

	Starring	Summary	Parents should know	Sure to teach kids
Annie Released in 1982 Children over 6 126 minutes	Albert Finney and Carol Burnett	Adapted from a Broadway musical, Annie, a spunky red-headed orphan suffers at a tough orphanage dreaming her parents will someday rescue her. A local politician takes Annie for a week and decides to use his wealth to help her find her family.	There are a handful of scenes where children are being treated badly. There also is a scene with strong language.	The movie offers families the opportunity to talk about the Great Depression, the time in which the movie takes place. Parents will find many examples of contrasting behavior, right and wrong, cruelty and kindness.
Dumbo Released in 1941 Children over 6 64 minutes	Animated	This animated classic begins with a stork delivering a baby elephant to Mrs. Jumbo elephant. The little one is beautiful, except for those extremely big ears. The other elephants laugh at Dumbo and call him names, but Dumbo learns that big ears may actually be a good thing when he becomes the first flying elephant and a hit for the circus.	There are characters in the movie that by today's standards may be considered stereotypical. There also is a scene where Dumbo accidentally drinks champagne in celebration and becomes tipsy.	The importance of empathy, tolerating differences in other people, the value of friendship, and the power of believing in yourself. Children may consider what they would feel like if they were the subject of teasing, like Dumbo.
E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial Released in 1982 Children over 7 115 minutes	Henry Thomas and Drew Barrymore	A young boy finds an extraterrestrial that was left behind by his fellow aliens. The boy brings E.T. home, but as E.T. begins to weaken, the boy and his friends try to contact the aliens to return E.T. to his spaceship.	This movie has scenes where the characters are in danger that might be a bit intense for children. An apparent death of a character may also be upsetting to children.	This movie illustrates the importance of loyalty, the bonds of friendship and the strength of trust. The movie also offers families the opportunity to discuss how children and adults can see things differently.
Heidi Released in 1937 Children over 7 88 minutes	Shirley Temple	Heidi, an orphan, is taken by her cruel aunt to live with her gruff grandfather in the mountains. Heidi charms him and eventually he grows to adore her and risks everything he has to ensure her safety.	The movie is a bit outdated and therefore has some unfavorable stereotypes.	The movie offers an assertive role model in Heidi and examples of honesty and strong family relationships.
Mary Poppins Released in 1964 Children over 6 139 minutes	Dick Van Dyke and Julie Andrews	A loving and magical nanny flies down from the sky into the home of a British banker and his two misbehaving children. She makes everyday chores fun and takes the children on marvelous adventures. The movie uses singing and dancing to tell the story.	Some parents have said that a scene where there is a scuffle in the bank confused and scared their children.	The value of family and the importance of appreciating loved ones.
Pollyanna Released in 1960 Children over 6 134 minutes	Hayley Mills	Pollyanna's parents pass away and she moves in with her aunt who is wealthy but bitter and unhappy. Pollyanna shows a whole town what a positive attitude can do.	In the beginning of the film, there is brief nudity of a boy's bottom as he jumps into a lake, and some harsh words such as "stupid," are used from time to time.	The power of positive thinking, helping others and expecting the best from everyone.
The Sound of Music Released in 1965 Children over 6 174 minutes	Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer	This musical tells the story of Maria who is sent to care for the seven children of a stern widower. Maria wins over the uncooperative children by sharing her love of music and teaching them to sing.	The movie takes place during a turbulent time in history and children may want to know more about the Nazi references. There also is a love story that may be confusing to younger children. The movie is long and younger children may lose interest.	The movie offers an opportunity to discuss the differences among people and how it is okay to be different. It also illustrates the strength and power of relationships with family and friends. Kids are sure to learn some fun songs.
Swiss Family Robinson Released in 1960 Children over 8 126 minutes	John Mills	In this film, based on the book by Johann David Wyss, the shipwrecked Robinson family makes the best of being deserted on an island with creative inventions and homemade gadgets, including the kind of tree house of which all kids dream.	The family is attacked by pirates in a few scenes and use weapons to fight back. The violence looks real but there is no bloodshed.	Sure to teach your kids: How to make the best out of a difficult situation. It also may inspire creativity in the minds of little ones. Resolving family conflict is another lesson kids may learn from watching the Robinson's work out their differences.
Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory 1971 Children over 8 100 minutes	Gene Wilder	Eccentric candy mogul Willy Wonka comes out of hiding to announce a contest in which five golden tickets to get a tour of his mysterious candy factory will be enclosed in candy bars sold throughout the world. A poor boy finds the ticket and is joined by four other children on the tour.	There is some dark humor in this movie that may require some explanation, particularly a scene where the children on a ride in the Wonka's tunnel.	The fun of imagination, the importance of making good choices, the spoils of being greedy, and the benefits of being honest.
The Wizard of Oz 1939 Children over 5 103 minutes	Judy Garland	A tornado hits Dorothy's farmhouse and she is swept off to the world of Oz. She discovers that her falling house killed the Wicked Witch of the East, but the evil Wicked Witch of the West remains and seeks revenge. Seeking to go back home, Dorothy is told to see the Wizard of Oz. Along her journey she meets several characters to join her to see the wizard.	There are a few scenes that children may find scary involving the wicked witch, particularly those at her castle with the flying monkeys.	The value of family and home, and the importance of believing in oneself and doing the right thing.