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Dear Team:

I am 12 years old and I live in Sandusky, Ohio. I hate my mom because she always makes me wash the dishes and she is too dumb to want to buy a dishwasher. I think dishwashers are nice and they don't cost a lot of money like mom says they do, but she still won't buy one because she says I have two good hands and no longer need a stool to reach the kitchen sink. She is mean and I wish she would buy a dishwasher or do the dishes herself just for once.

Everytime I wash the dishes and then she takes them out for lunch or supper and she inspects them up close and finds some dried on food or sauce that I didn't get off from the night before and she yells at me for it because she says I wasn't paying close enough attention to it when I was washing them. She always wants everything to be so perfect and I am just a kid and I want to play ball outside with my friends and not wash the dumb dishes. I don't know why she won't buy a dishwasher to make it easy, but she says that we don't have enough money and that there are other more important things that we need to spend our money on.

I am planning to move out on my own when I turn 19 and the first thing I am going to buy is a dishwasher. But that's in six more years and I will probably have to wash all of our dishes until then and every single day mom is going to yell at me for not doing them right or good enough. She tells me that I rush through it too fast and that I'm more interested in getting done fast so I can go out and play and I should pay closer attention to the dishes and less attention to whatever distracts me. I don't even know why we have to wash the dishes everyday. The dog's food and water dish NEVER get washed AND they sit on the floor all day long. I don't know what the big deal is to wash our dishes every single time they get used.

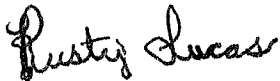
I was thinking last night that my friend Samuel and his family have these dishes that have dark swirls on the plates and bowls. One day when I was at Samuel's house we ate some ice cream with chocolate sauce and it blended right in with the dark swirls in the bowls. The ice cream bowls almost looked the same when we were done eating and when they came out of the dishwasher. Yeah! Samuel's mom and dad bought a dishwasher so all he has to do is load up the dirty dishes and run the washer. Samuel always gets to the park

first and he gets to play ball for a long time himself before I ever even get there. I hate being the last one to the park!

Can you make some plates that have different colored lines and spots on the design that would make it hard for my mom to see the dried on food stains from when I don't get the plates all the way clean? I think if she would just stop yelling at me every single night about the stinking dishes I might like her more.

I think that if I try hard enough, I can maybe break a stack of plates and tell my mom that I tripped over the dog's toy. Then we will HAVE to buy some new plates and I can convince my dad to buy your plates with the lines and spots. She is always complaining to my dad about how we can't afford to buy nice things. But I think if I talk to my dad and tell him that we should get mom some nice plates he will listen to me.

Your Friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rusty Lucas". The letters are dark and fluid, with a prominent loop at the start of the first name.

Rusty Lucas

p.s. Do you have any free Pfaltzgraff baseball caps that you could send to me? I want to wear one to the park some day and see if Samuel knows how to say your name. We usually play baseball and so I always wear a baseball cap to the park so that I can look like a real baseball player.