

A script from



“Family Matters”

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- What** Three very different sisters and their families spend Thanksgiving (or Christmas) together, personalities clash, and some things never change. Themes: Family Loyalty, Sibling Rivalry, Parenting, Communicating, Holidays
- Who** Linn- late 20's, free-spirited, perky, “hippy”, youngest
Kim- mid 30's, peace-maker, mother hen, middle
Jill- late 30's, blunt, problem solver, oldest
- When** Thanksgiving (or Christmas)
- Wear
(Props)** Couch
Remote
Pillow
- Why** Ephesians 5:21, Philippians 2:4, I Corinthians 13:4
- How** This should be played naturally. It helps to have three women who are close friends or are actually sisters to add to the dynamic. Change the occasion (*i.e. Thanksgiving to Mother's Day or Easter, etc.*) to fit your event or theme.
- Time** Approximately 8-10 minutes

The audience is dropped into the middle of an already tense moment between three sisters. Jill, Linn and Kim are sitting on the couch watching TV with Linn in the middle. Kim has the remote and is flipping through the channels. All three look as if they've been through the ringer.

- Jill:** Change the channel. Okay. *(pause)* Change it. *(pause)* Again. No, anything but football. We've got the guys quarantined to one room, so let's keep them in there. *(Linn changes the channel again)* No, not that. *(Linn changes it again and just as she starts to get interested)* Oh I've seen this. He dies and she becomes a nun.
- Kim:** Here, you take the remote.
- Jill:** No, no that's okay. You're the one watching.
- Linn:** That is so typical.
- Jill:** What?
- Linn:** Jill, you have never stopped bossing her around. And Kim, you always cower to whatever she tells you to do.
- Kim:** I do not cower!
- Linn:** Yes you do! You kept telling her "yes m'am" and "no m'am" until you were 7 when you finally realized you didn't have to.
- Kim:** Nu uh!
- Linn:** Uh huh!
- Jill:** Well this is real mature.
- Linn:** Oh and you're just the model of maturity!

All three erupt into argument

- Jill:** Alright, alright! We're going to wake up the kids. Keep your voice down. Josh finally stopped throwing up and it took me forever to get him to sleep.
- Kim:** Oh what's that supposed to mean?
- Jill:** What?
- Kim:** It's all my fault. That's what you want to say isn't it? You blame me for your kids getting sick.

- Jill:** No, no Kim! I don't blame you! *(pause)* Although it wouldn't hurt to actually feed your children something a little healthy.
- Kim:** What?! What did you just say?
- Linn:** I totally agree with Jill on this one. I've been watching what you feed your kids and if you wouldn't let them eat so much sugar and junk, maybe they wouldn't be so hyper and sickly. *(Kim shocked)* And pass it on to other kids.
- Jill:** Ha! That's tellin''em! Mom! Kim and Linn are fighting!
- Kim:** *(Stunned)* So! The truth comes out! You think I'm a bad mother!
- Linn:** No, no! I think you're a...fine mother. I just think...look this is the first Thanksgiving we are all together with all of our families. Can we just drop this and try to enjoy our time together?

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ENDING:

- Jill:** Kim, why didn't you tell us?
- Kim:** I guess I blame myself for his problems, so I just feel like I am a bad mom.
- Linn:** I'm sure it's nothing, Kim.
- Kim:** Probably...but I'm scared.
- Jill:** Come 'ere. *(Hugs Kim)* It's gonna be fine. You're going to let me know the next time you take him in for tests and I'm going with you.
- Linn:** And I'll stay with the kids. Whatever you need us to do, Kim, just let us know. And if that involves Jill being nicer and not such a meanie and not opening her big mouth so much... then we're here for you. Okay! Steel Magnolias moment!
- Jill:** I hate that movie.
- Linn:** *(Puts her hand out and the others stack theirs on top)* Yea Team Williams?
- Jill:** *(Rolls her eyes)* Yea team Williams.
- Kim:** Yea team Williams.

Jill: Hey, let's go see if Mom needs any help in the kitchen.

They get up to exit, as they're walking off...

Linn: Well, this has been a great Thanksgiving *(or Christmas)*! I think we should make it a family tradition – every Thanksgiving *(or Christmas)*, here in the old homestead...

Jill: Hey how about we all stay in a hotel next year?

Kim: Hey how about we all stay in separate hotels next year?

Linn: What? Not on Thanksgiving! I can't believe you'd want to stay in a hotel for Thanksgiving!

Jill: Hey how about we send the husbands here with the kids and the three of us go to Cancun?

Kim: Hey! I like that plan.

Linn: You've got to be kidding me...

They argue as they exit. The End.