

<b>Luther</b>	The dialogue in this movie is easiest to understand if you put on the English subtitles. The movie contains scenes that are historically accurate but not appropriate for children.
<p><i>And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. John 17:3 ESV</i></p> <p><i>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace. Hebrews 13:7-9 ESV</i></p> <p><i>Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32 ESV</i></p>	
<p>In this true story, when Luther was caught in a thunder and lightening storm he tried to bargain with God. Luther begged that if God would spare his life that he would become a monk. Luther lived through the storm and kept his promise. He left his study of law and eventually became a priest. His family was not pleased that he decided to leave what would have become a profitable vocation.</p> <p>Have you ever made decisions that your family didn't understand? Did they turn out to be good decisions?</p>	
<p>Luther saw God as angry; someone whom he could never please. In the movie Luther's father is portrayed as someone that Luther could not please.</p> <p>Some people think that the way we view our earthly father influences the way we think about God as our Heavenly Father? What kind of relationship do you have with your father? Do you see God the same way?</p>	
<p>Luther believed that he was never good enough for God. When he studied the story of Christ in the New Testament of the Bible he realized that Jesus paid the price for sin. Luther learned that God wants us to come to Him in repentance. He will forgive us and change our lives.</p> <p>How do you picture God? Do you see Him as someone who loves you?</p>	
<p>The church of Luther's day was a combination of many types of people. There were those who loved God and wanted to serve Him. There were also those who had strayed away from the message of the Bible. Luther tried to confront the errors of the church to make it better. Instead, the politics of the church caused it to break apart. The church was selling "indulgences" saying that these papers would get people into heaven. Luther knew that God offers salvation freely to all who confess their mistakes and come to Him.</p>	
<p>As Luther grew in his faith and personal confidence he stood up to the errors of the church he loved. Sometimes, he admitted, he was more critical of people than he should have been. He knew he was not perfect. When he was called before the emperor, he acknowledged that some of his writings were too harsh, but he defended with his life the writings that were centered in the Biblical teachings of Christ.</p> <p>Have you ever had to stand up for the truth, even when other people disagree with you?</p>	
<p>The story of Luther happened over 500 years ago. Throughout the ages the Christian church has had many ups and downs. Sometimes churches follow the teachings of Christ. Other times they stray and follow their own way. Luther never planned to start a new church denomination, but only wanted to bring the church of his day back to the Bible. Luther's passion for the truth of the Bible caused him to stand up to fierce opposition and personal danger. What is your passion? What do you defend bravely?</p>	
<p><i>Dear Lord, reveal to us the truth of Your word. Show us how to live for You. Take away our doubts and fear of the future. Help us to trust that no matter what happens in the world that You will always be with us and care for us. Fill us with Your wisdom, grace, and mercy so that we too may firmly stand for the truth of Your word. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.</i></p>	