

Family Council

Family Education Videos on “Marital Happiness and Harmony” – Ingredients of Marriage

Episode 4: Hotpot and Parenting

Video’s Transcript

- Chef Moustachio : Parenting is comparable to having a hotpot meal.
The flavours are varied.
- Sometimes, the husband is the more intense flavour.
For other times, it is the wife being so.
- But even the ingredients are prepared with
perfect seasoning, if, God forbid,
someone pours in cold water,
the entire hotpot will need boiling again!
- My private kitchen is to help couples
keep up the heat for the hotpot.
- Candy : Hello, everyone, I’m Candy.
This is my spokesperson, Chilli Pepper.
The adults like to call me Chilli Girl.
Why?
They say that not only do I know lots of things,
but I’m also good at mimicking how adults talk.
- Chef Moustachio : Ahem! Don’t be a bad influence to kids,
Chilli Pepper! Come and give me a hand!
- Candy : Those were just my opening lines.
Now, we’ll start this episode. Let’s roll!
- Candy : May I introduce to you
my skinny dad

and my gorgeous mum!
This is my grandma
and my grandpa, her husband!
Now, here are my piano teacher,
my tutor, my Go game teacher,
my drawing teacher
and my swimming coach.
All of them are my VIPs this evening.

Chef Moustachio : Little Candy,
you talk as if you're this evening's host.

Candy : Of course, tonight is the celebration for
I made it at the school transfer interview!

Chef Moustachio : Sure thing. That's why I prepared
a special hotpot feast for it.
There's a choice of intense or non-intense taste.

Dad : Thank you, Chef Moustachio,
for this sumptuous hotpot feast.
I've to give thanks to the teachers and coach too
for your patience in teaching Candy
the piano, Go game, drawing and swimming.

Mum : And I thank myself for searching tirelessly
for so many of you to teach her
while picking her up from school every single day
and whisking her to doing the learning!
It's extremely tiring!

Grandmother : Extremely tiring indeed!
It's really tiring for a child to learn so many
Just because you didn't learn them,
doesn't mean that you should
make your girl do it.

Grandfather : Son, say something.
You ought to hold these two ladies' tongue under your roof!
Or else how can you manage to discipline your daughter?

Chef Moustachio : While the soup takes time to boil,
why don't we have Candy saying something about the admission interview?

Candy : Sure!
I only remember them praising me for knowing the skills of piano playing and Go game, drawing and swimming!

Chef Moustachio : Did you tell them which one is your favourite?

Candy : No, I just told them what I dislike the most.

Mum & Grandmother : What is it?

Candy : It's when you argue about me too busy learning stuff, and when Grandpa sneered at Mum and me being fat!

Grandfather : When did I say so?
Even if I did, I was just joking!

Dad : Dad, you did also sneer at my skinniness in front of others.

All teachers : How we wish we could go invisible to save the embarrassment!

Chef Moustachio : Chilli Pepper, come and play with Candy over there.

Now that no one's around,
should we just sit down and talk?

Parenting is comparable to having a hotpot.
The flavours are varied.

You intend to do Candy good, and so do you.
This is everybody's wish!

Dad & Mum & Grandparents : So what do we do?

Expert : Let me give you some suggestions for reference.

First, an overcooked hotpot will give
chewy content. It is the same with the
relationship between mother-in-law
and daughter-in-law.

Even for a close relationship,
don't ever overcook a conversation
and speak too freely or rattle words off
as the child will learn what she hears.

Second, try to give advice without criticising.
Say, you may suggest a family member
do more exercise without commenting on their size!

Third, never argue in front of your child.
This is the number one taboo of parenting.

At the end of the day,
having children and raising them are
the main dish in a delectable marriage,
which takes the husband and wife
to cook it together.

Swimming Coach : Grandma,
Drawing Teacher : and Grandpa,
Tutor : leave parenting
Go Teacher : up to
Piano Teacher : the husband and wife.
Mum & Dad : Let's sort the task out together!
Candy : I'm back!
Chef Moustachio : Have a seat! Let's enjoy the hotpot!