

Movie Discussion for Families

“The BFG”, directed by Steven Spielberg

Watch the movie together as a family. Then use the following questions to talk about it.

1. What do Sophie and the BFG have in common?
2. What do the dreams remind you of? What do their different colors mean?
3. The giants toss the BFG around and tell him he’s not really one of them. How do you feel about that? What does it remind you of?
4. Sophie tells the BFG that he shouldn’t let the others treat him like that, that he should stand up for himself. Does he seem able to do it?
5. They say “Dreams are quick on the outside but long on the inside.” What does that mean to you?
6. Why is the BFG so careful with Sophie?
7. What is the turning point where the BFG finally starts to stand up for himself? What causes it and what happens as a result?
8. Sophie gives the BFG a compliment – that he speaks beautifully. It seems to address the part of himself he sees as a weakness. Why does this mean so much to him?
9. Why is it so hard for the BFG to reveal himself to the queen? What risks does he run?
10. The queen goes to extra trouble to set a table for the BFG and feed him. What message is she sending?
11. The BFG has a dream meant for Sophie – he tells her what it’s about. Does he have to give it to her? What will it cost him to give it to her? Can she stay with him forever?
12. What does it mean that the BFG ‘hears all the secret whisperings of the world’?
13. How is the BFG like God? Not like God?
14. What are some of the messages of this movie?

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