

A script from



“How NOT to Follow a Recipe”

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What	When Marie Kaplouski fills in for her hero, Martha Stewart, her cooking venture goes awry when she chooses not to follow Martha’s proven recipe. Themes: Obedience, Instruction, Rebellion, Consequences
Who	Marie Kaplouski Show Director 1-2 Audience Prompters Cue Card Holders
When	Present
Wear (Props)	Table Clear mixing bowl Small bowls of ingredients Utensils Recipe book & bookstand Apron Headsets Clipboard Cue cards Recorded theme music
Why	Matt.7:24-27, Luke 6:46-49, Luke 8:21, James 1:22, 25, 1John 5:3a, John 14:15,21a
How	This will take some practice to get all the timing down just right. The actor playing the cue card holder will need to be comfortable with an audience and be able to get them involved. This script is meant as a sermon set-up.
Time	Approximately 4-6 minutes; This script is 3¼ pages long.

Director: Welcome to our show, "Cooking with Martha Stewart." We're glad you could be a part of our studio audience today. I regret to inform you that Martha will not be with us this morning, due to an unfortunate gardening incident. *(Optional replacement — she's making a special appearance in New York today.)* The one and only Marie Kaplouski will be filling in this morning, so you are still in for a treat! Before we begin taping, I would like to ask that everyone turn off the sound on your cell phones and pagers and to remind you that no cameras or recording devices are allowed during filming. This is a live show and we would love your participation. Simply respond when you see the audience prompt cards to your right or left. To make sure you're ready, let's practice! Guys?

Audience prompters hold up cards one at a time as audience responds

(Applause)

(Ooooooh)

(Ahhhhhh)

Director: It looks like you're good to go! *(Turns to stage as lights in the audience dim on a 5 count)* And, 5, 4, 3, 2, action!

Theme music starts; spotlights on.

(Applause)

Marie enters from the back, waving and smiling energetically

Theme music ends as applause dies. Cue Card Holder begins to flip cue cards

Marie: Welcome to "Cooking with Martha Stewart!" As you in TV land can tell, I'm not Martha Stewart. My hero, Martha! Isn't she fabulous? Bless her heart, she was in a terrible gardening incident — something to do with the rare flowering Pennycress plant, an insect originally from Bulgaria, and an antique English watering can. *(Optional replacement – Anyway, Martha's in the Big Apple this week. How exciting! Something about a court appearance . . .)* But not to worry, I'm Marie Palouski and Martha's left me very specific instructions. Thanks for joining us! Today, we're going to be making a delicious chocolate cake with a surprise ingredient — zucchini! I can't wait! So let's get started!

(Applause)

Marie: Martha tells me this is a flawless recipe! Easy as pie! Can you say cake-baking is easy as pie? No matter — I'm so excited! *(Looking at the recipe and adding ingredients while talking)* The first thing you need to do is put two cups of flour into a large bowl like this. Then add one teaspoon

of baking soda, one teaspoon of baking powder, and a pinch of salt. We also have this wonderful imported cinnamon. It smells fantastic!

(Ahhhhhh)

Marie: Add one teaspoon of cinnamon to our bowl. According to the instructions, you'll also want to add half of a teaspoon of nutmeg. You know, the latest rage is really this new chili spice. Everybody's talking about it! Oh, I'd love to use it instead. I mean, what would everybody think if Marie Palouski used the same old thing? In fact, I'm going to go ahead and use a couple of teaspoons of this fantastic chili powder instead of that boring, old nutmeg.

*Activity begins on the headsets and the **Director** begins to look uncomfortable*

Marie: Isn't Martha's recipe just wonderful! America's idol might be Kris Allen *(change to current American Idol)*, but it's all about Martha for me! Next, add four tablespoons of cocoa. We're going to take a wire whisk and just mix all these dry ingredients together. Doesn't this already sound fabulous?

Audience Prompters look at each other and the Director for direction.

(Ooooooh)

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ENDING:

Director – who is very frustrated and angry by this point – is furiously pointing to his watch.

Marie: It's just great! Our final instructions tell us to pour this incredible batter into a greased and floured rectangular pan, but we're just going to skip the greasing and flouring. We've done it every other time we've baked chocolate cake, so it won't matter if we skip it just this once. Next, you want to bake this at 350 degrees for forty to fifty minutes. *(Notices the Director; begins fixing an individual plate)* Ooh, but I see that here in the studio we are simply out of time. How many of you can relate to that feeling? Uh, uh. Well, then there's only one thing left to do and you know what that is! This is the point where the audience gets to try our delicious creation! *(Places a sprig of greenery on the plate and holds it up)*

(Ahhhhhhh)

Marie: Thank you for baking with us on the "Cooking with Martha Stewart Show!" Any takers?

***Marie** exits the stage, tries unsuccessfully to get a few people from the audience to taste, and exits through the side door.*

(Applause)

Theme music plays and fades out as the lights blackout.