

**Scared of Confession Puppet Show**

<b>Herman</b>	I can't do it! I can't do it!
<b>Jesus</b>	What can't you do?
<b>Herman</b>	Oh. Hi. Who are you?
<b>Jesus</b>	I'm Jesus.
<b>Herman</b>	What? Who? How? But...
<b>Jesus</b>	I'm always here beside you.
<b>Herman</b>	No way.
<b>Jesus</b>	I am the Way.
<b>Herman</b>	Okaaaaaay. You are the WAY.
<b>Jesus</b>	How can I help you today, Herman?
<b>Herman</b>	Well – Jesus – I was all excited to make my First Reconciliation. I've been practicing my Act of Contrition and I wrote my sins on a little tiny blackboard thingy they gave me at my church. I was all set and then I got scared.
<b>Jesus</b>	What are you afraid of?
<b>Herman</b>	I'm scared to go into that little, dark room.
<b>Jesus</b>	The confessional.
<b>Herman</b>	Yes. I don't like the looks of it.
<b>Jesus</b>	Do you know why it's dark in there?
<b>Herman</b>	No. I need some light. Can I have some light, please?
<b>Jesus</b>	Sure. You can go on the other side and confess your sins face-to-face in the light, if you like.
<b>Herman</b>	That sounds nice. Except I'm a little embarrassed about my sins. I don't want the priest to see me.
<b>Jesus</b>	That's why the other side is dark. You can tell the priest your sins without his ever seeing your face.
<b>Herman</b>	Oh. That's kind of cool. I like that, actually.
<b>Jesus</b>	It's a pretty good system. Gives you a choice. You can decide what makes you more comfortable.
<b>Herman</b>	Boy. I'm still scared, Jesus. Will you come in there with me?
<b>Jesus</b>	I am always with you, until the end of time.
<b>Herman</b>	Oh. Always?

Jesus	I have already given my life for you. I love you more than you can imagine. I give you my Holy Word that I will be with you always.
Herman	Excellent. But why?
Jesus	I came that you might have life to the full. I want to save your soul. I want to fill you up with my grace.
Herman	Oh! Grace! We're learning about that. That's your life. Your power. Your love. Your grace is pretty cool stuff.
Jesus	Yes. I pour it out on souls who trust in me, especially in the sacraments.
Herman	And Reconciliation is a sacrament, right?
Jesus	That's right.
Herman	Oh, Jesus. I'm so glad I have you for a friend.
Jesus	I'm glad you're my friend, too, Herman.
Herman	But will you love me if I tell you all the bad things I've done?
Jesus	I know them already. I watch over you every minute, day and night.
Herman	Oh. How embarrassing. Then why do I have to tell them to a priest?
Jesus	Because I want the royal children of God to do my work on earth, so they can learn to be like me. I've given the job of forgiving sins to my priests.
Herman	Wow. Cool job.
Jesus	Yes indeed. My priests are very special.
Herman	So, you know about the lie I told the other day?
Jesus	Yup.
Herman	Sorry about that.
Jesus	I know you're sorry. I forgive you. But I still want you to tell it to my priest.
Herman	Okay.
Jesus	Cheer up. Everyone makes mistakes.
Herman	Except you.
Jesus	Right. And my mother. She never sinned.
Herman	Wow. She sounds cool.
Jesus	Oh yeah. Don't worry about your sins, Herman. Keep trying to do better and I'll help you. My power is made perfect in weakness.
Herman	Your power is made perfect in weakness?

Jesus	Yes. Place your trust in me. I will take your small efforts and make them powerful.
Herman	Is reconciliation a way of placing my trust in you?
Jesus	Yes! When you confess your sins and receive forgiveness and sanctifying grace, I make you a powerful channel of my love to the world.
Herman	Wow. I can't wait to go to confession!
Jesus	Well, let's go!
Herman	Thanks, Jesus. I'm sure glad you'll be in there with me.
Jesus	Every second.
Herman	Here goes!

The End