

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT ACTIVITY PACK



A ready-to-go plan for a home movie night with pre-show trivia, a sound-effects warm-up, an intermission flip book, and a story chat after the credits. Everything uses paper, crayons, and stuff you already have.

Learning goal Families will use a movie night to practice the light, animation, sound, and storytelling ideas from Flick's Movie Club.	Ages 6-11 (younger siblings can join with help)	Time About 30-40 minutes of activities, plus the movie
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Group: One household, or family plus a few friends

Materials

- A movie your family already owns, rents, or streams for home viewing
- Printables: Event Handout (trivia side), Coloring Pack, Flip Book Worksheet, Storyboard Blank, Movie Explorer Certificate
- Crayons, pencils, and a sticky-note pad
- Paper and scissors for homemade tickets
- Snacks
- Blankets or pillows for seating

Before you start

- Pick the movie together. A grown-up checks the rating and content ahead of time.
- Print the handout and activity sheets.
- Tape down or cover any power cords where people will walk.
- Plan where the room lights, lamps, or blinds are so you can make the room dark fast.

Step by step

- 1 Ticket booth: kids make and hand out paper tickets and assign seats.
- 2 Lights check: turn the room lights on, then off, and ask kids why the screen looks better in the dark. Extra light on a screen washes out the picture.
- 3 Pre-show trivia: play Round 1 from the Event Handout. Keep score if your family likes a little competition.
- 4 Sound check: each kid picks one homemade sound effect (gloves for wings, cups for hooves) and performs it before the movie starts.
- 5 Start the movie.
- 6 Intermission (optional): pause halfway and have each kid draw a 6-page flip book of something that just happened.
- 7 After the credits, talk it through: What happened at the beginning? What was the big problem in the middle? How did it end?
- 8 Draw your favorite scene in one Storyboard Blank box, or color a page from the Coloring Pack.
- 9 Hand out Movie Explorer Certificates.

Safety

- Tape down cords and keep walkways clear before the lights go off.

- Keep popcorn, hard candy, and nuts away from toddlers.
- Never shine a flashlight into anyone's eyes.
- Outside, check the forecast. If you hear thunder, move the show indoors.
- Watching at home with family and friends is private viewing. Moving the show to a public place or opening it to the public is different. That's general info, not legal advice.

Talk about it

- What was the problem in the middle of the movie, and who fixed it?
- Which sound in the movie do you think a Foley artist could have made by hand?
- Did any scene use a close-up? Why do you think the filmmakers chose it?
- If you could change the ending, what would you do?
- Why do we turn the lights off for a movie?

Make it easier

Keep it to tickets, one trivia round, and the beginning-middle-end chat after the movie.

Take it further

Take it to the backyard for family and friends on a clear night, and start after sunset once the sky gets dark. If you're thinking about a bigger show that's open to the public, like a neighborhood, school, or community event, public screenings generally need public performance rights. For reference, every Pro Stylez Cinema booking includes the screen, projector, sound, and a crew for setup, operation, and teardown. Concessions, lighting, licensing, and travel are quoted separately.

No screen? No problem

Screen-free movie night: turn the lights down and tell a story with flashlight shadow puppets on a wall (grown-up runs the flashlight), then do the trivia, sound effects, and story chat the same way.

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