

Vocations Puppet Show

[The day our pastor visited the class]

Big Boy	What do you want to be when you grow up?
Little Girl	A mommy, like my mom.
Big Boy	I think I may have a vocation to be a priest.
Little Girl	You're going on vacation to be a priest?
Big Boy	Not vacation. VOCATION.
Little Girl	That's not how you say it. You go on vacation, not VO-cation!
Big Boy	But it's not the same thing!
Little Girl	What are you TALKING about?
Big Boy	A vocation is a call from God.
Little Girl	God called you?
Big Boy	He calls everyone.
Little Girl	On the phone?
Big Boy	No! He calls you deep inside your heart.
Little Girl	You can't answer a phone inside your heart.
Big Boy	It isn't a phone call. When God calls us, He's speaking to us very gently inside our thoughts and feelings.
Little Girl	Huh? What is He saying?
Big Boy	He says something different to each person.
Little Girl	What is He saying to me?
Big Boy	I don't know, exactly.
Little Girl	Then how do you know He's speaking to me?
Big Boy	Well, you want to be a mother when you grow up, right?
Little Girl	Yes. I've always wanted to be a mommy. I think my mommy is the most wonderful person in the world and I want to be just like her.
Big Boy	Well, I can't be sure, but that feeling in your heart might be God telling you what He is calling you to be.
Little Girl	Wow. So I'm going to be a mommy when I grow up?

Big Boy	I don't know. God will show you when the time comes, but those strong feelings in your heart can help you figure out what He is saying to you.
Little Girl	What if I feel like bonking my brother on the head? Is that from God?
Big Boy	No. You can tell which things are from God. They're always very loving and good. God would never, ever tell you to do something unkind.
Little Girl	I have a funny, squoogeey feeling in my tummy. Is God telling something?
Big Boy	I suppose it's possible. If you're hungry you definitely should eat.
Little Girl	What if I can't stop thinking about a new Barbie video camera that I want? Does that mean that God wants me to have it?
Big Boy	Probably not. That might just be your own wants and desires.
Little Girl	Then how can I tell when God is speaking to me?!!!
Big Boy	Talking to others can help. I like talking to Father MacDonald when I think God is telling me something. Father MacDonald sure knows a lot about God and he helps me to understand the way God is speaking in my life.
Little Girl	Can I talk to a priest about the things in my heart, too?
Big Boy	You certainly can. You can talk to a priest any time. Just ask politely and if the priest has a moment, he will listen to your question and help you understand God a little better. Mostly, Father MacDonald reminds me to go to Mass, say my prayers and try very, very hard to always be good. Being good helps me to hear God's voice more clearly.
Little Girl	So you really want to be a priest when you grow up?
Big Boy	I sure do. I've always felt it in my heart, and Father MacDonald says he thinks I have a vocation to be a priest.
Little Girl	Do I have a vocation?
Big Boy	Everyone has a vocation. Whatever God is calling you to do with your life is your vocation. You might get married or become a nun or a doctor or teacher or writer or whatever God wants you to do.
Little Girl	How can I learn to listen to God?

Big Boy	Say your prayers and Be as good as you can, every day. This pleases God very much.
Little Girl	Okay. I'll try not to bonk my brother, and I won't get mad if I don't get that video camera.
Big Boy	Great. God is very happy when we do our best.
Little Girl	What if I make a mistake? Will God stop speaking to me?
Big Boy	Never, EVER. God ALWAYS loves you and forgives you. Just say you are sorry as soon as you know you've done something wrong. Then Jesus forgives you right away and He makes your soul stronger.
Little Girl	Is God speaking to me right now?
Big Boy	He is always speaking to us in lots of ways. He might be using me to speak some words to you. And He will use you, if you are being loving, to speak words to others.
Little Girl	Wow. God sure does have a lot of ways of speaking to us. I hope my vocation is to be a mommy.
Big Boy	Keep praying and you'll find out some day.
Little Girl	I have one more question.
Big Boy	What is it?
Little Girl	Does God ever go on vacation?
Big Boy	No. God is never tired or bored. He loves us so much that He wants to be with us all the time.
Little Girl	Wow. He's pretty cool. He gives us a vocation and He never goes on vacation.
Big Boy	You got it, kiddo.

The End