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A Little Guide To First Communion

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FIRST COMMUNION

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Synopsis

First Communion is an important experience for a Roman Catholic child. This delightfully illustrated story gives children a preview of what's involved and provides parents with helpful tips for the occasion.

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Customer Reviews

I ordered this as a kindle book to help my daughter prepare for first communion. There is VERY LITTLE information about the meaning of the Eucharist and focuses mainly on the attire for the event. Particularly for girls. The purpose of the book becomes clear on the last page explaining it is created by a company that sells special occasion dresses and accessories called alittleindulgence with Tracy Young as president and self-proclaimed "Chief Princess"... wouldn't recommend this book to ANYONE serious about the Catholic faith.

Pros: It did remind me to buy tights and bobby pins. It was mildly entertaining to my daughter to

read the first part (the part for children)Cons: The content is mostly about the dress and accessories. I got this for my daughter to read about the sacrament of Communion, and there is no info in here about that.Another con: the illustrations and story are more geared for a 5 year old, not a 7-8 year old (age of most girls making First Communion). It's pretty childish.

My granddaughter loved this charming book--particularly identified with the little girls' answer about the meaning of communion--they all answered "the pretty white dresses"--great lead in to the discussion about the real meaning, as detailed in the book but elaborated upon by all of us--a nice choice for a special time in her life.

This is an adorable book! I was given the opportunity to review it through Mom Blog Society (i.e. directly from the author) and even though it is geared for a girl, I thought it might make a good inspirational piece for teaching my son about some aspects of our faith. We are Roman Catholic, so first communion is a HUGE deal. We have several years before my son is ready for communion, but he LOVES books. This is one of those books that I can read to him and talk to him about the pictures now even though he doesn't understand it yet. He will be able to grow up and just understand our faith with very little work because we started early. The pictures are wonderfully artistic and detailed. He really enjoyed the colors and images. He's been to church with us a few times (not much because he won't sit still for more than a few minutes) and I think that some of the images in the book may have seemed familiar since he pointed to things that exist in our church. The story of Seraphina getting her first communion is written out with just enough information that the child gets the idea of what is happening, but there is a lot of room for the parents to jump in and give more details. It gives a lot of room for you to explain your faith and that faith doesn't have to be Roman Catholic. Any faith that supports communion can use this wonderful story because Tracy Young (author) doesn't mention a specific faith in the story. Being Roman Catholic, I felt like it really was accenting the aspects of my faith and what is important for a young girl to know when she is about to receive first communion. I would love to see a second printing of this story where it focuses on a little boy since a boy will have no need for a dress or veil. After the children's story portion is complete, the back of the book has several pages outlining the importance of each item described in the story. This is how I knew that it wasn't just for Roman Catholics. The author addresses other faiths and how this book can be used for them as well. It also explains the different things that a little girl might want to wear or be required to wear for her special day. I had no idea that there are three different kinds of communion dresses, but Tracy explains each type of dress in a wonderfully

understandable way. This book isn't just a good guide for the child to help understand what they need and why it is important, but also serves as a guide for the parents to make sure their daughter does what she needs to do and wears what she should wear. No one gets embarrassed and everyone knows what to do to just from this wonderful book. We will definitely be pulling this book out from time to time to teach my son about communion as he gets older.

I picked up this gem of a book on a whim to give to my daughter who was about to receive communion. Can't tell you how thankful I am that I did. Had no idea my daughter had so many questions and concerns about her big day. I figured everything was covered at school. Absolutely beautiful illustrations and easy to follow. Highly recommended!

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