

Mama Mia Can't Believe Her Ears

Parents and Teachers:

Thank you for stopping by and printing a copy of *Mama Mia Can't Believe Her Ears*. Below you will find information about characters, costumes, props and sets to use in your movie/play. Gathering and creating all the items is simple and should make for additional fun for your children or students. If you are making a movie and have editing software that the children can use, that's great! If not, just film in order as best you can. Remember, bloopers can be fun, too! You can film a "title" card at the beginning and a "credit" card at the end. As always, children should be under adult supervision at all times.

The following are only suggestions to get you started. Kids have great imaginations so if they want to use different costumes or props or change the script in any way, feel free to do so.

Characters & Costumes:

DAD: Distinguish DAD from SON by having him wear a hat, moustache or beard, or a shirt and tie, etc.

MOM: Distinguish MOM from DAUGHTER by having her carry a purse, wear a hat, etc.

DAUGHTER: Regular clothing is fine for the DAUGHTER

SON: Regular clothing is fine for the SON

GIUSEPPE/GINA (Waiter/Waitress): Apron, pad and pen, or pencil

MAMA MIA (Cook): Apron and chef's hat if available.

SIGN BOYS/GIRLS (2) To bring in new sign at the end: Regular clothing is fine.

Sets:

This movie or play can take place in a kitchen or classroom or even on the backyard deck or school yard as long as you have tables/chairs available and a place to hang the pizzeria sign. Decorate as you like.

Props: (Supplies: Construction paper, safety scissors, markers, crayons, paints, tape, glue, other as needed)

Table and four (4) chairs (or picnic table if outside). If you have additional tables/chairs, set them up to look like a restaurant. If not, just have the one table and four chairs.

Table cloth or place mats (children can make placemats with construction paper)

Plates/Napkins. Four (4) Paper or plastic plates, some napkins

Plastic water bottle and flower for table centerpiece (children can decorate an empty bottle and make flowers with construction paper and pipe cleaners. If you have a vase and silk flower(s) in your home/classroom use those.)

Note pad and pen, or pencil (for waiter/waitress)

Table or countertop where kitchen will be represented

Cardboard box to represent pizza oven (The box should be big enough to hide what the cook is doing so as not to give away the surprise. Box may be decorated to look like an oven)

Four (4) Menus (children can make these out of construction paper)

Tray (plastic or aluminum foil)

Pots, pans, bowls (1 or 2 of each)

Grocery bags (Fill with newspaper in order to appear full of groceries)

Pizza (create out of paper plates decorated by the children or out of play dough or construction paper)

Money (play money or children may create their own money)

Two signs for the pizzeria (one sign will read "Mama Mia's Pizzeria, We Only Make Pizzas and We Only Make Them Our Way!" Another sign will read "Mama Mia's Pizzeria, We Only Make Pizzas and We Only Make Them Our Way, But We'll Make Them Your Way, Too, Even with Liver and Onions and Scrambled Eggs")

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INSIDE PIZZERIA

Table is set for four, otherwise the pizzeria is empty. You can see the kitchen (table or counter with pizza oven) to the side and behind table.

Family of four enters the restaurant from one side as GIUSEPPE/GINA enters from the kitchen with menus in hand. MOM and DAD enter first. MOM is holding DAD's arm. SON and DAUGHTER follow behind.

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(With arms open.)

Welcome to Mama Mia's Pizzeria, We Only Make Pizzas and We Only Make Them Our Way!

(Puts hand on chest.)

My name is GIUSEPPE/GINA.

(Points to table.)

Please have a seat here.

The family starts to sit down.

DAD:

Thank you GIUSEPPE/GINA. It smells delicious in here. We are very hungry.

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

Wonderful!

(Hands each family member a menu.)

Here is our menu. I'll give you a few minutes to look at it and I'll be back to take your order.

(Walks toward the kitchen. He/she looks busy in the kitchen (folding napkins, stacking plates, etc.)

DAD:

(While looking at the menu and pointing to different items.)

Hmmm.

MOM:

(While looking at the menu and pointing to different items.)

Aaaaah.

DAUGHTER:

(While looking at the menu and pointing to different items.)
Yummy.

SON:

(While looking at menu and pointing to different items.)
Delicious.

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Walks back to the table where family is looking at the menus. Has pad and pen/pencil.)
So, folks, what would you like to eat?
(Gets ready to write down each order on his/her pad by placing pen/pencil on pad.)

DAD:

I'll have the liver and onions.

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Looks very surprised as soon as he/she hears DAD's order. He/She looks more surprised as each family member orders. Lifts pen/pencil away from the pad and up into the air quickly.)

MOM:

I'll have the Lobster.

DAUGHTER:

I'll have the scrambled eggs and pancakes.

SON:

I'll have the chicken fingers.

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Puts hand on face.)

Oh dear. I'm so sorry but remember this is Mama Mia's Pizzeria, We Only Make Pizzas and We Only Make Them Our Way! The things you ordered are not on our menu.
(Points to one of the menus.)

DAD:

(Sounds disappointed. Rubs his chin.)

Oh, I see. Will you give us a few more minutes to look at the menu?

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

Certainly, take your time. I'll be back in a few minutes.

(Walks toward the kitchen and looks busy (folding napkins, stacking plates, etc.)

DAD:

(Looks over the menu for a few seconds.)

Hmmm. Okay, I'm ready to order.

MOM:

(Looks over the menu for a few seconds.)

Aaaaah. Yes, I'm ready, too.

DAUGHTER:

(Looks over the menu for a few seconds.)

Yippee! I know what I want.

SON:

(Looks over the menu for a few seconds.)

Sweet! My tummy can't wait to eat this!

(Points at the menu.)

Each family member places his/her menu on the table.

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Walks back to the table.)

Okay, folks, looks like you are ready to order.

(Puts pencil on pad.)

Go ahead, I'm ready for you.

DAD:

I'll have a big juicy steak.

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Looks surprised again as each family member orders. Takes pencil off of pad and quickly puts it in the air.)

MOM:

I'll have the fried rice.

DAUGHTER:

I'll have the peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

SON:

I'll have the ham sandwich.

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(With hand on forehead.)

Oh dear. Folks, I'm awfully sorry, but those things aren't on the menu either. I'll have to speak with the cook. I'll be right back.

(Exits toward the kitchen.)

MAMA MIA:

(Walks into the kitchen at the same time as GIUSEPPE/GINA does.)

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Nervous and excited.)

Mama Mia, we have a problem! That lovely family *(points to the family)* wants to order food that isn't on the menu. Liver and onions and scrambled eggs! They don't seem to understand that we're Mama Mia's Pizzeria, We Only Make Pizzas and We Only Make Them Our Way!

MAMA MIA:

(Her hands over her ears.)

I can't believe my ears! I can't believe my ears!

(Pacing back and forth with hands waving in the air now.)

Pizza is all we make and we only make pizza OUR WAY!

(Emphasizes OUR WAY)

Pizza, pizza and only pizza and only OUR WAY!

(Emphasizes OUR WAY.)

No liver and onions! No scrambled eggs!

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Hands waving in the air.)
What can we do?

MAMA MIA:

(Still pacing and waving her hands in the air.)

My reputation will be ruined. No one will want to come to a restaurant called Mama Mia's Pizzeria, We Only Make Pizzas and We Only Make Them Our Way, But We'll Make Them Your Way, Too, Even with Liver and Onions and Scrambled Eggs." Besides, that won't fit on our sign!

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

But Mama Mia they are so nice and so hungry. *(Pointing to the family.)* What can we do?

MAMA MIA:

Tell them about all the delicious pizzas we make OUR WAY.

(Emphasizes OUR WAY while pointing to herself.)

See if they change their minds.

(She grabs GIUSEPPE/GINA by the shoulders and turns him/her toward the family and pushes him/her in their direction.)

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

Okay, wish me luck.

(Heads toward the family's table.)

MAMA MIA:

Good luck!

(She stays in the kitchen but strains her neck to try to hear what the family is ordering.)

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Returns to the table where the family is talking to each other quietly. In a nervous tone of voice.)

Hi again folks. I spoke with the cook and she wants me to remind you that our pizzas are delicious, mouth-watering and famous. She's very excited about making you the best pizza you've ever tasted.

Won't you please take another look at our menu and choose from the pizzas we make OUR WAY?

(Emphasized OUR WAY.)

DAD:

(Looking up at GIUSEPPE/GINA and rubbing his stomach.)

We are awfully hungry but we'll be happy to take another look at the menu.

Each family member picks up their menu and looks at it. They are all rubbing their stomachs.

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

Thank you so much. I'll be right back.

(Exits toward kitchen. Arrives in kitchen and starts to speak in whispers to MAMA MIA.)

DAD:

(Looking at the menu for a few seconds.)

Oh, now I know what I'm going to have.

MOM:

(Looking at the menu for a few seconds.)

Yes, I'm ready, too, dear.

DAUGHTER:

(Looking at the menu for a few seconds.)

Oh, this is the yummiest thing on the menu.

SON:

(Looking at the menu for a few seconds.)

I'll let my tummy choose for me.

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Walks back to the table. He/She already has a worried look on his/her face thinking about what they might order next.)

Okay, folks, I'm glad you took another look. What would you like to order?

(Again gets ready to write their orders down on the pad but looks surprised as each family member orders.)

DAD:

(Pointing to his menu.)

I'll have the crab legs.

MOM:

(Pointing to her menu.)

I'll have the taco salad.

DAUGHTER:

(Pointing to her menu.)

I'll have the hot dog.

SON:

(Pointing to his menu.)

I'll have the turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy.

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Aside. With hands on his/her head.)

Oh, Mama Mia! What will I tell Mama Mia?

(Exits toward the kitchen where MAMA MIA is waiting.)

DAD, MOM, DAUGHTER & SON:

(The family members shrug their shoulders and say at the same time.)

Where did he/she go?

(Talk to each other in whispers.)

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(In kitchen with MAMA MIA.)

Mama Mia, it's no use. They just keep ordering crazy things. What can we do?

MAMA MIA:

(Her hands over her ears.)

I can't believe my ears! I can't believe my ears!

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

Mama Mia, what are we going to do?

MAMA MIA:

(Hands still over her ears and with a puzzled look on her face.)

What?

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Takes MAMA MIA's hands off her ears.)

What are we going to do?

MAMA MIA:

Oh!

(Her finger in the air.)

I have an idea! Give me your pad and pen/pencil.

(Scribbles a list on the pad and hands it to GIUSEPPE/GINA with some money she takes out of her apron. She whispers her plan into GIUSEPPE/GINA'S ear.)

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

Okay!

(Exits with the list and money.)

MAMA MIA:

(Runs around the kitchen taking out pots and pans and bowls.)

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Reenters in a few seconds with grocery bags. Hands the bags to MAMA MIA.)

I hope this is everything you need, Mama Mia!

MAMA MIA:

Wow, that was fast!

(Looks inside the bags)

Perfect! Thank you GIUSEPPE/GINA!

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Goes out to the family still sitting at the table. You can hear MAMA MIA making a lot of noise in the kitchen.)

Okay, folks, your dinner will be ready shortly. Thank you for being so patient.

MAMA MIA:

(Yells out to GIUSEPPE/GINA)

GIUSEPPE/GINA, the order is ready!

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

Excuse me folks. I'll be right back.

(GIUSEPPE/GINA goes to the kitchen to pick up the food. He/She brings it to the family on a tray. He/She sets the plates of food in front of each family member.)

Okay, folks, here you go. Sir, here is your liver and onions, steak and crab leg pizza. Ma'am here is your lobster, fried rice and taco salad pizza. Young lady, here is your scrambled eggs and pancakes, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, and hot dog pizza. And young man, here is your chicken fingers, ham sandwich and turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy pizza.

(He/She bites his/her nails and looks nervous not knowing if they will like their meals.)

The family looks shocked as each pizza is placed before them. They each take a bite.

DAD:

(Excited)

This is like eating at the fanciest restaurant!

MOM:

(Excited)

This is like eating on a trip around the world!

DAUGHTER:

(Excited)

This is like eating breakfast, lunch and dinner!

SON:

(Excited)

This is like eating the best school lunch ever!

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Excited that the family is excited about their meal. Hands on his/her cheeks and mouth wide open.)

Do you like it?

DAD:

We love it!

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(Watches them eat.)

Family makes “yummy” sounds as they eat, like MMMMM’s and YUM’s. They rub their stomachs. Family finishes their meal.

DAD:

GIUSEPPE/GINA we would like to meet the cook. Will you please ask her to come to our table?

GIUSEPPE/GINA:

(GIUSEPPE/GINA goes to the kitchen and brings MAMA MIA back with her. They are both standing next to the family’s table. Pointing to MAMA MIA.)

Folks, this is the cook, Mama Mia.

DAD:

(Shaking MAMA MIA’s hand.)

Mama Mia you are the best cook in the world and this is our new favorite restaurant. What is this restaurant called again?

MAMA MIA:

(Takes a deep breath.)

It’s called Mama Mia’s Pizzeria, We Only Make Pizzas and We Only Make Them Our Way But We’ll Make Them Your Way, Too, Even with Liver and Onions and Scrambled Eggs”.

(Two kids come in to replace the old sign with the new one.)

(MAMA MIA points to the new sign)

Look how nicely that fits on our new sign!

Everyone looks at the sign and laughs!

THE END