



How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Best Use

As a Christmas family movie night chat

Nutritional Value

Share how trusting Jesus changes our hearts.

Advance Preparation

Gather your family together and watch your favorite version of *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. After the movie, take some time to lead your family in a discussion using this movie chat card.

Get Them Talking

Why did the Grinch hate Christmas?

Why did the Grinch do mean things?

Why do you do mean things sometimes?

What does the Grinch expect to happen when the Whos wake up?

What actually happens?

How does the singing affect the Grinch? Why?

Have you ever seen someone celebrate/sing even when bad things happen?

What does the Grinch do when his heart changes?

What does the Grinch learn about Christmas?

What is Christmas all about to you?



Talk it Over

Every good story is good because it echoes the one great story of God's rescuing love in Jesus that changes our hearts. In *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, the Grinch hates Christmas because his heart is 2 sizes too small. A bad heart leads to bad actions (stealing Christmas) and even delights in the pain caused by bad actions. This gives us a picture of Sin. Sin is a heart problem, a heart that is all about me and what I want. All the bad things we call "sins" are really symptoms of Sin, the heart condition. We all need Jesus to change our hearts.

When the Grinch steals Christmas, he expects the Whos to cry and boo-hoo, but instead they sing. They still celebrate Christmas because, "Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!"

Point Them to Jesus

All who have come to know the true meaning of Christmas can celebrate even when bad things happen. Even when bad things happen, Christians can celebrate because God is good, and at Christmas God sent his son to rescue us. Even if we have no presents under the tree, we can celebrate the present given on a tree - Jesus on a cross.

When people see us celebrate Jesus at Christmas more than the lights, ribbons, bows, and boxes, they will learn the true meaning of Christmas, and their hearts will change like the Grinch's heart changed. Especially when we share with them the Good News of Jesus.