

At the Movies 2021: Family

Elementary Week 4: Peter Rabbit

Today's Scripture: Matthew 6:14-15

Bottom Line: Forgive your family.

Question of the Day: How can you show forgiveness in your family?

Memory Verse: "As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15b NiRV

Time: 37:63

Clip 1:

Start: 00:43

Stop: 005:56 (Peter running in garden)

Start: 006:31

Stop: 008:20 (painting portraits of locals, beautiful)

Start: 009:40 "Oh, the rain stopped"

Stop: 010:51 "got it back dad", running

Total : 8:53

Narrator: "Hey kids! Welcome back to "Northview Kids: At the Movies"! All month long, we're watching clips from some great movies and learning about **God's design for families**. Every family is unique. No two families are exactly alike, and this family is no exception. In this movie we meet Peter Rabbit and his family. We learn that he becomes the leader of his siblings after their parents pass away.

As you can see Peter Rabbit is mischievous and fearless which gets him in lots of trouble with Mr. McGregor who owns the garden. However, he does take the responsibility of leading and providing for his family very seriously. I love how the siblings all work together as a family. Everyone has a job to do in Peter's family. Maybe you can relate to this. Some families have chore charts where each member gets a specific job to do. Sometimes it can be hard to work together as a family though. There can be disagreements. Just like Peter's cousin and sisters don't always agree. I am sure there are times when you and your family have disagreements. However, it is what you do after the disagreements that makes all the difference. Let's get back to the movie.

Clip 2:

Start: 12:32 – Wow,

Stop: 15:08 “No more”

Start: 15:13 Meet Thomas McGregor

Stop: 16:08- “Perfect”

Start: 18:13 “this might actually be a blessing in disguise”

Stop: 18:32- “I’m going to take your nametag now”

Start: 25:55 – “Hello Sweeties”

Stop: 36:34 – “I’ve got your jacket”

total: 10:39

Narrator: Well, leading a family and being responsible for the food is not an easy thing. Peter is usually able to convince his siblings to follow him and do what he says. However, when Benjamin is in great danger and almost gets thrown into the river. Peter knows he owes Benjamin a huge apology.

Have you ever had to say I’m sorry to someone in your family? I love the way the rabbits in this movie say I’m sorry. Did you notice how they put their heads together as a way to say I’m sorry. It would be pretty hard to stay mad at someone while you touch your head to their head.

In real life it can be hard to say will you forgive me or I forgive you when someone has hurt us. However, in the bible in Matthew 6:14 &15 it says:

“Forgive other people when they sin against you. If you do, your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive the sins of other people, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

This bible verse might sound a little harsh. However, when we don’t forgive someone it makes a wall between us and God. That’s why when we stay mad at someone in our family, it makes us feel just plain yucky. We are distant from God. He knows it is best for us to not stay mad but to forgive every time.

In fact, there was a man named Peter in the bible who came to Jesus one day, and asked, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but 77 times.”

Forgiveness is important in every family. Let’s get back to the movie and see what happens next in Peter’s family.

Clip 3:

3.15Start: 40:30 – “Bea... Hello”

Stop: 43:45 – “It didn’t get any easier...or understand.”

.59Start: 57:54 – “And so we advance”

Stop: 58:53 – “Trust me I’ve got this”

2.21Start: 104:31 – “She believes him”

Stop: 106: 52 – “So am I “(pans in on Peter)

Total: 9:50

Narrator: Wow, did you notice what happened here. Peter was so jealous of Bea and Thomas. He wanted so much for Bea to stay on his side, believing that animals should be able to roam free in the garden. He lets his anger take over and with the push of a button blows up everything.

So Peter finally gets what he wanted or he thought he wanted. I love this last scene when it pans on Peter’s face. We can tell he looks sad. Sometimes getting our way when it hurts someone else doesn’t feel good after all. Especially, if we know we are the ones at fault.

There are times we all do things that we regret or immediately know that we shouldn’t have done. Right? What we do after we mess up, this is what defines our character. We can pretend it never happened, we could lie, or we could own up to and admit we were wrong. Let’s watch what comes next.

Clip 4:

Start: 114: 44 – “It’s a shame”

Stop: 123: 25 - winking

total - 8:41

Narrator:

I am so glad Peter finally told the truth and asked for forgiveness. You can tell he felt so much better too.

And, that’s the way it is for us too in our own families and in our relationship with God. When we are quick to say “I’m sorry, will you forgive me?” or to offer forgiveness to someone, we knock down the wall that keeps us distant from God.

Just like the Bible verse we read earlier in Matthew 6 says:” Forgive other people when they sin against you. If you do, your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you.” You can start by forgiving other people right in your own family.

That reminds me of our bottom line: **[Bottom Line]** Forgive your family.

As you head back to small groups, take some time to answer the question of the day.

[Question of the Day] How can you show forgiveness in your family?

Thanks for joining us today. We look forward to seeing you next week, for our last week of At the Movies!