



TOP 25 FAMILY MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS*

Movie	Blurb	Wellbeing themes
Hunt for the Wilderpeople	<p>Ok - so this is PG but perhaps it isn't the MOST appropriate film for younger children... but it ROCKS!!! Hilarious, heartbreaking and heartwarming. It tells the story of misfit kid Ricky Baker. When Ricky's foster aunt suddenly passes away, he's left alone with his grumpy uncle Hec. The unlikely duo find themselves on the run in the vast New Zealand bush, evading child services and the law.</p>	<p>Love, belonging, friendship, acceptance, humour</p>
Luca	<p>This animated film has beautiful messages about accepting differences, the power of a reliable friend and bravery. Set in a beautiful seaside town on the Italian Riviera, the original animated feature is a coming-of-age story about one young boy experiencing an unforgettable summer filled with gelato, pasta and endless scooter rides. Luca shares these adventures with his newfound best friend, but all the fun is threatened by a deeply-held secret: he is a sea monster from another world just below the water's surface</p>	<p>Friendship, diversity, dealing with prejudice, generosity</p>
The Princess Bride	<p>This is a quirky, funny fairy tale with quite a bit of action-style violence, including a torture machine, sword fights (one to the death), a death by poisoning, quicksand, fire pits, rodents of unusual size, and giant shrieking eels that attack main characters. But the movie's skewed humor and its</p>	<p>Loyalty, friendship, humour</p>

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	<p>storybook feel lessen some of the impact of the violent scenes.</p>	
<p>Inside out</p>	<p>This is one of our all time favourites! This movie has such an important message about embracing all emotions and the relationship between sadness and joy! Eleven-year-old Riley moves to San Francisco, leaving behind her life in Minnesota. She and her five core emotions, Fear, Anger, Joy, Disgust and Sadness, struggle to cope with her new life.</p>	<p>Emotional intelligence, social intelligence, friendship</p>
<p>Raya and the last dragon</p>	<p>If you are on the hunt for a movie that represents women in a strong, fit and adventurous light, this is your film!! Taking place in the fictional land of Kumandra, which consists of five separate tribes, the film follows a young warrior princess, Raya who sets out to find a missing dragon and gain her help in seeking parts of a gem that would banish the evil Druun from the land and reunite the tribes.</p>	<p>Connection, respect, honesty, friendship, generous assumptions, forgiveness, uniting people, teamwork</p>
<p>Moana</p>	<p>Probably needs no description, but again if you would like to watch a film that represents a strong, curious, brave female lead and has catchy music to go with it, this film is for you. It also highlights friendship without a LOVE interest!!</p> <p>The film tells the story of Moana, the strong and determined daughter of a chief of a Polynesian village, who is chosen by the ocean itself to reunite a mystical relic with the goddess Te Fiti. When a blight strikes her island, Moana sets sail in search of</p>	<p>Friendship, perseverance, self belief, determination, respectful relationships</p>

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	Maui, a legendary demigod, in the hope of returning the relic to Te Fiti and saving her people.	
Mrs Doubtfire	This classic follows a recently divorced actor who dresses up as a female housekeeper to be able to interact with his children. The film addresses themes of divorce, separation, and the effect they have on a family.	Humour, respectful relationships, dealing with separation
Coco	A beautiful movie about a 12-year-old boy named Miguel who is accidentally transported to the Land of the Dead, where he seeks the help of his deceased musician great-great-grandfather to return him to his family among the living and to reverse his family's ban on music	Grief, death, love, loyalty
The Secret World of Arriety	The Clock family are four-inch-tall people who live anonymously in another family's residence, borrowing simple items to make their home. A friendship develops between a child, Sho, and Arriety.	Bravery, friendship, trust
Brave	Merida is the courageous daughter of Scottish King Fergus and Queen Elinor. She is a skilled archer who wants to carve out her own path in life and not bother with princess 'stuff' such as brushing air and speaking and eating politely!. Merida does not want to be married off and her defiance of an age-old tradition angers the Highland lords and leads to chaos in the kingdom. Merida seeks help from an eccentric witch who grants her an ill-fated wish. Now, Merida must discover the true meaning of courage and undo a beastly curse before it's	Gender equality, family, respect, friendship

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	too late.	
The boy who harnessed the wind	Based on a true story, this follows a boy living in Africa who teaches himself engineering. When his village suffers a drought, he has big plans to create a turbine that can power a water pump.	Perseverance, optimism, creativity, growth mindset, curiosity
Dr Seuss' The Lorax	This movie has a fantastic environmental message. The creature known as the Lorax, voiced by Danny DeVito, has to convince a town not to cut down all the trees in the forest	Bravery, honesty, forgiveness
Sing	In a city of humanoid animals, a hustling theater impresario's attempt to save his theater with a singing competition becomes grander than he anticipates even as its finalists find that their lives will never be the same. Hilarious, talented musical animals	Respectful relationships, creativity, bravery, courage, perseverance
The Lion King	No description needed!!	Grief, love, respect, hope, courage, friendship
Up	A love story and a friendship story all rolled up into one. Sometimes people that are hurt tend to shut out others. This movie is an example of a child turning a grouchy, old person's heart toward all things good – love and friendship being one of those things. The meaning behind this one? Don't give up, you're never too old to realize a dream.	Perseverance, forgiveness, friendship
Matilda	Watch it! Listen to the musical. Read the book! This story of a wonderful little girl ,who happens to be a genius but is misunderstood and treated terribly by her	Creativity, love, bravery, friendship

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	family. It is also a story of standing up to bullies, of being creative in how you overcome problems and in finding your own courage	
Ant Man	Ant Man may be the best avenger of all time... according to Grow Your Mind. After discovering a chemical substance, which he called Pym Particles, that would allow the user to alter his size, he armed himself with a helmet that could control ants . After that, Pym would shrink down to the size of an insect to become the mystery-solving Ant-Man , solving crimes and stopping criminals.	Humour, loyalty, love, action, imperfections, humorous!
Song of the sea	An Irish boy discovers that his mute sister is a selkie who must find her voice and free supernatural creatures from the spell of a Celtic goddess	Love, courage, empathy, grief
Shrek	Shrek is a story that could be best summed up as not judging a book by its cover. Shrek and Fiona are both Ogres. Fiona looks like a princess during the day, but her outer beauty fades at night. The moral of this story is that it's what inside that counts.	Acceptance, loyalty, self compassion
Charlotte's Web	This is a story about an unlikely friendship between a pig and a spider. When the pig's life becomes endangered, the spider has a brilliant plan to try to save his life. There are many wonderful quotes from this movie that display self-worth, including this one: "No, my webs were no miracle, Wilbur. I was only describing what I saw. The miracle is you."	Kindness, self love, bravery, awe, friendship, grief

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<p>Wonder</p>	<p>August "Auggie" Pullman is 10, living in Brooklyn with his mother, Isabel; father, Nate; older sister, Via; and dog, Daisy. He was born with a rare medical facial deformity, mandibulofacial dysostosis, and has undergone 27 surgeries in order to see, smell, speak and hear.</p> <p>Auggie has been home-schooled, but his parents decide to enroll him in middle school at Beecher Prep. Before classes begin, Auggie meets Principal Tushman, who arranges a tour for him with three other students: Jack, Julian, and Charlotte. When school starts, he is ostracized, but soon forms a close friendship with Jack. And so the story unfolds! The book is BRILLIANT!!! But the movie is also a fantastic vehicle for touching on topics of tolerance, judgement, forgiving friends and standing up to bullies!</p>	<p>Friendship, acceptance, forgiveness, courage</p>
<p>Isle of Dogs</p>	<p>The beautifully stop-motion animated <i>Isle of Dogs</i> finds Wes Anderson at his detail-oriented best while telling one of the director's most winsomely charming stories.</p> <p>An outbreak of canine influenza spreads throughout the (fictitious) city of Megasaki with the risk of becoming contagious to humans.</p> <p>This movie tells the story of ATARI KOBAYASHI, 12-year-old ward to corrupt Mayor Kobayashi. When, by Executive Decree, all the canine pets of Megasaki City are exiled to a vast garbage-dump, Atari sets off alone in a miniature</p>	<p>Humour, loyalty, forgiveness</p>

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	<p>Junior-TurboProp and flies to Trash Island in search of his bodyguard-dog, Spots. There, with the assistance of a pack of newly-found mongrel friends, he begins an epic journey that will decide the fate and future of the entire Prefecture.</p>	
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