

# Children's Literature and Movies

## With Messages for Your Councils

The purpose of this workshop is to inspire you to use children literature and movies to motivate your council through leadership moments. Each book and movie has messages that are an easy way to inspire, encourage, address an issue, or to make a point with leaders.

### Ways to use literature with your Student Councils

1. Beginning a Student Council meeting.
2. Ending a Student Council meeting.
3. To introduce a new project with your Student Council.
4. To address an issue that arises during the progress of a project.
5. During a opening, closing, focus, address an issue, meaningful moment.
6. During an Awarding Banquet – opening, closing, focus.
7. Leadership camps – in meetings, evening closing, camp closing, candle lighting.
8. During a Parent Meeting – opening, closing, focus.
9. To introduce a theme or focus for the week, month, year.
10. Wherever you feel it may be appropriate or meaningful.

## Lessons Too Good to Forget!

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Theme</b>
- Everybody Needs a Rock	Baylor, Byrd	Stability
- The Fourth Little Pig	Celsi, Teresa	Risk-taking
- The Twelve Gifts of Birth	Charlene	Everyone has gifts
- Charlie the Caterpillar	Deluise, Dom	Acceptance / friendship/
- The Empty Pot	Demi	Honesty / Moving on after failure
- Crayon Box That Talked	DeRolf, Shane	Working together / Tolerance
- Giraffes Can't Dance	Giles, Andreae	Everyone has his/her own niche
- The Lion Who Wanted to	& Rees, Guy Parker	Dreams, inspiration, self-esteem
	Giles, Andrea &	Being kind, even against peer pressure
	Wojtowycz, David	
- Friends at the End	Granowsky, Alvin	Winning isn't everything
- Heart prints	Hallinan, P.K.	Acts of kindness; leaving "heart prints"
- Hey, Little Ant	Hoose, Philip &	Bullying
	Hannah	
- Andrew's Angry Words	Lachner, Dorothy	Results of negative attitude & words
- You Are Special	Lucado, Max	Everyone is "differently" special
- Rainbow Fish	Pfister, Marcus	Sharing / friendship
- The Little Engine that Could	Piper, Watty	You can do it
- Oh the Place You'll Go	Seuss, Dr.	Opportunities / Graduation
- Polar Bear Express	VanAllsburg, Chris	Believing creates reality
- Where Do Balloon Go	Curtis, Jamie Lee	Graduation / Letting go
- Yea, You!	Boynton, Sandra	Celebration of accomplishment
- Missing Piece	Silverstein, Shel	Acceptance
- The Big Sneeze	Brown, Ruth	Small actions, Big effects
- The Eagles Gift	Martin, Rafe	Joy, Appreciation, family, community
- The Giving Tree	Silverstein, Shel	Giving / Generosity
- Love You Forever	Munsch, Robert	Unconditional Love
- How Leo Learned to be King	Pfister, Marcus	Leadership
- I Knew You Could	Dorfman, Craig	Achievement, Recognition, Inspiration
- I Love You the Purplest	Joosse, Barbara	Unconditional Love, Self-Esteem
- The Velveteen Rabbit	Hague, Michael	Unconditional Love
- What Newt Could Do for Turtle	London, Jonathan	Friendship, Self-esteem, Finding things to do
- Wilfrid Gordon McDonald	Fox, Mem	Memories, Friendship
Partridge		
- Why Christmas Trees Aren't	Schneider, Richard	Friendship, Giving, sharing
Perfect		
- Yertle the Turtle	Dr. Seuss	Leadership. Standing up for what you believe
- Mrs. Spitzer's Garden	Pattou, Edith	Helping others to be all that they can be
- Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	Steig, William	Be Yourself
- Alexander and the Terrible,	Viorst, Judith	Over-coming a rough time
Horrible, No Good Lousy Day		
- Fritz and the Beautiful Horses	Brett, Jan	Understanding
- Only One You	Kranz, Linda	Good luck / End of the Year

# Discovering Leadership Traits In Disney Movies

At our high school conference, each school is responsible for selecting a movie and presenting its lessons. There are many character traits to be found in Disney Movies and they all point to positive leadership.

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## Leadership Traits

Acceptance / Welcome

Appreciation

Attitude

Charity / Giving

Cheerfulness

Confidence

Connections

Determination

Diversity / Tolerance

Hard Work

Honor

Hope

Humility

Honesty

Imitative

Judgment

Kindness

Learning from Mistakes

Maturing

Motivation

Non-Violence

Plan "B"

Preservation

Pride

Priorities

Respect

Responsibility

Rules & Advice

Selfless Acts

Steadfastness

Success

Team Work

Temptation / Peer Pressure

Trust

Working together

## Movies

Toy Story

Lady and the Tramp II

Cinderella

Beauty and the Beast

Snow White

Lion King

Lion King

Finding Nemo

Pocahontas

Monsters, Inc.

Mulan

Cinderella / Lion King

Lion King

Pinocchio

A Bug's Life / The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Aladdin / Beauty & the Beast / Dumbo /

Cinderella

Lion King

Find Nemo / The Little Mermaid

Hunchback of Notre Name

Pocahontas

Bug's Life

Pocahontas

Lion King

Toy Story II

Mulan / Pocahontas

Lion King / Mulan

Lion King / The Little Mermaid

Dinosaur

Dumbo

Monsters Inc.

Cinderella / Finding Nemo / Mulan / The Rescuers

Snow White / Toy Story

Pinocchio

Mulan

The Rescuers

## Songs that Match Stories

<b>Story &amp; Author</b>	<b>Song &amp; Artist</b>	<b>Theme</b>
How Leo Learned to Be King By Marcus Pfister	Heart of a Hero by 'N Sync	Abuse of power / Responsibilities of leadership
What Newt Could Do For Turtle By Jonathan London	The Chain of Love by Clay Walker	Helping others
Giraffes Can't Dance By Giles Andrede	Music of My Heart by 'N Sync	Dreams / inspiration / self-esteem
Why Christmas Trees Aren't Perfect by Richard H. Schneider	When You Put Your Heart In It by Kenny Rogers	Friendship / Giving / sharing
I Knew You Could By Craig Dorfman	On My Way by Phil Collins	Determination / Wisdom

(Connie Miley, NAWD 2007)

## Processing the Story, Movie or Song

A children's story or movie is just a story if you do not bring meaning to it for the group members. It is important to help them see the relevance of the story to leadership and student council. The facilitator's job is to help the group pull out the lessons learned from the story and how those lessons can be applied to benefit the individuals and the group.

### General Processing Questions

1. What leadership lessons are taught by this story?
2. What connection does this story have to real life?
3. What challenges did the characters face in this story?
4. What allowed the characters to be successful?
5. How could have the character done better?

### Other Helpful Hints for Facilitators

- Do not spend too much time on the story and get boring.
- Use good-natured humor.
- Do not embarrass participants especially if you do not know them.
- Flow with the group discussions. Group members may make comments that reveal other lessons learned.
- Allow the group do some talking.