

Candidate/Sponsor Movie Reflection
Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Due Date: on or before Monday, November 6, 2017

Candidate Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

We completed this activity together on _____

As we mature in our faith, we begin to look at the world with a new set of eyes. We begin to recognize God’s work in creation, in our relationships, and events. With practice, we learn to discern the gentle guidance of the Spirit in our lives. This guidance is not limited to direct contact with the Spirit (although this sometimes happens). Many times the Spirit speaks to us through people we know; through nature, or through our lived experiences. Sometimes the Spirit can speak to us through music, art, books or movies. Seeing with the “eyes of God” (and hearing with His ears) takes practice. To that end, Sponsors and Candidates will view the movie “Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” together. Even if you’ve seen it before, you will be watching with a fresh pair of eyes and an open heart.

The point of this activity is for the candidate and the sponsor to deepen their relationship by helping each other strengthen the ability to recognize and respond to the Godly purpose in our lives. That’s what all intentional disciples do. **Enjoy the show!**

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Candidate and Sponsor or Parent
- 1 ½ - 2 hours, blissfully uninterrupted
- DVD or On-demand Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe
- Tall cool beverage, popcorn, or any other favorite movie snack
- Reflection Sheet, pen or pencil
- Bible

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

When Tumnus meets Lucy and when Jadis, the White Witch meets Edmund for the first time, the children are given significant titles. What are the children called? How does this set them apart from the other inhabitants of Narnia? How does this make you feel about your own title "Child of God"?

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Tumnus tells Lucy that the White Witch has put a curse on Narnia; "Always winter, never Christmas." What is the meaning of winter without Christmas? Why is Christmas significant to you as a Christian?

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Edmund is bound to his desire for pleasure and power. Satisfying these desires motivates almost everything he does and impacts all of his relationships. Sensing his weakness, the White Witch allows him to sit next to her and offers him cocoa and Turkish Delight (false sacrament). Naturally, the satisfying effects are temporary and we later see Edmund enjoying a sit on her throne requesting more candy.

Discuss together your awareness of your own human weakness; materialism, hatred, vanity, laziness, apathy, obsessions; for example. Ask each other how your personal faith and the practice of your Catholic faith might strengthen your ability to grow in self-control (a fruit of the Spirit). **Write your response to this question below. How does Edmund's experience make you feel about receiving the true sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist?**

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With great enthusiasm and awe, the Beavers offer the children their first information about Aslan, the true king of Narnia. They accompany and support the children throughout their journey when they meet Aslan for the first time. Who are the people who support you in your faith? How have these individuals impacted your encounters with Jesus? Are they more like Mr. Beaver or Mrs. Beaver in their approach to faith?

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During their journey to Aslan, the children meet Father Christmas. He's a bit like John the Baptist in that his message urges the need to prepare. He's also like the Holy Spirit who bestows the gifts the children will need for the challenges they will face. "These are tools; not toys," he says. With what gifts have you been blessed? How have you used the gifts in your life? What gifts do you need to seek?

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When Edmund and his siblings are finally reunited, he and Aslan have a private conversation. It looks a great deal like Confession. Aslan says, "What is done is done. There is no need to speak of the events again." What does Edmund learn about Aslan's power?

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The description of Aslan's resurrection also has similarities to Jesus' resurrection. List them.
Matt.27: 51-56, Mark 15:40, Luke 24: 1-3

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Recall the scene in Aslan's camp when Edmund tells the children about the White Witch's plan for war. We see the children make *very conscious decisions* to become defenders of Narnia. Even Susan! They begin to train for battle *with the tools they've been given*. We witness a dramatic battle, the tragedy and the victory; we are present for the crowning and the celebration. In the end, the four siblings return to England changed forever by their encounter with Aslan. There are some strong parallels between the Pevensie children's Narnia experience and Confirmation. How are the experiences during Confirmation Prep and the sacrament of Confirmation similar? What do you think will be expected of you as a newly confirmed disciple of Christ?

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Sponsor, what do you think is expected of a newly confirmed disciple of Christ?: _____

Candidate Signature _____

Sponsor Signature _____