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# FAITHFUL FORMATION ON FILM PADDINGTON

(2014)

## REFLECTIONS

Here are some questions to guide family conversation:

- How did you feel when Paddington arrived in London and was ignored?
  - How do you think God feels when people are ignored?
- Lots of things that are “normal” for us like brushing teeth and riding trains are strange to Paddington. What are everyday things you do that might seem strange to someone else?
- The shopkeeper Mr. Gruber says “home is more than a roof over your head.” What do you think makes a home?
- The villain in this movie tries to control and keep nature for herself instead of caring for it. How can we be kind to nature and take care of what God has created around us?



## ACTION ITEM

Paddington is new to London because his home is not safe. In the real world, people who leave unsafe homelands are called “refugees.”

As a family, look up organizations for refugees near you. How can you be helpful and build relationship with new neighbors the way the Brown family got to know Paddington?

## FAITH CONNECTIONS

Many Bible verses encourage us to love and take care for people who are vulnerable and different from us (Romans 12:13, Deuteronomy 10:19, Matthew 25:35).

At first, Paddington seems strange to the Brown family. But as they care for him, they show the Biblical values of **welcome, kindness, and hospitality**



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## PADDINGTON 2

(2017)

### REFLECTIONS

Here are some questions to guide family conversation:

- As Paddington spruces up the prison, a song plays that says "life would be easier, time would be breezier if you love your neighbor." How does Paddington love his neighbor? How can you love your neighbor?
- Aunt Lucy taught Paddington "if we are kind and polite, the world will be right." Do you think this is true? What are some ways kindness makes the world right?
- Phoenix Buchanan famously doesn't like to work with other people. Do you think he has learned how to cooperate and work together by the end of the movie? What makes you think that?
- Paddington is sent to prison even though he didn't do anything wrong. How did this make you feel? What did you think about the other prisoners?



### ACTION ITEM

In prison, Paddington and Nuckles make marmalade sandwiches and learn about all the great foods their friends are able to make and share.

Jesus shared a meal with his disciples that we remember in a ritual called **communion** at church. Sharing meals is sacred time spent together.

Invite friends over to cook favorite recipes and share them together. As you eat, take time to appreciate each others' work and friendship.

### FAITH CONNECTIONS

In Matthew 25: 31-40 Jesus talks about how caring for the hungry, thirsty, strangers, sick, and imprisoned is the same as caring for Jesus.

In Paddington 2, Paddington is hungry, thirsty, a stranger, sick, and imprisoned. How do the people around Paddington care for him? How do you think Jesus would feel about how people treat Paddington?