

## MAKING A MEMORY

by DAN GARCIA

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** After an embarrassing dinner, a husband tries to convince his wife that the embarrassment was really just a shared moment that should be cherished.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Approach this scene with a light-hearted, natural touch. It must be clear through the teasing and embarrassment that this couple loves each other very much. The message here is fragile: all moments together are to be cherished. Don't put too much weight in the scene, but also don't allow the actors to play it as trivial.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2

**TOPIC:** Marriage, Relationships

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Proverbs 17:22, 1 Thessalonians 5:16

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Bible Study on joy, Couples Group

**CHARACTERS:**

BILL- A young man  
DEBBIE - Bill's wife

**PROPS:** 1) Sink  
2) Dishes

**COSTUMES:** Contemporary clothing

**SOUND:** Two wireless mics

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A kitchen

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*Lights up. Scene opens at a kitchen sink and counter. We see BILL and DEBBIE hand washing dishes, DEBBIE washing and rinsing, and handing them off to BILL who is drying and placing them in a strainer rack. DEBBIE has a perturbed look on her face, yet BILL has a smirk. This continues for a bit.*

**BILL:** *(After a few seconds)* I just have to say, that was very, very good tonight.

**DEBBIE:** *(Plain)* Mm-hmm.

**BILL:** No, seriously.

**DEBBIE:** C'mon, Billy, I'm not up for jokes right now.

**BILL:** *(Short pause)* I mean, in all my years of watching cable and seeing the culinary masters at work-

**DEBBIE:** *(Trying not to listen)* -la-la-la-la-la-

**BILL:** I have never seen them perfect a dish of barbeque lasagna the way you did.

**DEBBIE:** I'm not laughing. You do see that I'm not laughing, right?

**BILL:** No, no, no. See, anybody else who would pull a hot dish of... flambé pasta right out of the oven would just normally dump it into the sink and throw some water on it.

**DEBBIE:** Go on, that's right, just go on, see what happens...

**BILL:** But only a true Jedi Master chef would extinguish the fire... excuse me, the flambé, with, what else, K.C. Masterpiece.

**DEBBIE:** Hey, it was right there. I was desperate. It stopped the fire and baked the top.

**BILL:** *(Pause)* My dad did have seconds, though.

**DEBBIE:** You're dad's an Italian from Texas, what do you expect? That's probably a local favorite over there.

**BILL:** *(Shrugs)* Well... maybe next time we could have spaghetti and spare ribs, who knows?

**DEBBIE:** *(Flicks some sink water at him)* Funny.

**BILL:** But you're not seeing the magic of everything.

**DEBBIE:** Magic?

**BILL:** It's beautiful.