

# Living CHRISTMAS

## Family Christmas Movie Nights

There are so many great Christmas classics to choose from! Snuggle up on the couch together with popcorn and cider and relax with a family movie.

If you start early enough that everyone is still awake enough at the end to engage continue the “cozy” by having a simple conversation about the movie. Keep it natural and not class-like. Movies are meant to be fun and relaxing. However, building the ability and habit of reflecting on what you watch will help your kids become responsible consumers of media – and increase the impact that worthy films will have on their minds and hearts.

### CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What did you think of the movie? How did it make you feel?
- What questions do you have after watching?
- What was your favorite part/line? Were there any artistic elements that you particularly enjoyed?
- Did you like the main character? Why/why not? What good/bad qualities did he/she have? Did he/she make good choices? What were the consequences of those choices? How did this character change throughout the movie?
- What were the most important relationships in the story? Why? Was there faith?
- Was there any symbolism in this movie? What do you think it represents?
- Did you learn something from the movie? Did it change your feelings about something? Did it move you to be different in any way?
- Was right/wrong, good/evil recognized as such? How would Jesus rate this movie?

### MOVIE LIST:

- A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965)
- All I Want for Christmas Is You (2017)
- The Bells of St. Mary's (1945)
- The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (1983)
- The Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch, and Wardrobe (2005)
- Fourth Wise Man (1985)
- Frosty the Snowman (2000)
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas! (1966)
- Illumination Presents: Dr. Seuss' the Grinch (2018)
- It's a Wonderful Life (1946)
- Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey (2020)
- Klaus (2019)
- Little Drummer Boy (1968)
- Mickey's Christmas Carol (1983)
- Miracle on 34th Street (1947)
- Muppet Christmas Carol (1992)
- The Nativity Story (2005)
- Polar Express (2004)
- Prep & Landing (2011)
- Santa Claus is Comin' to Town (1970)
- The Small One (1978)
- The Star (2017)
- VeggieTales: The Little Drummer Boy (2011)
- White Christmas (1954)

