



ONE ^{and} TWO

MOVIES TO WATCH

Some toddlers love movies, others won't sit still that long. That's okay. Whenever they—and you—are ready for some movie time, here's a list of good firsts. (You won't need many. They'll watch the same one more than once.)

Cars

Cinderella (1950 Disney)

Charlotte's Web

Frozen

Lady and the Tramp

Mary Poppins

Peter Pan

Planes

Planes Fire and Rescue

The Jungle Book (1967 Disney)

The Land Before Time

The Sword in the Stone

Toy Story

Winnie the Pooh

Seasonal:

A Charlie Brown

Thanksgiving/Christmas

How the Grinch Stole
Christmas

Stories over time give a kid a bigger perspective. So, the movies you watch together provide an opportunity to talk about life and values with your toddler.

**TALK ABOUT MOVIES WITH YOUR TODDLER;
ASK QUESTIONS THAT PROMPT CONVERSATION.**

Say things like:

“Did that (name a specific scene) make you laugh?”

“I laugh when (name a specific scene).”

“Do you like (name a specific character)?”

Name positive things about specific characters. i.e. “I like that Charlotte is a good friend to Wilbur.”

“Did that (name a scene) make you feel scared?”

“I get sometimes feel nervous when (name a scene).”

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THREE^{and}FOUR MOVIES TO WATCH

Most preschoolers love movies—and so do their parents. Just be careful not to let all of your preschooler's movie time be alone time. Establish a habit of sharing stories together. Consider having a family movie night.

Aladdin

A Bug's Life

Beauty and The Beast

Brave

Cinderella (2015 Disney)

Finding Nemo

Finding Dory

Homeward Bound

Horton Hears a Who!

Ice Age

Monsters, Inc.

Mulan

Oliver and Company

Robin Hood

Sleeping Beauty

Shaun the Sheep

Snow White

Swiss Family Robinson

Tangled

The Little Mermaid

The Peanuts Movie

The Red Balloon

Toy Story 2

WALL-E

Seasonal:

Mickey's Christmas Carol

The Polar Express

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WATCH MOVIES THAT INCITE IMAGINATION AND ILLUSTRATE VALUES OR EMOTIONAL CONTROL.

Say things like:

“Did that (name a specific scene) make you laugh?”

“I laugh when (name a specific scene).”

“Do you like (name a specific character)?”

Name positive things about specific characters. i.e. “I like that Charlotte is a good friend to Wilbur.”

“Did that (name a specific scene) make you feel scared?”

“I get sometimes feel nervous when (name a specific scene).”

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KINDERGARTEN and FIRST MOVIES TO WATCH

Kid's love movies. And the movies you watch with your kid in this phase have the potential to inspire a new interest, illustrate an idea, or ignite their imagination.

101 Dalmatians

Annie

An American Tale

Bambi

Bedtime Stories, 2009

Bethoven

Brave

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Despicable Me

Dumbo

Fantasia 2000

Harry Potter (one and two)

Herbie

Honey I Shrunk the Kids

Inside Out

Minions

Pete's Dragon (1977; 2016)

Pinocchio

Pollyanna

Tarzan

The Fox and the Hound

**The Lion the Witch and
the Wardrobe**

The Little Rascals

The Parent Trap

The Prince of Egypt

The Princess and the Frog

The Rescuers

The Rescuers Down Under

The Secret Life of Pets

The Shaggy Dog

The Sound of Music

Toy Story 3


The Wizard of Oz

Up

Seasonal:

White Christmas

The Snowman



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WATCH MOVIES THAT PROVOKE LAUGHTER, AND CONVERSATION ABOUT VALUES AND IDEAS.

Say things like:

“What made you laugh the most?”

“I thought it was funny when (name a specific scene).”

“How did (name a specific character) feel when (name a specific scene)?” If I were (name a specific character) I might feel”

“Was (name of bad character) being kind when he/she (name something mean they did)? What could he/she have done instead?”

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SECOND and THIRD MOVIES TO WATCH

The movies you watch with your kid have the potential to inspire a new interest, illustrate an idea, or ignite their imagination.

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| A Little Princess | Ratatouille |
| Anne of Green Gables | Star Wars (IV and V) |
| Angels in the Outfield | The BFG |
| Around the World in 80 Days | The Black Stallion |
| Bedknobs and Broomsticks | The Good Dinosaur |
| Big Hero 6 | The Hunchback of Notre Dame |
| Cool Runnings | The Incredibles |
| Enchanted | The Jungle Book (2016) |
| E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial | The Kid |
| Fantastic Mr. Fox | The Lion King |
| Flicka | The NeverEnding Story |
| Flubber | The Sandlot |
| Freaky Friday | The Secret Garden |
| Free Willy | The Princess Bride |
| Harry Potter (three and four) | The Princess Diaries |
| Hercules | Wallace & Gromit Movies |
| High School Musical | Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken |
| Home Alone | Willy Wonka |
| How to Train Your Dragon | Wreck-It-Ralph |
| Hugo | Zootopia |
| National Velvet | Seasonal: |
| Old Yeller | A Christmas Carol (1951) |

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WATCH MOVIES THAT PROVOKE LAUGHTER, AND CONVERSATION ABOUT VALUES AND IDEAS.

Say things like:

“What made you laugh the most?”

“I thought it was funny when (name a specific scene).”

“How did you feel when (name a specific scene)?”

“What would you have done if...” (help your child imagine themselves into one of the scenarios a character faced in the movie).


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FOURTH and FIFTH MOVIES TO WATCH

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| 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea | The Adventures of Tintin |
| Akeelah and the Bee | The Boy Who Could Fly |
| Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day | The Boxtrolls |
| Alice in Wonderland | The Voyage of the Dawn Treader |
| Antz | The Goonies |
| Back to the Future | The Rookie |
| Bridge to Terabithia | The Truman Show |
| Night at the Museum | Treasure Island |
| Harry Potter (Five and Six) | Where the Red Fern Grows |
| Hachi: A Dog's Tale | White Fang |
| Hook | Seasonal: |
| Hoosiers | It's a Wonderful Life |
| Hugo | Miracle on 34th Street |
| Jumanji | |
| Maleficent | |
| Matilda | |
| Newsies | |
| Prince Caspian | |
| Star Wars (one and two) | |



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WATCH MOVIES THAT PROVOKE LAUGHTER, AND CONVERSATION ABOUT VALUES AND IDEAS.

Say things like:

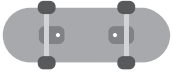
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“I thought it was funny when (name a specific scene).”

“How did you feel when (name a specific scene)?”

“What would you have done if...” (help your child imagine themselves into one of the scenarios a character faced in the movie).

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SIXTH MOVIES TO WATCH

In a phase where your child *may* be beginning to pull away, movies can still create a fun shared experience. Most preteens love movies—and so do their parents. Consider having a family movie night. Here are a few movies you might want to try.

Back to the Future (Series)

Contact

Ghostbusters

Gone with the Wind

Harry Potter (seven)

October Sky

Remember the Titans

Rocky


Rudy

Simon Birch

The Karate Kid

To Kill a Mockingbird

War Horse



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LET YOUR PRETEEN OFFER SUGGESTIONS OF MOVIES THEY FIND INTERESTING.

Say things like:

“What was your favorite part of that?”

“How did you feel when (name a specific scene)?”

“What would you have done if...” (help your child imagine themselves into one of the scenarios a character faced in the movie).

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SEVENTH ^{and} EIGHTH MOVIES TO WATCH

In a phase where your middle schooler *may* be beginning to pull away, movies can still create a fun shared experience. Most middle schoolers love movies—and so do their parents. Consider hosting a movie night. Here are a few movies you might try.

**Mrs. Peregrin's Home for
Peculiar Children**

Everest

The Hobbit

Mean Girls (PG-13)

Mrs. Doubtfire (PG-13)

**The Legend of Bagger
Vance (PG-13)**

The Martian (PG-13)

Interstellar (PG-13)

The Help (PG-13)

Forest Gump (PG-13)

Bridge of Spies (PG-13)

The Iron Lady (PG-13)

**The Pursuit of
Happiness (PG-13)**

Patch Adams (PG-13)

**What's Eating Gilbert
Grape (PG-13)**


Cast Away (PG-13)

The Hundred-Foot Journey

Dan in Real Life (PG-13)

**Lee Daniel's The
Butler (PG-13)**

Mr. Holland's Opus



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LET YOUR MIDDLESCHOOLER OFFER SUGGESTIONS OF MOVIES THEY FIND INTERESTING.

Say things like:

“If you could be any character in that movie, who would you be and why?” / “What character in that movie do you think I would be?”

“I’ve never really thought about . . . ” (Talk about things that you discover and learn).

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