

## Sacraments: What are They? Puppet Show

*[The week after this lesson we practiced Baptism on dolls, bears and action figures]*

<b>Queen</b>	Hello, my friend!
<b>King</b>	Hello to you, my friend!
<b>Queen</b>	I just have to give you a great big hug!
<b>King</b>	Well thank you! That was very nice!
<b>Queen</b>	I feel hugs are just like sacraments!
<b>King</b>	What IS a sacrament, anyway?
<b>Queen</b>	A sacrament is a physical sign of something invisible.
<b>King</b>	Something invisible? You mean like germs?
<b>Queen</b>	No, much nicer things than that!
<b>King</b>	You mean like the smell of fresh chocolate chip cookies baking in the oven? I can't see them, but I can SMELL them, so I know they're there!
<b>Queen</b>	You're getting closer!
<b>King</b>	You mean like music? I can hear it, but I can't see it!
<b>Queen</b>	You have wonderful ideas about invisible things, but I'm talking about heavenly things.
<b>King</b>	Heavenly things! You mean like love?
<b>Queen</b>	That's right. Like, my hug is a physical sign of the love I feel for you.
<b>King</b>	Hey, good point. Your love isn't something I can see, but when you hug me I know it's there!
<b>Queen</b>	Can you think of some sacraments that Jesus gave us?
<b>King</b>	Well, last week you taught me about Baptism and how I belong to the royal family of Heaven. I am ROYAL! I am a son of the Most High King! <i>(they dance)</i>
<b>Queen</b>	Yes. In Baptism we pour water on a person's forehead and make the Sign of the Cross, like this. <i>(she does it on his forehead)</i> We say, "I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." That's the part we can see, the visible part!
<b>King</b>	So the invisible part is that we become part of God's heavenly family?
<b>Queen</b>	Yes! You can't see any change in the person who's been baptized, but the change happens through the powerful love of God.

<b>King</b>	That's so cool. I love being part of God's holy family! What are some other sacraments?
<b>Queen</b>	Well, we talked about Reconciliation last week.
<b>King</b>	Right! God's forgiveness is invisible, too! But when the priest gives us absolution, we feel it more and receive the power of God's sanctifying grace!
<b>Queen</b>	Wow! You're really learning fast!
<b>King</b>	Teach me a new one!
<b>Queen</b>	Holy Communion is my favorite sacrament.
<b>King</b>	Why?
<b>Queen</b>	Because it looks like a piece of bread and a cup of wine, but in the priest's hands it becomes the actual Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.
<b>King</b>	Wow. He gave us His whole self. He must really love us.
<b>Queen</b>	Yes, you'll learn lots more about that next year. Confirmation is another sacrament I love. We'll receive it when we're in high school. The Bishop, who is the leader of all the priests in our area, will come and lay his hands on us and anoint us with oil. We'll receive powerful new gifts of the Holy Spirit!
<b>King</b>	What are they for?
<b>Queen</b>	For ministry. For living life the way Jesus taught us in a more grownup way.
<b>King</b>	Wow. That's a lot to remember.
<b>Queen</b>	Well, let's make it simple. We baptize with water but we become...
<b>King</b>	Members of the heavenly family! ( <i>they dance</i> )
<b>Queen</b>	Yes! And we ask forgiveness from a priest, but we are forgiven by...
<b>King</b>	Jesus! ( <i>they dance</i> ) Thank you Jesus!
<b>Queen</b>	Yes. And we receive Holy Communion, which looks like bread and wine, but it's really...
<b>King</b>	Jesus! ( <i>they dance</i> ) My King and my God!
<b>Queen</b>	Yes! And we receive powerful gifts in Confirmation through the hands of the Bishop, but they come from...
<b>King</b>	God! The heavenly gifts all come from God! The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit! ( <i>they dance</i> )

<b>Queen</b>	<i>(out of breath)</i> Boy. You learn fast. That's a physical sign of something invisible.
<b>King</b>	What's that?
<b>Queen</b>	You've been listening. <i>(they laugh)</i>

**The End**