

IDEA CARD

YOUNG CHILDREN

Dinner and a Movie

Best Use

As a family activity with any age

Results

Good conversation around the movie of your choice

Advance Preparation

- Pack a picnic dinner or order in some of your family's favorite food.
- Rent a movie or choose a family favorite to watch together.
- Make tickets for the movie or have the kids make their tickets to sell. (Let them have fun deciding the cost, such as 3 hugs and 1 kiss)
- Set up an area to eat and watch the movie together with pillows, drinks, food, popcorn, etc.

Application

SAY: “We are going to have a special night at the movies, only a little different.”

OPTIONAL: You might want to load up in the car and drive around the block to return to your home and show them into the fun dinner/movie theatre you have created. You can do this as a surprise for the kids or have them help and do it as a surprise for dad or another member of the family. Kids can also make drive-in cars out of large boxes. Have fun, be creative, and have a good time together.

DO: Watch the movie while you eat dinner together.

TALK: After the movie is over, spend some time talking through the following questions:

- Who is the central character? (The “hero”)
- Who or what does the main character want? (Conscious and subconsciously?)
- Who or what are the obstacles that must be overcome?
- What was the “ultimate conflict” of the drama?
- What wrong choices were made?
- What right choices were made?
- Can we learn anything from the story?

PRAY: Thank God for your meal and fun time together as a family. Pray together: “We thank you, Lord, that you have blessed us with our family. Thank you for our time together tonight. Help us to grow closer to each other and you. In Jesus` name, we pray, Amen.”

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