

"Planes"

Overview:

Dusty is a crop dusting plane who dreams of competing in a famous aerial race. He wanted to be more than he was built for. But he's afraid of heights. With the support of his mentor Skipper and a host of new friends, Dusty sets off to make his dreams come true and to go beyond his limitations. "Parents need to know that Disney's *Planes* is an adventure that, like *Cars*, takes place in a world populated by vehicles. A few scenes of peril place the main character in danger (a terrible storm, a squadron of fighter planes crashing, etc.) and may upset younger/more sensitive kids. There are also some cultural stereotypes presented (which may be starters for discussion)." (from CommonSenseMedia.org)

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

- During the race, Dusty helped a British plane that was in trouble, saving his life. But Dusty came in last, because he stopped to help him. What did you think of Dusty's decision?
- Others had suggested he remove his sprayer, so he could fly faster. Finally he decided to take that step, and sure enough the change helped him. Why do you think Dusty decided to change?
- Quote from his skipper: "You can fly a lot higher than you think." What does that mean to you?
- How was Dusty different from the other planes?
- When he was in Nepal, his question upon his arrival: "Is this where I'm supposed to be?" How do we know where we're supposed to be, or where it doesn't feel right to be?
- What were ways that Dusty was a friend to others?
- How did Dusty manage to change the other planes, without really trying to change them?
- How did he conquer his fear of flying high in the clouds?
- Why were the other planes, who were also trying to win, celebrating when Dusty won?
- Quote from the Skipper: "I learned a lot more from you than you learned from me." What do you think the Skipper learned from Dusty?
- What did Dusty learn about himself in this story? What can you learn from the story?