.

Along the way, there will be science discoveries, such as learning about how yeast works and how mozzarella cheese is made. Your student will also learn a bit of history and geography as he studies the different types of pizza and the types of pizza enjoyed across the globe.

So get ready for the adventure, and thanks for spending a week with us as we take off with Pizza Party!

Notes to parents and teachers: Remember that Internet site content can change overnight – please check the sites that you plan to use before your child uses them in the study.



Daily Objectives

Day 1: Pizza—What Is It?

1. Let's talk about pizza—what is your favorite pizza?
2. What are the main parts of a pizza?
3. Where and when was pizza first created?
4. Let's learn about Italy and take a look at Naples.
5. Famous Italian of the day: Marco Polo.

Day 2: The Story of Pizza

1. What's the story on pizza—how did it come to America?
2. Let's learn about Italy and its capital city.
3. Famous Italian of the day: Leonardo da Vinci.
4. Become familiar with Italian cooking music.

Day 3: Types of Pizza

1. Learn about different kinds of pizza.
2. Families and pizza businesses.
3. Let's learn about Italy and the city of Venice.
4. Famous Italian of the day: Antonio Vivaldi.

Day 4: The Science of Pizza

1. How does yeast work?
2. How is mozzarella cheese made?
3. Let's learn about Italy: the town and Tower of Pisa.
4. Famous Italian of the day: Galileo.

Day 5: Let's Have a Pizza Party

1. The party preparations begin.
2. Let's learn about Italy: the flag of Italy.
3. Pizza records around the world.
4. Famous Italian of the day: Michelangelo.

Day 1: Pizza-What I s I t?

To begin our day of pizza adventure, let's take a look at these two videos to see how other kids make pizza:

Video: [Kids Making Pizza](#)

Video: [Kids and Cooking – Homemade Pizza](#)

Draw your favorite pizza, and label the main parts and toppings on your pizza.



The main parts of the pizza include the crust, the sauce, the spices, the cheese, and the toppings. Does your pizza drawing include these?

Have you ever made pizza at home? _____

Pizza is one of those words that is fun to say out loud. What did the word pizza originally mean? *Write your answer below.*

[Pizza History](#)

