

FAMILY FILM DEVOTIONAL GUIDE TO THE FILM

Appalachian Trial

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1 Testimony

Being a good testimony means representing Christ and His work in our lives—magnifying God’s goodness and glory to the world so that others will come to Him. At the beginning of *Appalachian Trial* Mrs. Hart explains that the primary mission of the camping trip is to be a good testimony to the Crandalls. She reminds Kayla that the Bible commands believers to do good to those who treat us badly.

What was Kayla’s testimony to Jeremy during the beginning of the trip? What about after the thunderstorm?

What kind of testimony does Zack have? Why?

Describe Mr. Hart’s testimony to Mr. Crandall as they search for the lost children.

Reflection: How effective is your current testimony at school or at work? How could you improve your testimony? Ask God to give you wisdom and strength to be a good witness to non-believers. What should you do about the times you have demonstrated a poor testimony? Consider the following verses: Matt. 5:13-16; 1 Cor. 1:4-8; Col. 3:17.

BREAK IT UP

We recommend looking over the guide and watching the film as a family the first night. Then take one section of this guide for each consecutive night for your family devotions. This will be more enriching than discussing the entire guide on one evening. Remember to plan another family movie night sometime during the year to refresh your memory of what you’ve learned!

2 Attitude

The characters in *Appalachian Trial* influence others by their attitudes. Briefly describe the attitudes of the following characters throughout the story. How do they influence the others on the camping trip? Be specific:

Mr. Crandall

Jeremy

Kayla

Mr. & Mrs. Hart

Reflection: How did each of the characters' attitudes affect you as you watched the film? How would you respond to people with bad attitudes like Kayla's and Jeremy's? Discuss helpful ways you can change negative attitudes. Consider the following verses: Job 9:27; Ps. 43:5; Prov. 15:13; 25:23; Jn. 13:34,35; Phil. 2:3-7; 1 Jn. 3:18.

3 Blessings of the Spirit

The characters of *Appalachian Trial* demonstrate godly character by their right responses:

Prayer

Discuss the times in the story when the young people remember to pray. At what point would you have stopped to pray? What is the role of prayer in the lives of Mr. Crandall and Mr. Hart? Reflect on the following verses: Luke 6:28; Matt. 21:22; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6; 1 Thes. 5:17.

Humility

Both Kayla and Jeremy show pride as they face each other at the start of the camping trip. Discuss how their pride turns into humility as the adventure unfolds. Can you remember times in your life when you handled difficult circumstances with humility instead of pride? What happened as a result? Con-

sider the following verses: Prov. 16:5,19; Phil. 2:3; Col. 3:12; 1 Pet. 3:8, 9; Js. 4:6.

Forgiveness

Forgiveness is beautifully illustrated by the characters in the film. Discuss the forgiveness that takes place between Kayla and Jeremy and between Jeremy and his Father. Share examples from your life of needing to forgive someone and of needing forgiveness from another. Consider the following verses: Matt. 6:14,15; Matt. 18:21,22; Mark 11:25; Luke 17:4.

4 Dangers of the Flesh

At times the characters demonstrate ungodliness through fleshly responses:

Disobedience

Describe how disobedience causes trouble for the young people during their camping adventure. What should they do differently? Discuss times in your life when disobedience caused you trouble. How have you enjoyed the blessings of God because you obeyed? Consider the following verses: Exod. 20:12; Rom. 13:1; Eph. 6:1-8; Tit. 3:1.

Peer Pressure

The young people in *Appalachian Trial* take part in Jeremy's negative choices because they follow him instead of obeying Mr. Hart's orders. How does Jeremy's influence lead to their confusion in the wilderness? How should Kayla, Zack, and Brendan respond? Discuss times in your life when you were affected by negative peer pressure. What were the results? How can you stand up to negative peer pressure? Consider the following verses: Prov. 13:20; 29:25.

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