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Best Bets for Holiday Viewing

It's a wonderful life is the movie discussed in this reading. The movie is suitable for whole family, and it is 129 minutes long, plus it's a 4 star movie.

The movie begins at the scene where George is contemplating suicide, standing on a bridge. He is going through a real downtime as he has given up on his own dreams just to help others. He had to help his family and quit his studies. He has gone bankrupt and wants to end his life by jumping into the river.

Clarence, an angel, comes to help him. Clarence jumps into the river, knowing that George would help. Once George and Clarence are safely back on land, George says, "I suppose it would have been better if I had never been born at all." "You've got your wish," said Clarence.

Clarence shows how his loss could have affected his beloveds' lives. George can now see her overworked, embittered mother living in an old depressing boarding house. In fact, if it George hadn't supported the family, that is what would've happened to his mom." The next scene is George's wife sitting in total sadness and loneliness. The scenes get more and more upsetting and in the final scene, George sees his brother's grave. Harry, George's brother, would have drowned in a childhood sledding accident if George hadn't saved his life.

Finally, Clarence tells George that he'd had a wonderful life and it would've been a mistake to commit suicide. Everybody is overwhelmed by the strong penetrating message the movie delivers at the end. The message tells us how our lives affect the lives of the people around us. The movie is highly recommended for the whole family.

1. Who is the director of the movie *It's a wonderful life*?

It's Frank Capra.

2. Who is the movie suitable for?

It's suitable for whole family.

3. What scene does the movie open to?

It starts where George is standing on a bridge contemplating suicide.

4. What could he have done if the family business hadn't needed him?

He could've gone to college if the family business hadn't needed him.

5. What does he decide to do when he faces bankruptcy?

He decides to end his life by jumping into the river.

6. What did the angel do first? Why?

She first jumped into the river because she know that George would save her life.

7. What does Clarence show him?

She shows him how life would have been different without George Bailey.

8. What would have happened to George's mother if George hadn't supported her?

If George hadn't supported her mother, her mother would've become an embittered, overworked boarding house owner.

9. What is the last place that the angel show George?

Finally, they end up in graveyard.

10. What would've happened to Harry if George hadn't been born?

Harry would've drowned in a childhood sledding accident if George hadn't been born.

11. What is the message the film is trying to get across to us?

The message is to be aware how important our lives are and how they affect the lives of our beloveds.