

## MOTHER AND CHILD REUNION

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**GENRE:** Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** Expecting to meet her birth mother for the first time, a young woman instead learns her family's history through her grandmother. This sobering reunion explores the generational effect of sin on families.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Keep this scene simple. There will be a temptation to be very dramatic; instead, let the words speak for themselves. There is a lot of subtext in this scene, so make sure the actors do their homework in creating their inner monologues.

**TIME:** Over 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2

**TOPIC:** Relationships

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Matthew 6:12-15

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Bible Study, Family Groups

**CHARACTERS:**

Maggie – A woman in her 50s

Julie – A woman in her early 20s; visibly pregnant

**PROPS:** 1) Table and chairs to suggest a restaurant

2) Photos

3) Coffee cup

4) Soda cup

5) Two purses

**COSTUMES:** Contemporary clothing, appropriate to character

**SOUND:** Two wireless mikes

**LIGHTING:** General stage; if possible, a spotlight for Mother. When the "blackout" hits, a low level of light should come up. This light should go out when the lighter goes out at the end of the sketch.

**SETTING:** A restaurant

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*MAGGIE and JULIE sit in a restaurant. Photos litter their table. JULIE picks up one, then another, examining them carefully.*

**MAGGIE:** That's me in high school, if you can believe it. Please don't look at the hair. And that's me with my parents. And that's me beating my brother at ... something.

**JULIE:** You were a tomboy.

**MAGGIE:** Yes, I was. *(Beat)* That's her in second grade ... and that's her with my mother at the farm. *(Beat)* We should probably order something besides coffee and a soda. The owner is giving us a dirty look.

**JULIE:** I can't eat.

**MAGGIE:** Come on. What's your favorite food?

**JULIE:** I don't know. What's yours?

**MAGGIE:** Pie. All kinds of pie. Any kind of pie. Except pecan. I'm allergic to most nuts.

**JULIE:** No. So am I! Wow.

**MAGGIE:** You're excited because we're both allergic to nuts?

**JULIE:** I know. *(Beat)* We've been waiting a long time.

**MAGGIE:** She'll be here.

**JULIE:** Maybe she changed her mind. Did she sound like she might change her mind?

**MAGGIE:** No.

**JULIE:** Was she angry?

**MAGGIE:** She's not angry. Just scared. Like you.

**JULIE:** I don't know. Maybe she's right. I shouldn't have tried to find her. *(Beat)* You know, I really should call Eric. Let him know I made it here.

**MAGGIE:** How long did you say you've been married?

**JULIE:** Just a year.

**MAGGIE:** Got any pictures?

**JULIE:** Yep. *(She digs around in her purse and finds a snapshot.)* That's us. Before we got married.