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It's a Wonderful Life

The Movie

It's a Wonderful Life has been a Christmas classic since its release in 1946. It was directed by Frank Capra and was nominated for five Oscars, including Best Picture. It also won a Golden Globe for Best Director, and is on the American Film Institute's list of top 100 best American films. *It's a Wonderful Life* was originally made in black and white, however there is now a colorized version.

The Story

It's a Wonderful Life is set in the first half of the 20th century, in a small town called Bedford Falls. Growing up, George Bailey had big dreams for his life - he wanted to travel, go on adventures, and go to college.

Instead, George gave up his pursuits in order to keep alive the family business, and give back to others in his community. After having a string of bad luck and being on the brink of financial ruin, George finds himself ready to commit suicide on Christmas Eve. George's guardian angel Clarence quickly intervenes, with George selflessly saving Clarence's life. Clarence tells George who he is, and explains that he was assigned to save George's life, so he can earn his angel wings.

When George wishes that he would have never been born, Clarence takes George into an alternate universe that shows him just what life would have been like if he hadn't existed - and the devastating ripples it would have on his community.

The Characters

George Bailey is the main character. He is married to Mary, and the couple have four children. George is selfless and kind, and he frequently puts others before himself.

Mary Hatch is George's high school sweetheart, and wife.

Clarence Odbody is George's guardian angel. He is an Angel Second Class, and has been trying to earn his wings for 200 years. To earn his wings, he must stop George from killing himself, and show George what life would be like if he had never been born.

Henry Potter is the greedy, selfish antagonist. He is the richest man in Bedford Falls.

Harry Bailey is George's brother. George saved Harry's life as a child. Harry became a Medal of Honor recipient during WWII, saving dozens of lives.

Discussion Questions

1. George saved his brother Harry's life when they were kids. What are some things about your family that would change if you were never born? Think back to old memories!
2. Think about all of the people you have impacted - your friends, teachers, classmates, and people in your community. What things around your community would be different if you weren't born?
3. What does George suffer from after saving Harry's life?
4. How does George meet Mary, who had a childhood crush on him?
5. What is Bailey Park? How does it help others?
6. What does Harry end up accomplishing during World War II?
7. In America, there is often the idealized thought of having money and fame. How does George challenge this ideal?
8. How does George's outlook on life change throughout the movie? Did any external factors change?
9. In what ways does Clarence help George?
10. The movie is set in the fictional small town Bedford Falls. How would this movie be different if it were set in a big city?
11. Despite being wealthy and powerful, Mr. Potter is unhappy, selfish, and greedy. Why is this?
12. How do you define "success" and "failure?"
13. We see that George, despite not living his dream, helped a lot of people in his life. How much impact can one person really have?
14. How is George's life similar to yours?
15. What happens to Clarence in the end?
16. What did you learn from this movie?
17. It's a Wonderful Life is known as a classic. It is known as one of the best films ever made. Why do you think it is so popular?

Fun Fact

The majority of the movie was filmed on a set, but the gym-turned-pool was real! It was located at Beverly Hills High School in Los Angeles.

Bible Study Questions

1. Sometimes, our plans may not be God's plans. In what ways do George's plans change? (Prov 3:5-6)
2. Why can following God's plan be tough sometimes?
3. What does George put first - people or money? How does he show this?
4. John 15:13 NIV says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." In what ways does George put others before himself? Give three examples from the movie.
5. We are fearfully and wonderfully made (Gen 1:26-27). What is our purpose in life? (Matt 22:36-40)
6. In Matt 19:24, Jesus says it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich person to get into heaven. In its biblical context, what do you think Jesus meant by this?
7. What does the Bible say about wealth? (Matt 6:19-21)

List five things that would be different if you had not been born.

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2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

List five ways you have made a difference in your life.

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2. _____

3. _____

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5. _____
