

"Up"

Overview: Carl Fredricksen (voiced by Ed Asner) and his wife Ellie had a shared dream since childhood: to visit exotic Paradise Falls in South America, a place the once-famous explorer Charles Muntz (Christopher Plummer) claimed was the most beautiful in the world. After Ellie dies, Carl decides to make his late wife's dream come true and uses hundreds of helium balloons to fly his house to Paradise Falls. Unbeknownst to Carl, a young Wildlife Explorer scout named Russell (Justin Nagai) is along for the ride. When they finally arrive, the odd couple discovers that Muntz is more interested in killing an elusive rare bird than living in paradise. PG rating due to a few potentially frightening scenes involving a band of trained talking dogs trying to get rid of the protagonists, some moments where characters almost fall from a floating house, and some guns firing (from CommonSenseMedia.org). No offensive language.

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

- What initially brought Carl and Ellie together, as kids? What did they wear, to indicate they were a part of the same club?
- What did Carl do to make a living? What did Ellie do?
- What was their "big dream?" Where is Paradise Falls located? Would you like to see it someday?
- Why couldn't they save enough money for the trip, even though they had a coin jar?
- Ellie dies and Carl is very sad and alone. Do you know someone who died? How did it make you feel when they died?
- Do you know of anybody who uses a cane when they walk or who takes a stair lift to get up and down the stairs. How do these things help them?
- What was going on in Carl's neighborhood, that was causing everything to change?
- When Russell comes to Carl's door the first time and asks him if he needs any assistance, what was Carl's answer? Why do you think he answered the way he did?
- What badge was Russell working on? Have you been in a Scout troop and if so, what badges have you worked on/earned? What did you learn in the process?
- Have you ever made a friend with an older person? How did you meet them?
- Are all older people boring? Why/why not?
- Why didn't Carl want to move to Shady Oaks?
- What promise did Carl make to Ellie when they first became friends, that he is still trying to fulfill?
- How did Carl's long-time job help him eventually move his house?
- What were some of the ways that Russell helped Carl on the trip?
- Even after Ellie died, Carl kept talking to her. Why?
- What kinds of animals did Russell & Carl encounter? Which were your favorites? Which would you want as a pet?
- What cross-your-heart promise did Carl make to Russell? Have you ever made a cross-your-heart promise with someone and what was the promise?
- Who did Carl & Russell find at Paradise Falls? Was this a friendly person to them? Was Carl's long-time hero, really a hero?
- When Russell has been away from home for awhile, he says: "the boring stuff is the stuff I remember the most", because he misses his Dad. What boring things do you do with your family, that end up being fun, or meaningful?
- Why did Carl toss all the furniture out of the house? This was furniture that he loved, and it reminded him of his wife. How could he just throw it out?
- What was Carl's next adventure going to be?
- How did Carl help Russell in this movie? How did Russell help Carl, or what did Russell give to him?
- Charles Muntz, the South American explorer said "Adventure is out there." What do you want to explore someday? What adventure is out there that you might look forward to?
- Who is an older person that might need your help? How could you help them?
- Why do you think God has people of all ages in the world together?