

Pizza

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Topic: Appreciation

Messages: *That failing to show appreciation in the ways others expect can be hurtful. That some people show appreciation in different ways and sometimes this fact needs to be accepted.*

Characters: Mother, father, son Renee, auntie

Setting: Dining room

Father and auntie are sitting at the dining room table. Mother is setting the table.

Mother: All right, dinner everyone!

Auntie: Really, sister, I tell you, this is really wonderful: two hours to come and save me a long train ride just to come and visit with you. I appreciate. I could put together green vegetables and salad if you want...

Mother: Oh no, I'm good. I just forgot the garlic and Parmesan cheese.

Auntie: I'll get the Parmesan cheese because I like it.

Renee enters.

Auntie: Hey, here is Renee, my favorite nephew, I told you he was coming! I told you he was on his way, you see!

Renee sits and starts eating.

Mother: Okay, can you wait for the rest of us so we can all sit down and eat together?

Renee: Fine. Maybe want to sing a little song too, before we start eating dinner?

Mother (*to her husband*): Honey, would you say something to your son? He doesn't know anything about appreciation.

Father: (*Slowly puts down the newspaper, strictly to the son*). Do what your mother tells you! (*Gently to the mother*) Honey, I totally agree with you, you know I'm on your side.

Mother: Thank you!

Renee: But I am hungry!

Mother: Well, maybe you should start buying your own food **around here**, since you don't appreciate anything I do.

Renee: You know, maybe I will!

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Auntie: No, no! Listen, that's your mother. You should appreciate what she does.

Father: (*Puts away the newspaper*). You haven't started eating yet? Did you wait for me? Let us all sit down and eat together! Have a **seat**, honey! Bon appetite!

Mother: Thank you, honey.

Renee: You know... I really do appreciate everything you do for me, Mom.

Mother: Oh thank you, honey!

Renee: Pizza is my favorite. Luckily I can't cook something like this, so thank you Mom.

Father: Thank you, honey!

Mother: Thank you, **you're** welcome!

Renee: You know, this food **really is** great!

Mother: Thank you!