

Fried Chicken

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The Thompson's favorite Friday night meal wasn't pizza or Chinese takeout, it was fried chicken. It worked out great, because the four of them each liked something different about fried chicken.

Dad liked the thighs. They were dark meat, which not everyone liked, but he seemed to enjoy them. They were just like the chicken breasts, but smaller and more flavorful he claimed. His daughter wasn't sure about that.

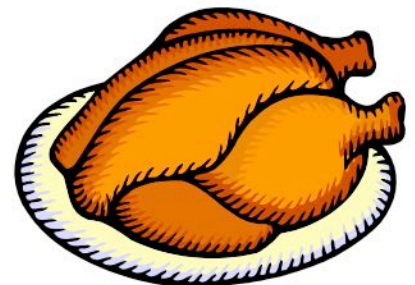
His daughter, Janet, liked the wings. They were small, so she wouldn't get chubby eating them, and they were the perfect size to dip in sauces. Usually she liked low fat ranch dressing or hot sauce. If she was still hungry, she shared with her mother, who liked a different part of the chicken.

Her mother liked the breasts, because they were white meat. White meat was healthier than dark meat, and there wasn't as much breading compared to the meat. The breading was greasy and salty, and, while it was delicious, the breading wasn't good for her. Mom liked to watch her figure, so she tried to eat well. Still, it WAS fried chicken.

Janet's little brother, Tommy, liked the drumsticks. His hands were small, so they fit in his hands perfectly. He didn't care if they were dark meat or not. He just liked chewing on the bones after he'd gnawed off all the meat. He sure was silly.

So, the Thompsons definitely liked their fried chicken, and they each had their favorite part. They did often argue over what beverages or side dishes they needed with it, though. As far as side dishes went, they needed a whole spread of sweet corn, mashed potatoes with gravy, biscuits with honey, Mac n' cheese, and green beans. Mom occasionally snuck in rice with steamed vegetables if she felt guilty about eating the chicken.

Then the drinks were usually some mix of soft drinks like Coke, milk for Tommy, coffee or tea for mom and dad, and on rare occasions, some milk shakes for everyone. Fried chicken seemed to go with everything! What a meal.



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