

"Nanny McPhee Returns"

Overview: Two spoiled cousins who need to evacuate from London during WWII, head to the country, to be under the care of their aunt. This aunt is trying to run the family farm all by herself, because her husband is away at war. The three children in the family are trying to help their mother. When the cousins appear, the five children immediately don't like each other, and all kinds of mischief breaks loose. Nanny McPhee suddenly appears, to lend a hand and teach them five important lessons. This movie is probably appropriate for all ages, though younger children may be upset by a plot that includes the potential loss of a parent. The rating is PG. (The film is based on the "Nurse Matilda" children's book series by Christianna Brand.)

Choose questions that might best fit your family, or the gathering of people discussing the movie.

- As the movie, who is not present in the family—who are they missing?
- What's going on in the children's life?
- Who is coming to visit them?
- Have you ever had someone visit you that you didn't particularly like to be around? How did you deal with that?
- Why did the new cousins not like the farm?
- What's different about life on the farm, than your own life?
- Why did the cousins not like each other at first?
- What was in the special jar that broke? Why was it special? Couldn't they buy more?
- How did the mother hear about Nanny McPhee?
- What does the Nanny tell the children to do when they wouldn't stop fighting?
- Who is Mr. Edelweiss?
- What happens to the Nanny every time the children do something good?
- How did the nanny use her cane?
- How did Nanny wake the children up in the morning? Would you like to be awakened like this?
- Why were the piglets so important?
- What did the piglets do that piglets don't usually do?
- How did the kids work together to catch the piglets?
- What belongings did the girls exchange with each other?
- How did Nanny help the boys—what did she do to help them carry out their solution to a problem?
- What was special about Nanny's motorcycle?
- How was the news that the father was missing in action, good news?
- What magical thing did the elephant do?
- How did the kids work together to disarm/defuse the bomb?
- How did Mr. Edelweiss end up helping the family?
- Why did Nanny leave the children at the end?
- Why didn't they need her any more?
- Are there any people in the movie who were troublemakers? What did they do to other people?

--What happened in this movie that was very sad?

--What happened in this movie that made you feel really good?

--Nanny McPhee was there, to teach the children five lessons. Some of these lessons connect with Jesus' teachings to love one another. How did you see them learning the following lessons, and what did they do to indicate they had learned them? How are these lessons important to you and the people around you?

How do you live out these practices?

Lesson # 1 – To stop fighting

Lesson # 2 – To share nicely

Lesson # 3 – To help each other

Lesson # 4 – To be brave

Lesson # 5 – To have faith