

4 Reasons You Need to Watch a Christmas Movie Tonight

As we sip our hot chocolate and decorate our gingerbread houses, Advent season is in full swing. With this comes some of our favorite holiday traditions and of course, Christmas movies. As we approach this amazing holiday, we want to take a moment to dwell on the blessings that Christmas movies can bring.

1. They Encourage Family Values

Christmastime is a great time to not only go to the movies with your family, but also to see stories that uplift the family too. Since Hollywood studios know Christmas is prime for the family audiences, they work very hard to deliver options that everyone will enjoy and cultivate a pro-family message. Recall the beloved movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*. The quintessential family man, George Bailey (Jimmy Stewart), hits an emotional rough patch as Christmas draws near. With the help of Clarence, George sees what life for his family would look like without him in it. George undergoes a miraculous change of heart, seeing that his disgruntled attitude detracts from the happiness and love he feels when surrounded by his family and loved ones.

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2. They Inspire Joy

"Joy to the world..." The Christmas carol reminds us that we have a lot to be joyful about. As the year comes to a close and we gather with our loved ones, a joyful spirit encourages us to see past family discord and perpetuate happiness to those around us. Christmas movies like *The Grinch*, *The Muppet Christmas Carol* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas* do a fantastic

job of depicting the joy that comes from celebrating the real reason for the season.

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