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## Charming 18th-century Genre Scene After Greuze -- Mother And Child



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Oil painting

Width : 31 cm

Height : 36 cm

Depth : 4 cm

### Description

This refined painting after Jean-Baptiste Greuze captures a surprisingly tender moment between a mother and her young son. Although the scene hints at an impending punishment--a common moral theme in 18th-century domestic imagery--the emotional core of the work is quite the opposite. Mother and child exchange a gentle, trusting gaze, transforming the moment into one of intimacy rather than severity. Greuze was celebrated for redefining the representation of childhood in painting, echoing the Enlightenment ideals of Rousseau, Condorcet, and Diderot. His works emphasize the child as an individual in his own right, and the moral role of parental guidance. This composition embodies that spirit perfectly: the discipline suggested here becomes secondary to the profound bond that unites the

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two figures. Rendered with warm tones and delicate brushwork, the painting conveys both the softness of maternal affection and the emotional nuance characteristic of Greuze's influence. The piece is beautifully presented in an elegant giltwood frame, enhancing its period charm and display value. A captivating addition for collectors of 18th-century genre scenes, Enlightenment-era art, or intimate domestic narratives.