

"Toy Story 5" Discussion Guide

For Parents, Teachers & Youth Ministry Leaders

There are many teachable moments in Toy Story 5. Talking with kids after the movie can be just as much fun as the movie itself! Below we offer a discussion guide to explore the social and emotional concerns that the movie raises. Use these to start a conversation with children and then go with the flow of their thoughts and feelings to engage further with them. Choose a few questions that resonate with you and explore further how kids may be thinking or feeling about the many real issues raised in the movie. Our hope is that you will sit together, talk, laugh, eat popcorn and connect in a device free way that strengthens relationships.

OPENING QUESTIONS

What's your favorite character in Toy Story 5? What do you like about him/her?

What was your favorite part of the movie? What did you like about it?

About Lilypad:

- Tell me your thoughts about Lilypad. Is she a good guy or a bad guy at the beginning of the movie? Is she a good guy or a bad guy at the end of the movie? What made Lilypad change?
- Do you think the toys could have connected Blaze and Bonnie in some other way without Lilypad or did they need Lily to make that happen?
- Can you be "friends" with your iPad in the same way you can be friends with your other toys, like Buzz, Woody or Jessie? Why or why not?



About Toys and Devices:

- In the movie we hear, "the age of toys is over." Is that true? Why or why not?
- How would it make you feel if you could only play on an iPad, computer or video game console and not with any of your toys?
- Is playing with your favorite toy better than playing with an iPad or video game? Why or why not?
- What makes playing on an iPad or video game so much fun? Can you do (what the child said was fun) without the video game? How?
- In the movie, the kids seemed to prefer playing on their tablets instead of with each other. Do you ever feel that way? When?

- Jessie said in the movie, “She looks like a frog, but really she’s a leech sucking up all of her time.” Have you ever noticed that sometimes you spend more time on your device (video game, tv, computer, ipad, etc) than you meant to or wanted to? Why do you think that happens? (here is a chance to explain to kids that devices are designed to steal their time and attention from other things and it’s really hard to stop once you start).



About Friendships:

- Who are the friends you like to play with? What do you like to play with ____?
- Have you ever felt lonely like Bonnie and wished you had a friend? How do you find friends to play with? If you didn't have someone to play with, how could your mom, dad or another adult help you find a friend?
- Have you ever wanted to play with someone and they only wanted to play on their ipad, phone or video game? How did that make you feel? What did you do about it?
- In the movie, Lily gets teased by the other girls for playing with toys. Have you ever been teased? How did that make you feel? What did you do about it?
- When Bonnie feels sad after being teased in the group chat, her mom tells her, "I think a real friend wouldn't want you to change." Have you ever felt like one of your friends has wanted you to change in some way? Have you felt the pressure to do something you did not want to in order to make someone else like you or play with you?
- In the movie, Jessie peeks at all the girls at the sleepover playing on their lilypads and she exclaims, "how are they supposed to make friends if they're not even looking at each other??!!" Do you think it's easier to make friends playing with toys, board games, or sports than it is when on a device? Are there ways to play on a device with a friend that makes it more fun and easy to get to know the other person?

Would you tell your friends to go see this movie? Why or why not?

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