



Life with God

Discover the seven sacraments

Life with God is a great adventure. Again and again, God wants to enter into a relationship with us. The seven sacraments are very special places of encounter between God and man. Are you ready to meet God?

The board game path is a large orange-bordered shape with a central 'Goal!' circle. The path starts at a 'Start!' circle on the left. The path consists of numbered squares (1-86) and contains various smiley face icons: happy faces, sad faces with 'x' eyes, and neutral faces. The path is shaped like a large 'U' with a smaller 'U' inside, leading to a central 'Goal!' circle.



Rules of the game:

- You need one dice and one figure for each player.
- Throw the dice individually one at a time, with each player's figure beginning on the starting field. The youngest starts.
- The dice indicate how many fields you may move each time. If you roll six, you may roll the dice again.
- If you land on an action field, read the instructions below aloud and follow them. More than one of these fields can also be activated per turn.
- The goal field must be reached with an exact roll, otherwise you must wait and try again in the next round.
- The first person to reach the goal wins. Have fun!

Instructions for action fields:

Start: Life with God is a great adventure. Be glad! You're on your way!

1. Your big brother explains to you that there are a total of seven sacraments in the Catholic Church. Pay attention! Advance two fields.
4. A young man from your parish decides to become a priest. What a great joy! All players may move four spaces forward.
9. Your sister is receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. You're envious because you're not going on the Confirmation Trip. Go back two spaces.
15. In religious education, you have listened well and learned that some sacraments only happen once, while others take place again and again. Keep it up! Advance three squares.
17. In preparation for receiving your First Communion you went to confession for the first time in your life. You feel 10 kg lighter! For your courageous act, roll the dice again.
22. You almost ate your sister's birthday chocolate. But you resisted the temptation. Excellent! Go forward 1x again the same number of points with which you came to this field.
26. You happened to meet your priest today while you were at the supermarket and asked him why he became a priest. You are moved by his story. Take some time to think about it and skip 1x.
30. Today is the feast of your First Communion! You may receive Holy Communion for the first time, Jesus himself! Encouraged by this sacrament, roll the die 3x and advance 1x. Take the highest number of points thrown.
33. Your grandparents have been happily married for 50 years. They celebrate their golden wedding with the whole family! All players are allowed to move forward three squares by dancing.
35. You are invited to your little cousin's baptism. He is now a Christian like you! Enjoy the beautiful celebration with the family and sit out 1x.
37. You enjoy chewing gum in church. You can't do that! Go back to the start.
40. You heard your neighbors got engaged. You think couples in love sometimes act strangely. Go backward the same number of points the next player walks forward.
43. Sacraments are sacred signs instituted by Christ. Well remembered! Cube 2x, add up the points and divide them by 2. Round up if the result is odd. Move this score to the front.
46. Your mom tells you about St. John Nepomuk, the patron saint of confessors. You are surprised that the secret of confession was so sacred to him that he even died for it. That was a lot of new information for you. So take a break: Skip 1x.
49. Religious are people who give their lives to God in a special way. They promise God to live in poverty, celibacy and obedience.

Like them, you do not want to think only of yourself: Choose two players, each of which you place two squares forward.

51. After the Sunday service you see a family who is now having their child baptized. You remember your cousin's baptism. Go back to Action Field 35.
54. Your parents have been married for 10 years and celebrate their anniversary. You forgot to congratulate them. Swap positions with the player who is farthest behind.
58. You were mean to your classmates and teased your siblings. Time for you to go to confession again! Take time to think and go back three spaces.
60. You rejoice immensely that in every Holy Mass - if you have prepared yourself - you may now receive Holy Communion. That gives you new strength! Skip the player in front of you.
63. Today is your name day! Yay! This name, which is confirmed by the parents at baptism, has a great meaning for God. Roll the dice again.
67. Your grandmother is particularly ill today. You can be there when the priest gives her the anointing. You will spend time with her afterwards. Very praiseworthy! Advance one field.
69. A school test didn't turn out well for you. You did not prepare yourself and yet you scolded God because he wouldn't help you enough! Go back to the start.
71. You spend a wonderful day together with your godfather: Expose 1x.
73. You explain to the person sitting next to you in school that the bread transformed in the Holy Mass is called the Host. Excellent! Skip the player in front of you.
74. During a service you fall asleep during the sermon. Go back two spaces.
77. Your neighbour explains to you that every sick person, regardless of age, may receive the Anointing of the Sick, and that they can do this multiple times in their life. You do not believe her. Go back to Action Field 54.
79. You know the name of our Pope and you also know that he is the bishop of the diocese of Rome. Keep it up! Move any player of your choice three spaces forward or backward.
81. Your religion teacher asks the class what "celibacy" means. You're envious of a classmate who got the answer. Throw the dice once more and go this number backwards.
84. One hour before the Eucharist, you should not eat anything. You don't understand this rule, but you don't want to ask anyone for the reason. One of your fellow players may put you as far back as he/she wishes.
87. For the reception of some sacraments you have to wait until a certain age. Waiting is sometimes difficult. If you are the first one here, wait to move on until the next player is at least four fields away in distance.

Goal: The next family celebrations will surely come soon. But if you are HERE first, you have won! Congratulations!