

Trinity Family Film Guide  
(For use by Families or in Small School/Church Groups)

# *Paddington 2:* The Power of a Good-Seeker

*With the help of Paddington 2, we will be exploring the difference we can make in our families, neighborhoods, schools, and work places by looking for the good in other people.*

Duration: 2-3 hours with activities. Can be split into multiple segments as needed.

Materials Needed: Paper, Pens or Pencils, Optional Thank You Cards

Recommended Movie Snack or Meal: Orange Marmalade with biscuits, bread, or crackers

View it with a Twist (optional): Spoiler alert! Paddington goes to jail in this film. Turn your viewing space into a jail cell. Get creative how you might do this together!

### **Note to Parents/Adults about Film Guides:**

Movies are a great way to relax and spend time together as a family. With a little intentionality, we can make them a special place of connection and growth, as well as a joyful viewing experience. Every Family Film Guide focuses on one theme and seeks to walk parents through engaging their family in a growth experience around that theme. For some families, these conversations might seem scary and even awkward, but take courage knowing you are setting the norm of connection and a learning heart in each of your children. If your kids seem too young or too “cool” to participate in some of these things, then at least let them see you participating. They will catch on or warm up. Also, make sure not to underestimate them. Give them plenty of opportunity to participate.

### **Parental Warning for *Paddington 2*:** (Discretion Encouraged Before Showing to Young Children)

Though the movie is mostly light, playful, and genuinely funny, there are a couple scenes involving the villain which have a life-and-death tension. The villain is also a master of disguise and wears a series of costumes, which some may find frightening. Young children should be prepared in advance to anticipate these scenes and the safe and happy ending which does come for all in this movie.

### **Before Starting:**

Make sure you have read through the entire guide before starting the movie. Gather your supplies and your courage before starting. If you feel rushed going into it, slow down and just pick one or two activities to do. Then just enjoy the movie. It is better to do something well than to stress or rush through the whole thing. Plan further ahead for the next one if necessary, but **don't forget to enjoy this special time with your kids!**

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### **Pre-Movie Exercise:**

Introduction: As adults, introduce the movie (with whatever disclaimer you might want to make for potential scary scenes) with the theme of “The Power of a Good-Seeker.”

#### Share: Our Good Neighbors

*Step 1:* Have each member of the family/group share about someone outside their immediate family who daily makes his/her life more pleasant and how they do so.

*Step 2:* Make a plan to tell them thank you the next time you see them.

*Step 3:* Take the time now (or as an option throughout the movie or as a post-movie activity) to make a thank you card for them. It will make their day.

Watch for: Before starting the movie, invite everyone to notice the different ways Paddington brightens the lives of others.

### **First Intermission:**

*(13 minutes, 19 seconds—*

*after chapter 1 on scene selection, before the Brown Family goes to the fair.)*

#### Share: Being a Good Neighbor

*Step 1:* Have each member of the family/group share things they noticed about how Paddington interacts with the people around him.

*Step 2:* Paddington was a regular positive influence in the lives of those around him. Brainstorm as a group some of the people and places with whom and where you have the opportunity to be such a regular.

Watch for: Before restarting the movie share the following:

*Paddington frequently shares the wisdom he learned from his Aunt Lucy. As you watch the rest of the film, try to listen for and remember these wise statements. We will share them at the end of the movie.*

### **Second Intermission:**

*(39 minutes, 3 seconds—after scene introducing “Nuckles”)*

#### Share: People Who are Hard to Love

##### *Introduction:*

Nuckles says, “I don’t do nothin’ for no one for nothin’!” He is not the kind of man who is easy to interact with. In fact, others are terrified of him. However, Paddington boldly approaches him. Earlier in the movie, he washed the windows of a grumpy man named Colonel and throughout the movie acts as an equal opportunity lover. Sometimes in life, there are people who are too scary, too different, too old, or too young, and we choose not to interact with them because of those reasons.

*Step 1:* As a family/group, brainstorm some of the people or types of people it is hard for you to love and show kindness.

*Step 2:* When you think of one, plug their name or names into one of the following sentences and speak it out loud:

*I bless \_\_\_\_\_.*

*I hope \_\_\_\_\_ has an amazing day.*

*I want more love for \_\_\_\_\_.*

When we make a practice of wishing someone well, it often opens us up to seek their good in the normal course of life.

Paddington doesn't do it to get something, but notice how his benevolence towards these "difficult people" affects *his* life as we continue through the movie.

### **Third Intermission:**

*(1 hour, 21 minutes—*

*after Mr. Brown's speech to Mr. Curry as they leave to rescue Paddington)*

#### Practice: Noticing the Good

*Instructions:* Mr. Brown says about Paddington, "He looks for the good in all of us and somehow he finds it. It's why he makes friends wherever he goes." As a family/group, practice finding the good in each other.

*Step 1:* Pick one person to go first. Have everyone in the family/group share something uniquely good about this one person.

*Step 2:* Repeat until everyone has been shared about.

### **Post-Movie Exercise:**

Share: What are some of Aunt Lucy's wise sayings that you remember from the movie?

#### Activate: The Perfect Gift

*Instructions:* Paddington spent the whole movie trying to get the "perfect" gift to say thank you to his Aunt Lucy.

*Step 1:* As a family/group, pick one person, family, or group whom everyone knows.

*Step 2:* With one person recording, write a card or list of all the good things you notice about that person or family.

*Step 3:* This done, brainstorm the "perfect" gift your family/group can give them to say thank you for all the good things they bring to you and the world. It need not cost as much money as Paddington's book, but invest the time and energy to make it special. Make sure you give them the list you made about them as well!

#### Family/Group Statement:

*Step 1:* Say the following out loud as an entire group:

*We want to be a family/group who sees the good in other people and each other.  
We're willing to do somethin' for anyone for nothin'.*

*Step 2:* Thank yourself (from us) for making your family/group movie time "A Trinity Family" movie time!

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