



Not The Mamma

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PUPPETS

1. RIPLEY
2. DAD
3. MOM
4. SAMANTHA (RUSTY)
5. BABY1
6. BABY2

PROPS

1. FULL STAGE
2. Clothes
3. Fast Food Box
4. Pot (2)
5. Wooden Spoon
6. Cell Phone

SOUND

1. R.E.S.P.E.C.T. parts 1,2,3
2. 10 Commandments Song
3. Footsteps
4. Car Driving
5. Door Bell or Knocking

ACT I

Music: Commandment #5 Song

Ripley: Good morning kids! I didn't hear you! Good Morning Kids!
We're back to our series on the Ten Commandments. Can anyone remember which one we are doing today? That's right! We are doing commandment #5. Does anyone know which commandment that is? It is the "Thou shalt honor thy mother and thy father."

God puts a lot of importance on the family. And this is even more important for us to follow now as the world tries to make the family of no value whatsoever. God knows that for us to be good and decent, it has to start at home. And first and foremost we begin by honoring our mother and our father. For, if we have no respect for the ones we love at home, how much worse will we treat strangers?

Let's look today at how Samantha learns that her mother and father deserved to be honored.

Music: R. E. S. P. E. C. T. (cut 1)

Scene: Samantha is in her room just hanging up the cell phone.

Samantha: Yeah, uh huh, okay, well... I'll talk to you later. Yeah you too, bye!

Sound: Footsteps coming up stairs.

Dad: Samantha, do you have your homework finished?

Samantha: Almost dad, I just got a little more to do.

Dad: You said that over an hour ago. And from what I can see, you have hardly done a thing since the last time I checked.

Didn't I hear you talking on the phone just before I came into the room? I thought we had agreed no phone before your homework was finished.

Samantha: Well, yeah but you see Bobby called to ask me to the dance, which is really important and then like I said yes and then like I just had to call Melanie to tell her because she's my best friend.
And then Melanie tells me about how she saw Bobby rubbing up against Cindy White and how I can't trust him and then I just *had* to call him back and give him a piece of my mind. And then I was feeling bad so I called Melanie back and.....

Dad: Whoa! Stop right there young lady! I just came in to find out about your homework. But as far as I can tell you have broken our agreement. So, you are on phone restriction for a week.

Samantha: A week?! But that's not fair dad! You are so mean! You got it so easy. You just go to work and then you come home and just read your paper and then you get to watch whatever you want. And what do I get? Homework! That's what I get. But you...

Dad: Hold it right there young lady! Now, you are being disrespectful and that is something I won't stand for. You sit here in the room and think about it for a while. I think it's time I had a talk with your mother.

Scene: Samantha goes down, head bowed and dad turns to left. Mom comes up next to Dad.

Mom: What's the matter Honey? You look mad.

Dad: Sam was so disrespectful to me right now. Since we got her that cell phone I hardly recognize her. She never used to talk to me that way. I just don't know what has gotten into her.

Mom: I know what has gotten into Samantha. I believe it is a disease called teenageitis! Let me talk with her. I think I can get her to turn around.

Dad: Good luck, But if I were you I'd take a whip and a chair with me.

Mom: (Chuckles) I am sure I'll be all right.

Scene: Dad slides down shaking his head.

Mom: Samantha Marie! Can I talk to you for a minute.

Samantha: Yeah, whaddya want? (comes up next to mom)

Mom: I am not so sure I like that tone of voice young lady!

Samantha: Yeah, dad didn't like it either. But what do you care anyway? You're just going to take his side. You always do anyway. I mean you got it easier than he does. All you do all day is to take care of the twins and watch TV, while I go to school!

Mom: I think I better leave for the moment before I say something I'm gonna regret. Your father will be back shortly.

Scene: Samantha slides down. Mom huffs and then disappears.

ACT II

Music: R. E. S. P. E. C. T. (cut 2)

Scene: Mom and Dad are talking again

Dad: Well, you ready for that whip and chair yet?

Mom: I didn't even know her! I mean she was so disrespectful that I almost slapped her. What has gotten into that child?

Dad: I don't know. But I do know that if we don't get her respect now, we are going to have a much harder time with her later. The Bible tells us we are to raise our children in the fear of the Lord but right now I think the only thing she fears is losing her phone privileges.

Mom: What can we do about it?

Dad: I think I have an idea. (He leans over and whispers in mom's ear).

Mom: Oh, that would be priceless. I wish I could be a fly on the wall.

Dad: Sam! Get down here! Your mother and I need to speak with you.

Scene: Samantha comes in.

Dad: Now for the next minute or two you are just going to listen. Is that clear? I don't want to hear a single word from that smart mouth for a minute, understood?

Samantha: Understood.

Dad: Your mother and I have been discussing the disrespectful way you have been treating us lately and we are not very happy about it.

You seem to think that what we do is easy. You seem to think that we have it better than you. Well, young lady, we are going to give you the chance to find out.

This weekend, your mother and I have decided to take a little break. So on Saturday you're going to be the mother *and* the father. We are going out and you have full responsibility for the house *and* the babies for the day. Maybe once you've seen what it is like to be the parent, we will get a little more respect around here.

Samantha: No problem. This is going to be a piece of cake.

Scene: All slide down – Ripley comes up.

Ripley: Kids, do you think being a parent is easy? Do you think they have it better than you? Do you think that maybe Samantha is in for a lesson? Well let's see if dad's idea works

ACT III

Music: R. E. S. P. E. C. T. (cut 3)

Scene: Mom & Dad are leaving.

Dad: Okay Samantha, here are the rules. First, you are totally in charge. You are responsible for the discipline and getting them fed and bathed etc.

Samantha: Are you going to leave me some money for food?

Dad: Well that's part of your job as dad. You have to pay for the meals.

Samantha: From my allowance? That's not right!

Dad: Just part of being an adult sweetheart. Better get used to it. We'll see you tonight. You have an emergency number if you need to reach us.

Samantha: Don't worry dad. What could possibly go wrong?

Dad: Custer's battle cry. (Dad shakes head)

Samantha: Huh?

Dad: Never mind honey. Don't let us down. We'll see you tonight.

Scene: All slide down

Sound: Car driving away

Ripley: I don't think this is going to be as easy as Samantha thinks.

ACT IV

Scene: Samantha comes up with baby on each side.

Baby Girl: I'm hungry waaaa! I want food now!

Samantha: Stop crying. I'll get you some food.

Well, I already checked the fridge and there is nothing there. Besides, I can't cook anyway. I know I'll order Chinese.

(Picks up Phone) Hi, is this Lots O' Noodles? Good, I would like a family pack dinner to go. My number? Yeah it's 555-1212.

Baby Boy: I'm hungry! (throws fit)

Samantha: And could you hurry? (Hangs up.)

Baby Boy: (Banging pot.)

Samantha: What are you doing Victor? Stop that right now!

Baby Boy: No!

Samantha: You heard me! Stop that right now!

Baby Boy: (Continues) No! (Reaches up and smacks Samantha with Pot) **Not the Momma!**

Baby Girl: (Laughs) Yeah! **Not the Momma!**

Samantha: You both calm down right now! Do you want a spanking?

Baby Boy: (Quietly) Not the Momma!

Sound: Doorbell Rings

Samantha: Boy that was really quick. How much do I owe you? That much? Why that's my allowance for another month! Never mind. Just give me the food.

Scene: Both babies attack food.

Samantha: Just wait a minute you little rug rats! (she is tackled by the babies, all slide down)

Scene: Ripley comes up

Ripley: It's not how she thought it was going to be is it kids? Well' it very seldom is. When we are little we want to be adults. And when we are grown we long for the days when it was someone else's responsibility.

Scene: Ripley goes down and the babies come back up with Samantha.

Both Babies: Wee! Wee! (they are throwing clothes in the air.)

Samantha: Martha! Victor! Stop! You are getting the clean clothes all dirty and I will have to wash them again!

Baby Boy: (Turns to Samantha) Not the Momma! (throws more clothes in the air).

Sound: Car driving up

Baby Girl: It's the Momma!

Baby Boy: The Momma! (Both Duck Down)

Sound: Footsteps (Mom Comes up)

Samantha: Oh Mom! I'm so glad to see you! The twins were bad! They wouldn't listen to me, and then the food guy came and it took all my money and then Victor hit me with the pot!
I love you Sooo much! I promise not to be disrespectful again. Do you forgive me?

Mom: Of course I do sweetheart. I'm sure you have something to say to your father as well?

Samantha: Oh Dad? I am so glad your home... (runs off and mom slides down.)

ACT V

Ripley: Hey kids, do you think that Samantha gets it now? Do you?

Honoring your mother and father is not about special awards or bowing at their feet or anything like that. It's about being respectful. It's about being obedient.

When we are obedient to our parents, we are being obedient to God. Families are important and your parents are the only ones you'll ever have. Love them, listen to them, and learn from them.

Will everyone please welcome back the S.O.C.K. puppets as they sing about the Ten Commandments.

Sound: 10 Commandments song

End