

Claire and the Pizza Monster

A Lesson on Crusts and Courage

Told by Claire



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Once upon a sunny day, Claire was home for lunch. "What's for lunch today, Dad?" she chirped, her eyes sparkling with excitement. Her dad smiled widely, revealing a pair of flour-dusted hands. "Your favorite—pizza!" The pizza was a masterpiece! Golden crust, bubbling cheese, and vibrant toppings danced across its surface like a rainbow. But there was one thing Claire didn't like—the crust! "Make sure to eat the crust, Claire! It's the best part!" Dad insisted, his voice filled with wisdom. But Claire scrunched up her nose. So, she made a sneaky choice. As Dad turned his back, she hid the crust beneath her napkin and tossed it straight into the trash can! Little did she know, that crust was about to become very important... Suddenly, the ground trembled, and a strange noise filled the air. Out of the shadows lurked a giant Pizza Monster, cheese oozing from its mouth and pepperoni eyes glaring! I'm hungry, and you look delicious! it roared. Claire gasped! What was she going to do? Turn the page to find out!



Just as the Pizza Monster lunged towards her, a shining figure appeared! It was Claire's dad, riding in on a magnificent horse that glimmered like a star! With a mighty whoosh, he brandished a spatula like a sword. Back away, Pizza Monster! he shouted bravely. The monster paused, confused by the sight of Dad. What do you want, shiny knight? it growled. You can't feast on my daughter! Dad declared, and with a swoosh of his spatula, he sent the Pizza Monster scrambling away, squealing, No crusts for me, thank you! As the dust settled, Claire stared at her dad, her eyes wide. I wish I would have listened to you, Dad! she admitted, feeling a wave of regret wash over her. Dad smiled gently, patting her head. Next time, remember that crusts can be the best part! From that day on, Claire not only ate her pizza crusts but also enjoyed every bite, imagining that they were magical shields against monsters. And whenever she'd see a pizza, she'd chuckle, remembering her brave dad and the silly Pizza Monster. The end!

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