

OUR TOP FIVE FAMILY MOVIES

1. Finding Dory

Who can resist Dory's super cute baby fish face? Nobody. Watch this fun movie about friendship, family, and never giving up, then talk about the situations you're all facing that are hard and make you want to give up.

Age suggestion—Everybody!

(Galatians 6:9 NLT) "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

2. The Jungle Book

Mowgli was just a little, weak man-cub who needed protection from the vengeful tiger Shere Khan. But once Mowgli knew his purpose, nothing stopped him from fighting to save the animals he loved! Ask your kids if they've ever felt like the little guy with nothing to offer. Talk about the big dreams they have inside their hearts, and how they can listen to God's direction and rely on His strength as they pursue them.

Age suggestion—Upper elementary and up.

(2 Corinthians 12:9 NLT) "...My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness..."

3. Zootopia

Judy (a bunny) and Nick (a fox) have a lot of stereotypes to overcome as they build their friendship and try to get to the bottom of a mysterious outbreak of feral predators. Ask your kids what they think a stereotype is, what makes people believe stereotypes, and how stereotypes are harmful. Talk about the stereotypes they see people fall victim to and what they can do to fight it in a way that honors God.

Age suggestion—Everybody!

(1 Samuel 16:7 NLT) "People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

4. Beauty and the Beast

We parents grew up on the cartoon version, and now our kids have a new version of this magical tale of a foolish prince who must learn to love, and the beauty who can look past his flaws to teach him. Ask your kids what they think made Beauty change from hating the Beast to loving him, and how her love helped him to change. Talk about the fact that we are all like the beast before we choose to follow Jesus and know God's love. Talk about ways we can share God's love with everybody so they can be transformed, too.

Age suggestion—Elementary and up.

(Luke 6:27 NLT) "... love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you."

5. The Greatest Showman

This musical tale outlines a man's change of heart and a group of outcasts who embrace who they are, band together, and become a family. Help your kids identify how P.T. Barnum changed—what was most important to him in the beginning, and what became most important to him by the end of the movie? What do your kids think gave the circus performers courage to perform and be seen by the public who made fun of them? Ask your kids why they think God calls us His masterpieces and what that means for the way we treat others.

Age suggestion—Pre-teen and up.

(Ephesians 2:10 NLT) "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

We believe that movies can provide a powerful lesson for both you and your family. We invite you to join One Hope Church as we use some of today's most popular movies to teach you principles found in the bible.

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