

TJED Member Movie Recommendations

Title	Identifying Actors	Themes	Rate	Notes
12 Angry Men		Crime, legal system	NR	
A Beautiful Mind	Russell Crowe	Math, psych	PG-13	
A More Perfect Union	BYU	U.S. Constitution, 1780s	NR	
A Night at the Opera	Marx Brothers		NR	
African Queen; The	Humphrey Bogart	WW1, Africa, Drama	PG	Caution: War scenes, cheesy reaction shots. Discussion points- hardships of missionary life, perseverance
All Summer In a Day	Kelley Gray	Sci-Fi	NR	
An Affair to Remember	Cary Grant	Romance, drama	NR	Empire State Building
Andy Griffith (TV)	Griffith, R Howard	1960s, widower	G	
Anne of Green Gables	Megan Follows	Orphan, Canada	G	
Annie	Jamie Foxx	Orphan, musical	PG	Alcohol abuse. Lesson: Being aware of the hidden struggles of those around you (literacy, loneliness); adoption
Arsenic and Old Lace	Cary Grant	NYC, crime, comedy	NR	
Batteries Not Included	Jessica Tandy	Sci-Fi	PG	
BBC Pride and Prejudice	Collin Firth	19 century England	PG	
BBC Earth: The Blue Planet (TV)	D. Attenborough	Ocean documentary	G	
BBC Sherlock (TV)	B. Cumberbatch	Detective	TV-14	Modern version
Bells of St. Mary's; The	Bing Crosby	Catholic School, Letter of the law vs. spirit of the law, faith, generosity	G	Slow paced (2 hr). Lesson: balancing letter vs spirit of the law conflicts with grace; authority and submission
Ben-Hur	Charlton Heston	Rome	G	Time of Christ
Boy in the Striped Pajamas; The	Asa Butterfield	WW2, friendship	PG-13	
Bringing Up Baby	Katherine Hepburn	Museum funding	NR	
Captain Blood	Errol Flynn	Pirates, British Caribbean	NR	
Children of Heaven		Iran, family	PG	Brother loses shoe
Casablanca	Humphrey Bogart	WW2, Morocco	PG	

Cleopatra	Elizabeth Taylor	Ancient Egypt	G	There are some ladies who need more clothes in a few scenes
Christopher Robin	Ewan McGregor			
Cool Runnings	John Candy	Olympics, Jamaica, Perseverance, Comedy	PG	Concerns: Barfight, repeated phrase "bad ass mother", scene of kissing stand to make \$, several bad words, farce of Lord's prayer. Lessons: Determination, persistence, being "the bigger person"
Count of Monte Cristo; The	Jim Caviezel	Revenge	PG-17*	Alexander Dumas book; movie has multiple scenes of extramarital sex
Darkest Hour	Gary Oldman	Winston Churchill	PG-13	
Dolphin Tale	Harry Connick, Jr	Dolphins, Environment	PG	
Driving Miss Daisy	Jessica Tandy	Relationships	PG	
Dr Who (TV)		Space/Time travel	PG	Select episodes
Dr. Zhivago	Omar Sharif	Russia, WWI	PG-13	Infidelity
Duck Soup	Marx Brothers	Spy comedy/ Political satire	PG*	Caution: Sexual innuendo, disrespect. Buffoonery, nonsense; no plot, no character development. Discussion: Why is this movie considered a classic? Why was it considered on of the most influential comedies of all time?
Duma		So Africa, cheetahs	PG	
Eddie the Eagle	Hugh Jackman	Olympics	PG-13	
Elf	Will Ferrell	Christmas	PG	
Emma	Gwyneth Paltrow	Austen, matchmaking	PG	"Clueless"
Enchanted Cottage	?which one?	Loneliness	NR	
Everafter	Drew Barrymore	Cinderella	PG-13	
Far and Away	Tom Cruise	Irish immigration	PG-13	Violence and sensuality
Fiddler on the Roof	Topol	Cultural traditions, Russia, Jewish	G	
Finding Forester	Sean Connery	Mentorship, writing	PG-13	Language
Finding Neverland	Johnny Depp	J.M. Barrie, Biopic, Drama	PG	Death of a main character. Rumor mill tarnishes reputation of two families with suggestions of an affair. Lesson: healing power of imagination, caring for others.

				Possible lesson on appearances of evil.
Fly Away Home	Anna Paquin	Acts of service	PG	Canada Geese
Forever Strong	Sean Farris	Rugby, life choices	PG-13	Drug and alcohol use
Friendly Persuasion	Gary Cooper	Civil War, Quakers	NR	based around the civil war and a Quaker family
Gandhi	Ben Kingsley	Biopic, India, peace	PG	
Ghost and Mrs Muir; The		Widow, friendship	NR	
Giant	Elizabeth Taylor	Texas cattle rancher	G	
Gifted Hands	Cuba Gooding Jr	Biopic	NR	
Glenn Miller Story, The	James Stewart	Biopic, music	NR	
Great Escape; The	Steve McQueen	WW2. escape	NR	
Great Race; The	Jack Lemmon	Car race	NR	
Greatest Showman; The	Hugh Jackman	PT Barnum, circus	PG	
Harvey	James Stewart	Delusion, comedy	NR	
Hatari	John Wayne	Africa, trappers	NR	
Heidi	Shirley Temple	Orphan, grandparents	NR	
Hello Dolly	Barbra Streisand	Matchmaking, NYC	G	
Hero	Jet Li	Ancient China, Qin	PG-15*	Discussion: Chinese history, cinematographic elements that reflects Buddhist worldview, martyrdom. Caution: Scene where one character uses sex to make another jealous, deaths by sword and arrow, suicide, battle scenes
Hidden Figures	Taraji P. Henson	Civil Rights era, NASA	PG	
High Noon	Gary Cooper	Western	PG	
Hondo	John Wayne	Western	PG	
How Green Was My Valley	Maureen O'Hara	Welsh, coal mining	NR	
Hundred Foot Journey; The	Helen Mirren	Immigrants, Indian	PG	
I Remember Mama	Irene Dunne	Norwegian immigrants	NR	
Inn of the Sixth Happiness	Ingrid Bergman	Gladys Aylward biopic, China, Missionaries	PG-12*	Caution: Axe attack, war scenes including terror, air bombardment, someone gets gunned down. Discussion: John 3:8 open-mindedness vs closed mindedness; adoption; sacrifice; Hollywood sensationalism (how does true

				story deviate from film); Hollywood portrayals of faith
It's a Wonderful Life	James Stewart	Christmas		Discussion: Talking about how you can influence people for good and never realize it
Karate Kid	Ralph Macchio	Martial arts, bullying	PG	Teen romance; kissing. Discussion: Endurance and perseverance. teen-elder mentorship relationship, respect for elders.
King and I; The	Yul Brynner	Siam, cultural exchange	G	
Lassie	Peter O'Toole	Dog loyalty	PG	
Lassie (TV)	Jon Provost	Dog loyalty	NR	
Lawrence of Arabia	Peter O'Toole	WWI, Arabia	PG	
Leave it to Beaver (TV)	Jerry Mathers	60's family life	NR	
Les Miserables	Liam Neeson	French Revolution	PG-13	
Life is Beautiful	Roberto Benigni	WWII Italy	PG-13	
Life of Birds	D. Attenborough	Birds, Nature film	PG	
Life of Mammals	D. Attenborough	Mammals, Nature		Evolution?
Life of Pi	Suraj Sharma	Survival, fantasy	PG	
Life With Father	William Powell	Fatherhood	NR	
Lilies of the Field	Sidney Poitier	Service	NR	
Lincoln	Daniel Day-Lewis	Biopic	PG-13	Carnage
Lion	Nicole Kidman	Finding family	PG-13	
Little Dorrit (TV)	Claire Foy	Family care	NR	
Little Men Series; The	Michelle Burke	Jo March, school	NR	It's really really good! Perfect for boys. It's on Amazon Prime. We have been watching them all week
Little Prince; The	Jeff Bridges	Growing up	PG	Exupery's story wrapped in modern tale. Girl lies and disobeys mother. Lessons: Value of childhood, "matters of consequence"
Little Shop Around the Corner	James Stewart	Romance, Hungary	NR	You've Got Mail
Little Women (1949)	Elizabeth Taylor	Civil War Era	NR	
Little Women (1994)	Susan Sarandon	Civil War Era	PG	
Man for All Seasons	Paul Scofield	Thomas More	G	
Man from Snowy River	Kirk Douglas	hero's journey, Australia	PG	
Man of LaMancha	Peter O'Toole	Don Quixote	PG	

Mark of Zorro	Tyrone Power	Early California	NR	
Meet John Doe	Gary Cooper	Impersonation	NR	
Miss Potter	Renee Zellweger	Beatrix Potter	PG	
Mr. Roberts	Henry Fonda	WWII	NR	world war 2 film made in the 50's
Mr. Smith goes to Washington	James Stewart	Senate; corruption	NR	
Much Ado About Nothing	Emma Thompson	Shakespeare	PG-13	Sensuality
Muppet Movie	Jim Henson	Adventure Comedy	G	
Music Man	Robert Preston	Conman	G	
My Fair Lady	Audrey Hepburn	Phonetics, class	G	Drunkenness. Discussion: Societal classes. What makes a person have worth?
My Neighbor Totoro	Hitoshi Takagi	Family care	G	
Nanny McFee	Emma Thompson	Disobedient kids	PG	
Never Ending Story; The	Noah Hathaway	Reading, Imagination	PG	
Newsies	Christian Bale	NYC newsboy strike	PG	New vs original?
Nicholas Nickelby	?which one?	Exploitation	PG	Dickens novel
Night Crossing	John Hurt	Escape, E Germany	PG	
North and South (TV)	D Denby-Ashe	19 th century, textiles	PG	image of a man after he died
O Brother Where Art Thou	George Clooney	1920s Mississippi Convict adventure	PG-14*	Based on "Odyssey"; Southern rural poverty, KKK ritual, seduction (sirens), language (a lot of GDamns), bank robbery, animal cruelty. Discussion: Dreams, sincere religion vs using it as a tool, repentance, "law is a human institution"
October Sky	Jake Gyllenhaal	Invention	PG	Sputnik inspired
Odd Squad		Mystery	G	
Oliver!	Mark Lester	Orphan, crime, musical	G	
Other Side of Heaven; The	Anne Hathaway	Missionary 1950s	PG	
Parent Trap	Hayley Mills	Twin swap, family	G	Caution: Kissing scenes, woman appears in bathrobe in front of men. Discussion: Conflict resolution
Patch Adams	Robin Williams	Medicine, innovation	PG-13	
Paul, Apostle of Christ	Jim Caviezel	Final days of Paul; writing of the New	R*	Caution: Flogging, use of humans as torches, depictions of animal sacrifice and murder (including that of children),

		Testament; Biopic; Early Church		Discussion points: History of the church, martyrdom. How did the persecution of the early church affect its growth and development? How has Christianity affected the cultures in which it was introduced?
Persuasion	Amanda Root	1800s England	PG	Jane Austen novel
Phantom of the Opera	Gerard Butler	Opera, kidnapping	PG-13	
Philadelphia Story; The	Katherine Hepburn	Impulsiveness	NR	
Pippi Longstocking	Inger Nilsson	Personality	G	
Please Don't Eat the Daisies	Doris Day	Life choices, comedy	NR	
Pocketful of Miracles	Bette Davis	NYC, 1930s	NR	
Pollyanna	Hayley Mills	Attitude	NR	Eleanor Porter novel
Princess Bride; The	Cary Elwes	Fantasy, reading	PG	book-to-movie comparison
Rango	Johnny Depp	West, hero	PG	
Red Balloon? Flight of the Red Balloon?				
Red Turtle; The	Emmanuel Garijo	Survival, Island castaway	PG	Slow paced, abstract, dialogue-free. Lessons: the beginnings, struggles, longings of life.
Remember the Titans	Denzel Washington	Civil Rights Era	PG	
Adventures of Robin Hood; The	Errol Flynn	Confronting Injustive, Saxon England	PG	
Rudy	Sean Astin	Notre Dame football, Drama	PG	
Safety Last	Harold Lloyd	Comedy	G*	Silent film, (1923). Discussion: Lies and consequences
Sands of Iwo Jima; The	John Wayne	Dramatization	NR	
Sarah Plain & Tall	Glenn Close	Family Care	G	
Savannah Smiles	Mark Miller	Family Care	PG	
Scarlet Pimpernel; The	Anthony Andrews	French Revolution	PG-8*	Orczy novel* There are several beheadings in the movie and it is a little different than the book. Discussion: Heroism
Secret Garden	Maggie Smith	Orphan, illness	G	F. H. Burnett novel
Sense and Sensibility	Emma Thompson	Inheritance, marriage	PG	Jane Austen novel
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers	Howard Keel	1850 Oregon mtn, Courting	G	Caution: Abduction. Discussion: Forgiveness, Resilience, Community

Seven Samurai	Toshirô Mifune		NR	
Short Circuit	Steve Guttenberg	Sci-fi; AI	PG	Comedy
Singing in the Rain	Gene Kelly	Movie industry	G	
Somewhere in Time	Christopher Reeve	Fantasy romance	PG	For older
Sissi	Romy Schneider	Princess Elisabeth of Austria	NR	
Sound of Music	Julie Andrews	WW2 Austria	G	
Spirited Away	Daveigh Chase	Japan, spirits	PG	
Stand and Deliver		Education, math	PG	
Steel Magnolias	Shirley MacLaine	Louisiana, friends	PG	
Story of 1; The				
Story of Math; The				
Swing Kids	Christian Bale	WW2, swing music	PG-13	
Temple Grandin	Claire Danes	Biopic, scientist	PG	
The Help	Emma Stone	Civil Rights Era	PG-13	
The Inheritance				5 Different movies w this title!
The Kid	Chaplin	Caring for others	NR	
The Waltons (TV)	Jon Walmsley	1930s-40s VA mtn family	G	
The War	?which one?			
The War Room? Or War Room?				
To Kill A Mockingbird	Gregory Peck	Crime, Drama, Racism	NR	
To Sir with Love	Sidney Poitier	Education	NR	
Toby Tyler	Kevin Corcoran	Circus, orphan	G	
Tora! Tora! Tora!	Martin Balsam	Pearl Harbor, WW2	G	
Twelfth Night	?which one?			
West Side Story	Natalie Woods	NYC gangs, immig.	NR	
Wives & Daughters	?which one?			
Woodlawn	Sean Astin	Racial tension, football	PG	
You Can't Take It With You	James Stewart	Values	NR	I was surprised at the parallels you could make to homeschooling from an interest-based education approach
Yours, Mine, and Ours	Henry Fonda and Lucille Ball	Big family	NR	

*** Personal rating based on the sensitivities of my family reflecting a change in the MPAA rating or adding one if the the movie did not come with one**