

Jesus is Calling You Puppet Show

1 Samuel 3:9 So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

Cory	<i>(holding toy phone inverted)</i> Hello? Hello? Hello? Hello?
Mariella	What are you doing?
Cory	Hello? Hello?
Mariella	Hey, Cory. What are you doing?
Cory	I'm on the phone. Can't you see?
Mariella	Who're you talking to?
Cory	I think it's Jesus. Give me a sec... Hello? Hello? Hello?
Mariella	I think you have the phone upside down.
Cory	Hello? Oh. <i>(turns phone around)</i> Hello? Oh, hi Jesus! Yes, I'm right here with Mariella. Oh, okay. <i>(turns to Mariella)</i> Jesus says, "Hi."
Mariella	Hi Jesus!
Cory	Mariella says "Hi." Uh huh. Uh huh. Uh huh. Okay. You got it, Jesus. I'll do that. Okay. <i>(turns to Mariella)</i> He wants to speak with you.
Mariella	Me? Oh. That's exciting. <i>(takes the phone)</i> Hello, Jesus? Yes, I'm fine, thank you. How are you? That's nice. Yes. Yes. Yes, I will. Thanks, Jesus. Yes, I'll speak to you soon, too. Bye now.
Cory	What did Jesus say to you?
Mariella	I'm so surprised! I've never spoken to Jesus like this before!
Cory	Oh, I do it all the time.
Mariella	You do?
Cory	Sure.
Mariella	Then how come you had the phone upside down if you're so experienced?
Cory	Well... I guess I got a little excited when I heard the phone ring. This is about the time He usually calls me.
Mariella	Really?
Cory	Yeah. He says that when I grow up, He's going to call me to be a priest. So, He's teaching me how to listen to Him right now.
Mariella	Oh, that's COOOOL. He says He's going to call me to be a mommy. I guess I'd better start practicing my listening, too!
Cory	Yeah, 'cause I think being a mommy is a pretty important job and all.
Mariella	Yes. Very important. So is being a priest!
Cory	Oh yeah. REALLY important. <i>(looks sad)</i>

Mariella	What's wrong?
Cory	Jesus said I need to go to Mass on Sundays.
Mariella	Me, too! (<i>notices he is sad</i>) What's wrong, Cory?
Cory	My parents don't take me to Mass.
Mariella	Really?
Cory	Yeah. I'm not even sure if I want to go. I don't really understand it. We go on Christmas and Easter and it all seems so confusing.
Mariella	My parents make me go every Sunday. I don't always feel like going, either. But I know it's right being in church with my mom and dad, even though I don't understand what's going on most of the time.
Cory	Yeah. But Jesus says He's really, really there in the Blessed Sacrament; that He's even closer to us than when He calls on the phone. That we can receive Him and love Him and be healed and strengthened by going to Mass.
Mariella	He told me that, too. He told me to help you get to Mass.
Cory	Really?
Mariella	Yes. Do you want me to ask my mom and dad to pick you up on Sunday?
Cory	I don't know. My mom might get mad or something.
Mariella	Why?
Cory	Because she doesn't think it's important to go. She says God will love me right here at home.
Mariella	He does love you right here at home, but He's calling you to come to Mass.
Cory	I know. (<i>in wonder</i>) So I can learn to listen to Him and grow strong and holy.
Mariella	That's right.
Cory	(<i>resolved, more cheerful</i>) Okay. I'll ask my mom if I can go with you.
Mariella	And I'll ask my mom if she can pick you up!
Cory	Cool. I'm excited. I hope it all works out.
Mariella	It will, if we do our best and pray and leave the rest to Jesus.
Cory	Thanks Mariella. You're a great friend. You'll make a great mom some day.
Mariella	You're welcome, Cory. You're going to make a great priest!
Cory	How do you know?
Mariella	Because Jesus said so.

The End