The Legend about Bogumil and the queen bee.

A long time ago in Torun there was a master of gingerbread, Bartlomiej. He had an apprentice called Bogumil. Bogumil was in love with master Bartlomiej’s daughter, Katarzyna, who was also in love with him. One day Bogumil went to a meadow to dream about Katarzyna. There were many blue flowers. Because Katarzyna had blue eyes Bogumil decided to pick the flowers for her. Suddenly he saw a little bee in a puddle. He helped the bee out. The bee flew away. Three minutes later the queen bee flew to Bogumil and thanked him. The queen bee also told Bogumil to add honey to ginger batter. Bogumil thanked the queen bee for good advice. He went to work. All bakers worked hard, because the King came to Torun. They made gingerbread for the King. Bogumil remembered about the queen bee’s advice and decided to add honey to his batter. He didn’t tell anybody about it. He made two hearts and two rings from the batter and joined them together. The rings were the symbol of wedding rings and the hearts were the symbol of love. The next morning Bogumil’s gingerbread was ready. When Bartlomiej saw it he got angry, because when Bogumil was baking his gingerbread the hearts joined with the rings. The gingerbread had a strange shape. Bogumil and Bartlomiej didn’t have time to bake new gingerbread. The King ate that strange gingerbread and he liked it very much. The King also heard about Bogumil and Katarzyna’s love. He asked Bartlomiej to let Bogumil marry Katarzyna. The King called Bogumil’s gingerbread Katarzynki. You can buy gingerbread Katarzynki in shops in Torun.