

# 16 MOVIES

YOUR KIDS NEED TO WATCH IN 2016



A GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN



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**IT'S A FACT:** Everyone loves a good movie! And while masses of films are released annually, few are fondly remembered years (and decades) later.

Luckily, the majority of those fondly remembered flicks tend to be family-friendly. So after you read our list of the 16 best children's movies, you'll have an excuse to take a trip (or 16) down memory lane with your kids!

And since the films on this list aren't upcoming summer blockbusters, you can either find them on Netflix or as rentals for a couple bucks each at your local video store.

It was hard enough narrowing this list down to only 16 titles, so instead of being in any order, the movies are alphabetized.



## FILM RATINGS

The Motion Picture Association of America established the ratings system in 1968. A board comprised of independent parents rates movies based on violence, sex, language, drug use and other factors.

The movies mentioned in our guide are rated either **G** or **PG**. The ratings are explained as follows, according to the MPAA's website ([www.mpaa.org/film-ratings/](http://www.mpaa.org/film-ratings/)):

### **G / GENERAL AUDIENCES**

Nothing that would offend parents for viewing by children

### **PG / PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED**

Parents urged to give "parental guidance." May contain some material parents might not like for their young children.

Other Ratings:

**PG-13**

**R**

**NC-17**

Other ratings resources do exist for parents looking for more clarification of a movie's MPAA rating. Three of the most popular are linked below:

Common Sense Media ([www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org))

Kids in Mind ([www.kids-in-mind.com](http://www.kids-in-mind.com))

Parent Previews ([www.parentpreviews.com](http://www.parentpreviews.com))



## The Emperor's New Groove (2000)

Rated G 1h 18m

One of Emperor Kuzco's ex-employees turns him into a llama. He teams up with Pacha, a llama herder, to get back to his kingdom and to defeat Yzma. The back-and-forth between Kuzco and Gronk, Yzma's henchman, is (in our opinion) one of the best hero/villain relationships ever!



## Finding Nemo (2003)

Rated G 1h 40m

The top-grossing movie of 2003, Finding Nemo is a reminder to the entire house that home is where your family is. Plus, who doesn't love Dory, the most forgetful fish that ever lived? Just keep watching, just keep watching when the sequel to Finding Nemo, titled Finding Dory, comes out on June 17 of this year.





## Holes (2003)

Rated PG 1h 57m

When Stanley is wrongfully accused and sentenced to a reformatory camp in the middle of nowhere, he stumbles upon the warden's secret – and how his family is connected to it. Stanley and his new friend, Zero, set out to unravel the mystery, and how to escape the camp.



## Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (1989)

Rated PG 1h 33m

When a scientist accidentally shrinks his two kids and two other teenagers down to less than an inch tall, the kids must fight to get back home and back to their normal size. Suddenly, sprinklers aren't as much fun! Honey, I Shrunk the Kids is a guaranteed laugh for the entire family!







## The Incredibles (2004)

Rated PG 1h 55m

The members of the Parr family are gifted with superpowers, but are forced to hide them from their coworkers and neighbors. But when a new villain comes onto the scene, the family comes together to keep their city safe. The plot depicts the idea that it's OK to not be "normal" because every family is special in its own way.



## The LEGO Movie (2014)

Rated PG 1h 40m

A Lego construction worker journeys to stop Lord Business from gluing the entire Lego universe together forever. Familiar faces like Batman and Bad Cop pop into the plot, too!





## The Lion King (1994)

Rated G 1h 29m

Simba. Mufasa. Scar. Nala. While you've hopefully already exposed your child to this iconic Disney tale, it deserves another viewing. Simba teaches kids that it's never too late to go back home.



## Monsters, Inc. (2001)

Rated G 1h 32m

Set in the surprisingly ordinary world of monsters that scare children for power, Monsters, Inc. portrays the main characters' journey to not caring what other people/monsters think. Kids will love Sully's bright fur and Mike's giant eye!





## The Parent Trap (1998)

Rated PG 2h 8m

A remake on a classic film, twins separated at birth meet for the first time at a summer camp and conspire to swap places. The duo's tumultuous relationship causes a lot of drama and a lot of laughter!



## The Princess Bride (1987)

Rated PG 1h 33m

The power of love and friendship are acted out as Wesley fights and thinks his way back to his love, Buttercup. Ridiculous antics and plots unfold to defeat Prince Humperdinck and Vizzini. With something for everyone, The Princess Bride has stood the test of time!







## The Sandlot (1993)

Rated PG 1h 41m

Your child needs to know where “You’re killin’ me, Smalls” comes from and who the Great Bambino is. The film follows Scotty as he moves to a new town and befriends a group of baseball-loving neighborhood kids. Shenanigans, hilarity and the love of baseball are the names of the games in this classic.



## Secondhand Lions (2003)

Rated PG 1h 49m

When a boy is dropped off to spend the summer with his two eccentric uncles, he learns of their wild pasts and how to stand up to his neglectful mother. Categorized as a coming of age story, the story is a mix of comedy, drama and a lesson in taking charge of how others treat you.





## Shrek (2001)

Rated PG 1h 30m

While on a quest to reclaim his swamp, an ogre finds himself capable of experiencing love, friendship and hope for the first time. With a cast full of personality, you won't tire of any of the colorful characters.



## Surf's Up (2007)

Rated PG 1h 25m

Teenage penguin Cody is a surfer set on winning a surfing competition. When he travels to Pen Gu to train, he accidentally finds a mentor who's not who he says he is. Kids and parents will love this movie equally, especially the moments when Cody's friend (Chicken Joe) gets to shine.





## Tangled (2010)

Rated PG 1h 40m

Disney's take on the fairytale princess Rapunzel is brightly colored and entertaining, right down to the animal characters. Armed with a frying pan as a weapon, the long-lost princess escapes her tower with a handsome thief. Girls and boys alike will enjoy Rapunzel and Flynn's journey to see the kingdom lights.



## Toy Story (1995)

Rated G 1h 21m

Andy's toys have lives of their own, all of which are changed when a new toy comes to the house. Widely regarded as one of the best animated movies ever made, Toy Story is also followed by two other hits – Toy Story 2 and Toy Story 3.





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