

# Restaurant Chaos

## Keeping Cool When the Kitchen Heats Up

### Time

5 to 10 minutes

### Players: 9 +

- 1 server
- 1 host
- 1 cook
- 6 + restaurant customers

### Props and Costumes

- tables
- chairs
- dishes and silverware (use items in classroom to represent restaurant items)

### The Skit

A restaurant host seats customers as the server begins waiting on the first couple of people. The host receives a phone call and announces that the other server scheduled to work that day will not be in and the server who is there will have to handle all the customers. The customers become increasingly impatient and demanding as the server tries to wait on everyone and the cook calls out orders that are ready.

As demands pile up, the staff must cover for the server (the cook may bring out an order, for example, or the host may have to take an order). How do they help one another?



## Coaching

Encourage patrons to be demanding. Encourage the server, host, and cook to find ways to work as a team.

## Discussion

1. How realistic was the scene? How did the players work together to create the feeling of a busy restaurant?
2. What happens when one person has to do more than her share of work?
3. Short of quitting the job, did the server have any other options to make the situation better? What were they?
4. Would you take the time to help someone who needed your help even if you were very busy? Why or why not?

## Add an Asset

*Asset 1: Family support.* Who in your family steps in to help you out if you need it?

*Asset 3: Other adult relationships; Asset 4: Caring neighborhood.* Who else can you count on to help you?

*Asset 18: Youth programs; Asset 19: Religious community.* What other groups of people are dedicated to helping people? Could you turn to them if you needed to?

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## Notes