

# BONUS MATERIAL:

## Rating Help for Parents

Have no fear—though we watch a wide range of movies at our house (from Muppets for the little ones to Mad Max for the Young Adults & Married) I have a HUGE respect for individual parenting styles.

YOU need to do things YOUR way—and so I realize my lists below will be relative to your particular style/goals as a family. I recommend the following websites for you to rate your movie choices—each with their unique and in-depth methods of feedback:

**Common Sense Media:** Gives you a simple, one glance of the movie poster, name, age rating, quality rating—and then if you click on the name of the film, it'll take you to a details page with a thorough review and my favorite, “What Parents Need To Know.” This covers positive messages, violence, sex, language, etc...all the stuff we worry about downloading into the little heads in our homes.

The advantage to this site is that you not only get reviews both from general users and parents...you get a break down of where & what the violence or profanity is in the movie...AND a section of what “Families can talk about...”

Think about that. How many times have you wanted to have a conversation with the kids about what they thought, felt or to analyze what kind of impression a flick had on the kids? Now you have some cool prompts!

**Kids In Mind:** This is another good visual with 1 to 10 scales (so don't freak when you see SpongeBob scores a 2 on the sex & nudity scale). What I like most about this site is the detail in reviews is unequalled. When it says there's violence/gore, they tell you *exACTLY where* it is and **what** it is. This site is unequalled in details (...but if you know of a better one, please share in the comments section below!).

Now, there are other sites to review movies, yes—but none I knew of compared to Common Sense Media and Kids In Mind.

There—now I feel good that I've done my duty to you =)

**ON WITH THE FLICKS!!**

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