

# FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHTS

There are so many great Christmas classics to choose from! The list below is a start. 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?

## Movies:

The Nativity Story

The Fourth Wiseman

It's a Wonderful Life

Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street

The Bells of St. Mary's

White Christmas

The Ultimate Gift

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

The Muppet Christmas Carol

The Star

A Charlie Brown Christmas

The Polar Express

The Grinch Who Stole Christmas