

The Chronicles of Narnia

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Supplies you will need:

- Movie
- Bible

Before you start

- Read through all of the discussion questions and Bible verses on your own.
- Mark each Bible verse with a bookmark so that you do not need to spend extra time looking them up later.
- Decide if you will read the Bible verses and say the prayer or if you will ask a family member to be in charge of those parts.

Watch the movie together as a family. When the movie is over, walk through the discussion questions together.

Read all of the Bible verses and make sure that each person has a chance to share.

Ask: What did you like about the movie?

Ask: Did you learn anything while watching this movie?

Say: Think back in the movie to this scene: Edmund has recently betrayed his family and followed after the evil witch. Even though he has been disobedient, King Aslan sends his forces to rescue Edmund from the clutches of the evil witch. In the scene right after Edmund is rescued we see Aslan talking with Edmund on the hill just before they return to the group. As their private conversation ends Aslan and Edmund walk back down to camp.

Lucy: Edmund! (Peter quiets her. We see Aslan nod to Edmund to rejoin the group. Edmund begins walking into camp towards his siblings. He looks sorrowful and ashamed.)

Aslan: What's done is done. There is no need to speak with Edmund about his past. (Everyone seems a little surprised by this at first. But they trust Aslan, so they welcome Edmund back gladly.)

Edmund: Hello. (He says this with his head down. Lucy steps towards him and hugs him, grateful he is alive.)

Susan: (Steps forward to also hug Edmund.) Are you alright?

Edmund: I'm a little tired.

Peter: Get some sleep. And Edmund...(smiling) try not to wander off!

Say: Wow! Not only did King Aslan forgive Edmund's betrayal, he also commanded that others forgive him as well. Edmund committed very serious crimes that should have resulted in his death, but instead of punishment, he received forgiveness from the king. When King Aslan forgave Edmund, that settled it. Let's spend the next few minutes thinking about forgiveness.

Ask: We aren't told what Aslan said to Edmund about his past betrayal while they were talking on the hill. What do you think Aslan said to him?

Ask: When Aslan returned to the group with Edmund, what did he instruct everyone to do? Why?

Read: Luke 19:1-10

Ask: Zacchaeus was a Jewish tax collector, who made his living collecting taxes for the Romans. In those days, tax collectors were known for ripping off their own people so they could become rich themselves. Knowing that Zacchaeus did this, would you label him a traitor or not? Why?

Prayer - Thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross to take away the curse. Ask God to help your family remember

Ask: How did Jesus respond to Zacchaeus? In other words, what did Jesus do for Zacchaeus?

Say: Just as Aslan showed love and forgiveness to Edmund in Narnia, Jesus showed love and forgiveness to Zacchaeus in Jericho. It is safe to say that Zacchaeus would have been considered the scum of the earth! But Jesus, God's son, walks into his life and forgives him! Then he seals the deal by showing Zacchaeus the ultimate form of forgiveness (in that day and age) by eating a meal in his home! The truth of the matter is, we are all traitors in some way. But, God is willing to forgive our past, just like Aslan forgave Edmund and Jesus forgave Zacchaeus. Many of us have tried to do things our own way instead of God's way, and just like Edmund and Zacchaeus who believed lies and betrayed those closest to them, we have done the same thing. Like Edmund, we may be overcome with guilt and shame or; like Zacchaeus, we could have no one who is willing to trust us again. But, then God comes on the scene through Jesus. Jesus tells us that God forgives us of all of our betrayal (in every form).

Prayer - Thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross to take away all of our sins. Ask God to help your family continue to forgive others just as God forgives each one of us.