



Nanny McPhee Returns



Synopsis

Mrs. Isabel Green lives in a scenic valley with her children. They each understand the importance of working together as a family, and things are going remarkably smoothly for the rural quartet until a pair of spoiled cousins arrive for an extended stay, effectively turning the quaint little farm into a virtual zoo. As the situation quickly getting out of hand, Nanny McPhee suddenly appears on her doorstep claiming that she can bring a much-needed sense of order to the out-of-control household.

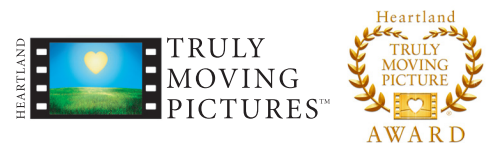
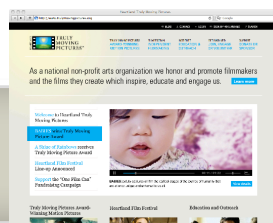
Discussion Questions

- Nanny McPhee shows up just when the Green family needs her most. Why was Nanny McPhee’s arrival necessary?
- Nanny McPhee teaches five lessons to the Green children and their cousins before she completes her assignment with the family. What are the five lessons she teaches the children and why are these lessons so important?
- What happens to Nanny McPhee’s appearance each time the children learn a lesson? Why do you believe this happens?
- What are some of the methods Nanny McPhee uses to teach lessons to the children? Why were they helpful? What were some of your favorite experiences?
- What do you believe Nanny McPhee’s statement, “When you need me, but do not want me, I must stay and when you want me, but no longer not need me, then I have to go” means? How did this sentiment play out in the movie?
- Do you believe that the Green family truly no longer needed Nanny McPhee? More than teaching the children lessons, how did Nanny McPhee change their lives?



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- As the story progresses, we learn a little more about the cousins Cyril and Celia. As you learn more about the cousins what do you discover about their family and about why the two of them might act the way they do?
- Norman struggles with discovering that his father is reported missing even though he feels it "in his bones" that his father is still alive. How does Norman's belief that his father will come home keep him going when things are tough?

Activities

- The Green sibling's father was an inventor who built creative machines to do work on the farm. Dream big and try to make a simple little invention to make a chore you do around the house a lot of fun.
- The *Nanny McPhee* movies are inspired by the *Nurse Matilda* book series. Read and enjoy this trilogy of books Christianna Brand.
- If you had magical powers like Nanny McPhee, what would you use them for? Dream about some magical powers you would most like to have, then draw a picture or write a short story about how you would use these powers.



Get Involved

- Having caring, invested family members and Nanny McPhee in their lives helped Celia and Cyril become much different children. No longer were they spoiled and selfish, but they learned to care about others and to be kind. Think of ways you can be invested in someone's life who most needs it. Whether being a good friend to someone, or being a mentor in a more official capacity, you have the ability to impact someone's life.

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