

Kids In The Kitchen

Cooking Up Family Fun

(NAPSA)—A new entertainment package is sure to satisfy a girl's craving for some berry-licious fun.

A new DVD, "Strawberry Shortcake: Cooking Up Fun," comes with a 12-page cookbook filled with recipes, activities and special memories that can help bring moms and daughters together for fun activities.

In the sweet, two-part DVD, Apple Dumplin' wants to help her friends with baking yummy desserts—and learns a great lesson about big responsibilities. In the second half, Strawberry and friends decide to host a cooking show on "Berryvision." But when things go wrong, it takes some re-prioritizing to smooth things over and unite to bake a joyful recipe full of friendship.

Here's one of the sweet, kid-friendly recipes from the enclosed cookbook:

Strawberry Shortcake's Sugar Cookies

- 3¼ cups flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1¼ cups white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 container store-bought frosting
- Tubes of decorator icing (optional)

In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. Cream together butter and sugar in a large bowl using an electric mixer. Add eggs and mix until well-combined. Then mix in vanilla.

Add flour mixture to butter mixture. Beat on medium



It's a "berry" sweet adventure, both in the kitchen and on a new Strawberry Shortcake DVD.

speed. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours, until dough is cold and firm.

Preheat the oven to 350° and line a baking tray with foil. Sprinkle a clean, flat surface with a tablespoon of flour and use a rolling pin to roll out half of the dough. Dough should be about ¼-inch thick. Use cookie cutters to cut out fun shapes. Place shapes on baking tray.

Bake cookies for 5-7 minutes, or until light golden brown. Transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool. Continue until all of the cookies are baked. After cookies have cooled, spread a thin layer of frosting on each one and decorate with decorator icing and sprinkles.

"Strawberry Shortcake: Cooking Up Fun" is available from Fox Home Entertainment. To learn