



# Faith through Films

## Miracle on 34th St

Watch the whole film if you can. If you can't here is the link to a film clip



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2sjRRcONOc>

### Exploring the theme

This classic Christmas film tells the heartwarming story of Kris Kringle, a department store Santa who claims to be the real Santa Claus. Initially dismissed as delusional, Kris's sincerity and kindness begin to win people over, particularly young Susan, a pragmatic girl raised to reject fairy tales. As the story unfolds, Kris Kringle's identity is put to the test in a dramatic courtroom battle, where he must legally prove that he is indeed Santa Claus.

At the heart of *Miracle on 34th Street* lies a profound theme: the purity and trust of a child's belief. Susan's journey from doubt to faith mirrors a deeper truth—one that Jesus himself taught: we are called to embrace a childlike faith—one that is open, humble, and full of wonder. Just as Susan learns to let go of scepticism and embrace the possibility of something greater, so too are we invited to trust in the unseen, in the presence and promises of God. This film beautifully illustrates the quiet miracle of faith, reminding us that sometimes, the most extraordinary truths are not realised with the mind, but felt with the heart.

### Bible reference

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen*

**Hebrews 11:1**





## Questions

- What role does faith play in your everyday life?
- Have you ever struggled to believe in something you couldn't see? How did you handle it?
- How can faith impact the way we treat others and face challenges?
- How does faith help you through times of doubt or uncertainty?
- What are some ways to grow in faith and inspire others to believe?

## Final Reflection

Miracle on 34th Street is a poignant reminder of how powerful faith can be—faith in others, faith in what we can't see, and most of all, faith in God. As we celebrate Christmas, may we open our hearts to trust in Him, lean on His love, and find peace in knowing He is always with us. In a world that longs for certainty, may we remember that true faith is not about seeing, but about believing—even when we cannot yet glimpse the whole picture.

## Prayer

*Lord, strengthen my faith even when the way forward is unclear. Help me trust in You and in the goodness of others. Amen.*

