Puppets: Katie and Kelly

Katie and Kelly enter

Katie: Did you see what I saw in the garbage the other day over at the pastor’s house?

Kelly: No, I’m not really interested in looking in other people’s garbage.

Katie: I wouldn’t have been looking either, but I saw a foot coming out of the top of the garbage can.

Kelly: A foot? Whose was it? *Looking down* I still have two feet, and so do you.

Katie: You can laugh all you want, but I saw a foot hanging out of the garbage can. When I got a closer look, I found a discarded puppet!

Kelly: A puppet? Pastor loves his puppets. He would never treat a puppet like that.

Katie: That’s what I used to think, too, but the proof was in the garbage.

Kelly: Maybe before we jump to the wrong conclusion we should talk to the pastor first. I’m sure there’s a good explanation for all of this.
Katie: I can tell you what his explanation will be. When he’s finished with us, he’ll throw us in the garbage can, too!

Kelly: Katie, we need to talk to the pastor about all of this.

Pastor enters

Pastor: Good morning, girls!

Katie: Puppet killer!

Kelly: Katie!

Pastor: Did I miss something?

Katie: Yes! You’re missing one of your puppets! I found it in the garbage can.

Pastor: Oh, that! That puppet was old and had a big hole in it. It had gotten so bad, it could no longer be repaired.

Katie: So when we get full of holes, you’ll just throw us away, too?

Pastor: Look Katie, we repaired that puppet numerous times and it was beyond repair.

Kelly: I have a question, Pastor.

Pastor: What is it, Kelly?

Kelly: Isn’t there a verse in the Bible that talks about being fearfully and wonderfully made?
Pastor: Yes, you’re talking about Psalm 139:13-14. It says, “For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”

Katie: So how could you throw a puppet away? You puppet-killer, you!

Pastor: I don’t mean to be disrespectful to you, Katie and Kelly, but that verse is talking about humans. Human beings are made in the image of God. Puppets are created by people on a sewing machine.

Katie: Nobody would throw away a human life.

Pastor: That’s where you’re wrong, Katie.

Kelly: What do you mean, Pastor?

Pastor: Every day in our country, thousands of innocent babies are killed. Millions die around the world every year, and some of their bodies are disposed of in garbage dumpsters.

Katie: That’s criminal! Are these murderers arrested and tried for their crimes?

Pastor: I wish they were, Katie. No, what they’re doing is perfectly legal. It’s a big business that brings in millions of dollars each year.

Kelly: That’s terrible! How can people kill babies and get away with it?

Pastor: They call the practice abortion. The babies are unborn. They’re still in their mothers’ wombs when they’re killed, and then they're discarded.
Katie: Like an old, battered puppet!

Kelly: Except they’re human beings who’ve been given life by God and are made in His image.

Katie: What can be done to stop abortion?

Pastor: First, Christians can pray. We need to pray that our lawmakers will outlaw all abortions. Then we need to support pro-life political leaders and help moms when they’re pregnant. We also must speak out for the rights of those who can’t speak themselves.

Katie: Pastor, I’m sorry I called you a puppet-killer. I was way out of line.

Pastor: It’s all right, Katie. I understand.

Kelly: Pastor, can you promise us something?

Pastor: I will if I can.

Kelly: Will you make sure we won’t ever get so full of holes you’ll want to throw us away?

Pastor: I’ll see what I can do, girls.

*Pastor, Katie, and Kelly exit.*