

# Finding Virtue and Faith in Television and Movies

Get your bunny slippers and popcorn ready for this fun family activity.  
Remote CHECK, comfy seats CHECK, loved ones CHECK, - READY SET GO!

Movies and television can be a great way for families to discuss virtues (firm habits of doing good).

Below are a series of questions based on Seven Virtues which can be utilized while viewing any television show, video, or film. The purpose of these questions is to help guide you—along with friends, family, coworkers—toward finding God and hopefully feeling closer to Him.

After discussing the answers, take time to relate the answers to your lives and pray together as a family.

1. **FAITH:** Faith is the belief in right things that come from God. *While viewing the video of your choice, is there a character or person who stands out as having faith? Which character seems to do the “right” thing, despite what others may think?*
2. **HOPE:** Hope is taking the positive future view, that good will prevail. Consider a character or person in the video that seems to think positively. *How does this person help others to see the good?*
3. **CHARITY:** Charity is the concern for and helping of others. *Which character of person from the video demonstrates the most care for another? How does this person show his/her concern?*
4. **FORTITUDE:** Fortitude is never giving up, despite the obstacles. *Which character shows fortitude, or courage? How do they demonstrate this? Consider, this may be a physical act of bravery, the courage to speak up, or holding fast to what’s right in the face of temptation.*
5. **JUSTICE:** Justice is being fair and equitable. *Where in the video can you identify an act of fairness, or justice? Is there a character who treats people fairly?*
6. **PRUDENCE:** Prudence is care of and moderation with money. Consider any character who demonstrates a thoughtful use of his/her time, money, or gifts toward others. *Which person does not seem to have greed, or the need to show off or brag?*
7. **TEMPERANCE:** Temperance is the moderation of needed things and abstinence from things which are not needed. *In this video, is there a person who resists temptations? Is there a person who seems happy with what he/she has? Is there a person who avoids excesses, and/or sacrifices for the sake of someone else?*

Evidence of these virtues is evidence of good, and thus God. Even though God may not be mentioned by name, if you can find virtue, then God is there. Sometimes we just have to look at it a little differently to see God’s presence in everything.

**OTHER QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:** Which character seems most like Jesus? Which character shows the most love, acceptance, or forgiveness of others? How can viewing this video bring us closer to God?

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for this time together to see explosions and fight scenes. Thank you for this time together with our loved ones. Help us to see the good in movies and television, so that we may learn from it to grow closer to God and our loved ones. Amen.

**End your prayer time with saying who and what you are thankful for and say who you want to pray for.**