

STUDY GUIDE

#### **Crew Overview**

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Debbie Macomber (Writer: book)

#### **Cast Overview**

Doris Roberts (Emily Merkle a.k.a. Mrs. Miracle)

Jewel Staite (Holly Wilson)

Eric Johnson (Jake Finley)

Lauren Holly (Lindy Lowe)

Quinn Lord (Gabe Larson)

Tom Butler (J.R. Finley)

Patricia Mayen-Salazar (Gloria)

Sean Carey (Mike Larson)

### **Using This Discussion Guide**

Intended for use after viewing the film, this study guide provides catalysts for biblically based discussion of various themes found in *Call Me Mrs. Miracle*. The guide features three themes from the movie and is structured in such a way that groups can choose to discuss the entire guide at once or can focus on one or two themes at a time.

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#### Film Overview/Note to Group

Based on the Christmas novel by best-selling author Debbie Macomber, *Call Me Mrs. Miracle* is the second installment — *Mrs. Miracle* being the first — in the series that chronicles the "angelic" endeavors of Mrs. Emily Merkle (played by Doris Roberts). Set in New York City during the holiday season, the film follows Holly Wilson (Jewel Staite) and Jake Finley (Eric Johnson), two urbanites struggling to balance the demands of their busy lives. Enter Mrs. Miracle, whose Christmas spirit gives everyone a greater sense of responsibility, reconciliation and meaning.

As the film begins, Holly and her young nephew, Gabe (Quinn Lord), adjust to life together in the absence of Gabe's father, Mike (Sean Carey), who was deployed overseas two months prior. In her first attempt at parenthood, Holly blunders a bit, but she is committed to honoring her brother by caring for his son. In addition to being "mom,"



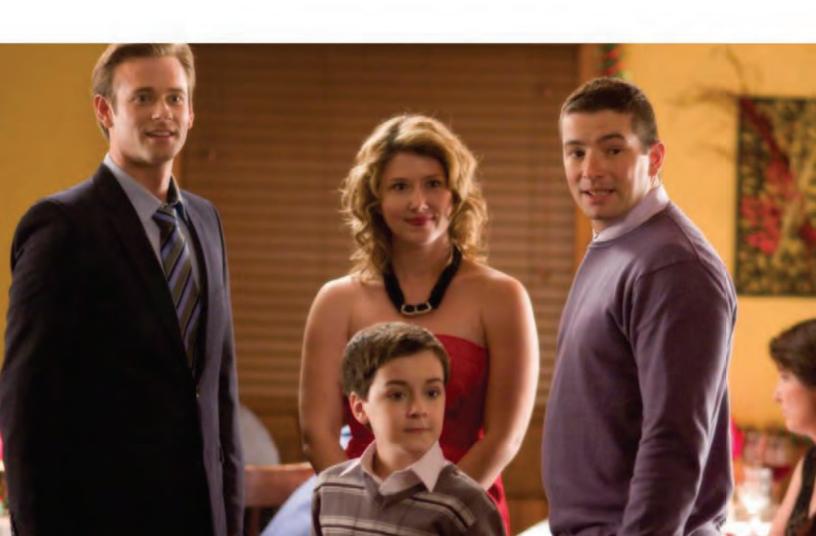
Holly works full time for Lindy Lowe (Lauren Holly, in a wonderfully comedic role), a fashion diva who's too selfish to nurture Holly's own designing dreams. For now, Holly is grateful for her marketing job in the company.

Meanwhile, at Finley's Department Store in Manhattan, Jake faces a few struggles of his own. As the manager of the toy department, he's resolved to stock only classic toys and games rather than the must-have item of the season: the Intellytron robot. The risky decision further endangers the store's profit margins, so Jake appeases his boss and father, J.R. (Tom Butler), by staking his job on the success of the Christmas sales. But, the friction between father and son is less about toys and more about the Christmas Eve accident that claimed Mrs. Finley's life 20 years ago.

And so begins Mrs. Miracle's work.

After arranging for Holly and Jake to cross paths at a coffee shop (sparking a romantic interest), Mrs. Miracle inserts herself as a Finley's employee in Jake's toy department. Despite questions surrounding her employment status, she promises to help Jake "save Christmas," and one of her biggest challenges is J.R., whose Scrooge-like attitude has eroded his relationships. With the help of Jake and Gloria (Patricia Mayen-Salazar), Mrs. Miracle chips away at J.R.'s gruff exterior, reminding him to celebrate life instead of wasting away behind his desk at Finley's.

As Mrs. Miracle focuses on Holly and Jake, things are going well until a scary experience with Gabe causes Holly to reevaluate her priorities (including romance and career). In the meantime, Jake turns to work, selling out the toy department thanks to Intellytron's failure and a campaign for military families. The Christmas spirit is contagious: J.R. reconciles with his son, and Holly and Gabe are blessed with a surprise visitor. Soon after, Jake reconnects with Holly at the reinstated Finley's Christmas party, and Mrs. Miracle moves on to a new "divine" appointment.



### Theme One: Responsibility

Guiding Scripture: Colossians 3:23 (NLT): "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."

#### **Scriptures Referenced**

- Exodus 20:12 (NIV): "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."
- Proverbs 17:17 (NLT): "A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need."
- Proverbs 22:6 (NIV): "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."
- Lamentations 3:22–23 (NIV): "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
- Matthew 5:37 (NIV): "Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.'"
- Luke 16:10 (NLT): "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."

#### **Scenes to Review**

- Awkward Breakfast (00:02:24–00:05:16, Chapter 1)
- Win-Win Eating (00:20:04–00:21:48, Chapter 5)
- A Great Big Brother (00:46:24-00:47:45, Chapter 10)
- Running Late (00:58:31–01:00:16, Chapter 12)
- Locating Gabe (01:00:18-01:03:57, Chapter 13)
- An Honest Email (01:03:58–01:05:11, Chapter 13)

- 1 Corinthians 1:9 (NIV): "God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful."
- 1 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT): "Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful."
- Ephesians 4:7 (NIV): "But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it."
- Colossians 3:23 (NLT): "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."
- 1 Timothy 5:8 (NLT): "But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers."



### **Discussion Questions**

As you begin this theme discussion, think about the various components of responsibility: commitment, strength, loyalty, obligation and conviction are just a few. Consider, too, some of the different types of responsibility: personal, parental, fiscal — do any others come to mind?

When Holly agrees to take Gabe, she also agrees to take total responsibility for him. At first, though, Holly's attempts at parenting result in awkwardness, highlighting her inexperience with kids. It seems — and understandably so — that she may not fully understand all the nuances of this new and different responsibility in her life. As with most things, a few adjustments are necessary.

Scenes to Review
Awkward Breakfast
(00:02:24-00:05:16, Chapter 1)
Win-Win Eating
(00:20:04-00:21:48, Chapter 5)

- How would you describe the way that Holly and Gabe interact at this point in the film? Point to specific examples in these scenes to support your answer.
- What are some ways that Holly's life has changed since she took responsibility for Gabe? Similarly, think about how Gabe's life has likely changed since moving in with his aunt.
- How do these scenes demonstrate Holly's eagerness to connect with Gabe? What does that say about the way that she's approaching her new parental responsibility?
- Even though these scenes establish that Holly and Gabe are still adjusting to their current situation, do you see any evidence of a routine emerging? Why or why not?
- Can you relate to Holly's situation? Have you ever accepted responsibility for something (or someone) that was beyond your realm of experience? If so, what happened?

## Read Luke 16:10; 1 Corinthians 4:2 and Colossians 3:23 (see Scriptures Referenced).

- What do Luke 16:10 and 1 Corinthians 4:2 say about faithfulness? How does faithfulness contribute to a person's sense of responsibility? Is it necessary? Why or why not?
- What advice does Colossians 3:23 give regarding responsibility?
   How does our attitude toward responsibility change if we work
   "for the Lord rather than for people"?

A healthy respect for responsibility runs in the Larson family. While Mike faithfully serves his country overseas, Holly takes care of the home front. Eventually, though, the reality of being a single parent with a busy schedule starts to take its toll on Holly. After a broken promise, Gabe misses his dad even more and Holly feels devastated for disappointing her nephew.



### Scenes to Review A Great Big Brother (00:46:24–00:47:45, Chapter 10) Running Late (00:58:31–01:00:16, Chapter 12)

- As Holly describes Mike to Jake, she says, "He's the kind of guy who does the right thing." How does Holly's portrayal of Mike illustrate his belief in responsibility?
- Holly shrugs off Jake's compliment that Mike and Gabe are lucky to have her. Yet, how does Holly's commitment enable Mike to better serve his country in confidence?
- Do you think Holly feels pressure to fill Mike's shoes? Why or why not? Can you point to specific moments in these scenes or throughout the film to support your answer?
- Gabe says, "My dad never breaks his promises. I wish *he* were here." Can you put yourself in Gabe's place and explain why he might say such hurtful things?
- How do you think Holly feels for breaking her promise to Gabe? Why is failure sometimes a necessary part of the learning curve when it comes to responsibility?

### Read Proverbs 17:17; Matthew 5:37 and 1 Timothy 5:8 (see Scriptures Referenced).

• What do Proverbs 17:17 and 1 Timothy 5:8 say about helping others? How does the 1 Timothy verse specifically address the importance of caring for family?

### Matthew 5:37 is part of the Sermon on the Mount from a passage concerning vows and oaths.

- What is the lesson in Jesus' brief, yet powerful, declaration?
- How does this verse relate to the theme of responsibility?
- Holly says that adults sometimes make promises they can't keep. Why is it important to be careful when making promises? What are the consequences of a broken promise?

On the heels of her broken promise to Gabe, Holly receives news that Gabe isn't at school. Fearing the worst, she begins a frantic search for him, only to discover that he's with Mrs. Miracle at Finley's. As she recovers from the shock of what might have been, she's plagued by guilt over what she sees as not fulfilling her commitment to Mike. Recalling the scary moments of Gabe's disappearance, she realizes parenting is an immensely layered, complex responsibility.



Scenes to Review
Locating Gabe
(01:00:18-01:03:57, Chapter 13)
An Honest Email
(01:03:58-01:05:11, Chapter 13)

- What does Holly's fear reveal about her sense of responsibility?
   Point to specific examples (actions, words) in the first scene as she's reunited with Gabe.
- At one point, Jake suggests that Holly may be overreacting.
   Do you agree or disagree?
- Holly says it's her fault because she should have predicted Gabe's behavior, which raises an interesting point: At what point does Holly's responsibility end and Gabe's begin?
- Holly has always taken her responsibility for Gabe seriously, but how does this situation intensify Holly's understanding of parenting? How does it change her approach?

### Read through Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 22:6 and Ephesians 4:7 (see Scriptures Referenced).

- How do Exodus 20:12 and Proverbs 22:6 relate to this part of the film – specifically, the responsibilities of both parents and children?
- How does Ephesians 4:7 offer encouragement to those who might be overwhelmed by their responsibilities? Have you ever experienced this grace? If so, what happened?

In concluding this theme discussion, take some time to look at Lamentations 3:22–23 and 1 Corinthians 1:9, and revisit Colossians 3:23 (see Scriptures Referenced). Consider the different ways that God demonstrates his faithfulness, specifically as it pertains to the theme of responsibility. How is his example essential for us? Think, too, about the responsibilities in your life and how you might approach them with renewed faithfulness and conviction.



### Theme Two: Reconciliation

Guiding Scripture: Colossians 1:20 (NLT): "...and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross."

### **Scriptures Referenced**

- Psalm 34:18 (NIV): "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
- Psalm 103:8 (NIV): "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love."
- Ecclesiastes 7:9 (NIV): "Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools."
- John 14:27 (NIV): "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
- 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT): "Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."
- Ephesians 4:31–32 (NIV): "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

#### **Scenes to Review**

- An Ultimatum (00:08:19–00:10:33, Chapter 2)
- Mrs. Miracle's Advice (00:30:11-00:35:14, Chapter 7)
- Avoiding Christmas (01:05:12-01:06:33, Chapter 14)
- An Overdue Present (01:14:13-01:18:15, Chapter 15)

- Ephesians 6:4 (NLT): "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord."
- Colossians 1:20 (NLT): "...and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross."
- Hebrews 12:14 (NLT): "Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord."



#### **Discussion Questions**

The Guiding Scripture for this theme (Colossians 1:20; see Scriptures Referenced) demonstrates the act of reconciliation in its most perfect form: through Jesus Christ, God "made peace with everything in heaven and on earth." In this ultimate act of reconciliation, God leads by example, providing a model for us to follow as we seek reconciliation and peace in our own lives.

For J.R. Finley, reconciliation is not an option — at least, not initially. Instead of celebrating his wife's memory and making amends with his son, J.R. chooses to bury his pain and detach from relationships. In a prime example of this emotional distance, J.R. and Jake have a terse business conversation in which it's clear that J.R.'s gruffness has stunted this father-son relationship.

### Scene to Review An Ultimatum (00:08:19–00:10:33, Chapter 2)

- Describe J.R.'s overall demeanor in this scene. How does he interact with Jake? Based on their body language, would you know that these two men were father and son?
- What does their conversation suggest about the way J.R. has changed over the years, especially regarding his business conduct? How has his behavior affected Finley's?
- In what ways does Jake make attempts at reconciliation during this scene? What are some of the ways that Jake tries to connect with his father despite J.R.'s standoffishness?
- Can you relate to one or both of these characters? Have you been in Jake's place, trying unsuccessfully to reach out to someone? Or in J.R.'s place, refusing any olive branches?

### Take a moment to read Ecclesiastes 7:9 and Ephesians 6:4 (see Scriptures Referenced).

- What does Ecclesiastes 7:9 say about anger? How does this verse apply to someone like J.R., who seems to be looking for a reason to stay in a bitter, angry place?
- What caution does Ephesians 6:4 give against provoking children to anger? What does the verse suggest about the theme of reconciliation? How is reconciliation taught?

When Mrs. Miracle first meets J.R., she startles him with her honesty, telling him that he doesn't recognize her name (among new hires) because he's out of touch. After dispensing some necessary tough love to J.R., Mrs. Miracle speaks with Jake, who confides that his mom - J.R.'s late wife - was killed in a Christmas Eve car accident 20 years ago. Even though Jake misses celebrating Christmas, J.R. thinks enjoying the holiday is disrespectful to his wife's memory.

### Scene to Review Mrs. Miracle's Advice (00:30:11–00:35:14, Chapter 7)

- How does J.R. react to Mrs. Miracle's honesty? Why might it be more effective for an outsider (like Mrs. Miracle) to try breaking through some of his defenses?
- What does this scene reveal about J.R.'s painful association with Christmas? How does the revelation give J.R. some dimension as a character (instead of just being a grump)?
- What do you think of Mrs. Miracle telling Jake that celebrating anything in his mother's memory honors her? Do you agree with this assessment? Why or why not?
- How does this scene play a role in jumpstarting the reconciliation process within J.R.? In your opinion, to whom and to what does he need to be reconciled?

### Read Psalm 34:18 and Ephesians 4:31-32 (see Scriptures Referenced).

- What does Psalm 34:18 say about despair? According to the verse, where is God when we are brokenhearted? What is His part in beginning the process of reconciliation?
- How does Ephesians 4:31–32 encourage us to begin working toward reconciliation? What is the two-fold message (stated as commands) of this brief passage?

For 20 years, J.R. and Jake have "vacationed" in the Virgin Islands during the Christmas season. This year, though, Jake doesn't want to stifle his mother's memory; instead, he tells his father that he's done running from the pain. Though J.R. seems incredibly angered, he's actually in the process of discovering what he's been missing for the last 20 years of his life.

### Scenes to Review Avoiding Christmas (01:05:12–01:06:33, Chapter 14) An Overdue Present (01:14:13–01:18:15, Chapter 15)

- In the first scene, how does Jake's refusal to maintain the "vacation" tradition essentially serve as a catalyst for further reconciliation between the father and son?
- Is Jake right that the Virgin Islands trips are just ways to escape from Christmas and from the memory of Mrs. Finley? Why do people run from their pasts? From their pain?
- During the second scene, what is the significance of Jake's 20-year-old gift? How has the gift been a lifeline for J.R. (perhaps a way to stay connected to Mrs. Finley)?
- When Jake tells Mike that "customers come first" at Finley's, how does that sentiment give a glimpse of Finley's former glory? Does it offer hope that good change is coming?
- What are the different ways that this scene brings to fruition the theme of reconciliation in the film? How do J.R. and Jake finally make peace with their past and with each other?

#### Read John 14:27 and 1 Corinthians 13:7 (see Scriptures Referenced).

- How does John 14:27 relate to the theme of reconciliation, especially when the things we need to reconcile are painful, traumatic or devastating experiences?
- How is 1 Corinthians 13:7 a testament to love's power in the process of reconciliation? In the film, how do
  Jake's interactions with his father demonstrate the verse's message?

As you conclude this theme discussion, read Psalm 103:8; Colossians 1:20 and Hebrews 12:14 (see Scriptures Referenced). Think about God's perfect model for reconciliation, and consider some practical ways to manifest the process of reconciliation in your own life.





### Theme Three: Meaning

Guiding Scripture: Isaiah 9:6 (NIV): "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

#### **Scriptures Referenced**

- Isaiah 7:14 (NIV): "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."
- Isaiah 9:6 (NIV): "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
- Matthew 6:21 (NIV): "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
- Matthew 22:37–39 (NIV): "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"
- Luke 2:12–14 (NIV): "'This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.'"

#### **Scenes to Review**

- Saving Christmas (00:14:25–00:18:24, Chapter 3)
- The Real Meaning of Christmas (00:21:50–00:25:44, Chapter 5)
- A Special Gift (01:08:17-01:10:02, Chapter 14)
- Christmas Miracles (01:18:17-01:26:47, Chapter 16)

- John 1:14 (NLT): "So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son."
- John 3:16 (NIV): "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
- Romans 8:28 (NIV): "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
- Romans 12:2 (NIV): "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will."
- 1 Timothy 6:17 (NLT): "Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment."



#### **Discussion Questions**

Despite the consumer extravaganza that has become synonymous with the holidays, the real meaning of Christmas is and will always be the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. As John 1:14 announces, "So the Word became human and made his home among us" (see Scriptures Referenced for the complete verse). True meaning flows from this singular event.

In the film, Mrs. Miracle's passion for Christmas is contagious. And her enthusiasm for the holiday is motivated by things that really matter: faith, community and peace. So, when she appears at Finley's Department Store and tells Jake that she'll help him "save Christmas," she's not talking about tinsel and toys, she wants genuine Christmas spirit to rejuvenate people's souls.

### Scene to Review Saving Christmas (00:14:25-00:18:24, Chapter 3)

- How does Mrs. Merkle end up with the name Mrs. Miracle? Why does she decide to keep the name? How does her answer reflect Christmas spirit and true meaning?
- When Mrs. Miracle tells Jake that she's there to help him "save Christmas," why does she phrase it that way? What needs saving? How will she help?
- Jake can't resist the star-shaped Christmas cookies; they remind him of his childhood. How does the memory evoke a strong sense of meaning in Jake?
- What are some of your favorite Christmas memories? Why are they special to you? Do they make you think about the greater meaning and purpose of Christmas? If so, how?

### Take some time to read Isaiah 7:14; 9:6 and John 3:16 (see Scriptures Referenced).

- What do these verses say about the real meaning of Christmas? Why is it important to keep our eyes on Jesus instead of the fleeting thrills of the holiday season?
- How can we do our part to help "save Christmas"? What are some ways to promote the real meaning of Christmas within our homes and communities?

It's the gift that keeps on giving...for an hour, until it explodes! This season, all the kids want the Intellytron robot, and Gabe is no exception to the marketing influence that's sweeping the city. When he and Holly visit Finley's for some Christmas shopping, though, there are no Intellytrons. But, Mrs. Miracle talks to Gabe about the One Special Gift that God sent at the first Christmas.

### Scene to Review The Real Meaning of Christmas (00:21:50–00:25:44, Chapter 5)

- Can you relate to Gabe's excitement about Intellytron? What was the "one thing" you wanted for Christmas? Can you remember the anticipation of waiting for that gift?
- Mrs. Miracle compares presents to the "powdered sugar on a Christmas cookie" in light of Jesus Christ. What gift does Jesus represent? Have you experienced that gift?
- Jake observes that it must be difficult for kids whose parents serve in the military. How is his compassion a wonderful example of striving for greater meaning during Christmas?
- How often do you get the chance to share Jesus Christ's story with other people during the holiday season?
   Have you experienced a greater sense of meaning because of it?

### Read Luke 2:13–14; Romans 12:2 and 1 Timothy 6:17 (see Scriptures Referenced).

- How does Luke describe the announcement of Jesus Christ's birth? What aspects of the description involve worship? Is worship important to the theme of meaning?
- What do Romans 12:2 and 1 Timothy 6:17 say about the human tendency to satisfy needs with worldly solutions? How does this impair our ability to find meaning?

Toward the end of the film, Mrs. Miracle begins to see the fruits of her labor. As she's faithfully spread Christmas cheer and goodwill, she's witnessed changes that have evolved from subtle to pronounced. Holly and Gabe's relationship has matured and deepened; J.R. and Jake have decided to stop running from their pain; and Finley's employees and customers alike have been reminded of the beauty of charity, thanks to the fundraiser for military families. Overall, it seems that Mrs. Miracle's work is nearly complete; it's time to help other people. It's time to move on.

### Scenes to Review A Special Gift (01:08:17–01:10:02, Chapter 14) Christmas Miracles (01:18:17–01:26:47, Chapter 16)

- When Holly abruptly ends her phone call to speak to Gabe, how does that transition show her shift in priorities? How has Holly's concept of meaning changed in the film?
- Gabe's seemingly selfish trip to the city turns out to be a selfless act of love for his aunt. What does Gabe's gift mean to Holly? Why did he choose the ballerina jewelry box?
- Did you notice that Holly reads Gabe the real Christmas story from the Bible? What is the difference between this authentic account and other commercialized stories?
- Why is the narrative of Christ's birth vital to the meaning of Christmas? How does it serve as a reminder of what's important not only at Christmas, but also year-round?
- Even though Gabe didn't get an Intellytron, how was his Christmas present more meaningful and precious than any manufactured toy could ever be?
- At the Christmas party, what "miracles" are evident? How do all of these miracles attest to the power of a genuine Christmas spirit and a commitment to greater meaning?





### Read Matthew 6:21; 22:37–39 and Romans 8:28 (see Scriptures Referenced).

- Why is Matthew 6:21 a necessary caution and a great reminder as to what is truly important? How does this verse relate to the theme of meaning?
- When Gabe gives Holly the jewelry box, how does he illustrate the message of Matthew 22:37–39? In doing so, how does he bring greater meaning to Holly's Christmas?
- What does Romans 8:28 say about God's plans for His people? How does His sovereignty help us to live with greater meaning and purpose?

As you finish this theme discussion, reread Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Luke 2:12–14; John 1:14 and John 3:16 (see Scriptures Referenced). Spend some time celebrating the Christmas story – the birth of Jesus Christ, God's gift of salvation to humanity. Think of some ways to find and preserve the meaning of Christmas amidst all of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

### **Final Thoughts**

- What are some additional themes in the film? Can you point to specific scenes or moments of dialogue that pertain to the themes you see?
- What do you think of Lauren Holly's character, Lindy Lowe? How does her part in the film provide a touch of both villainy and humor?
- The film is a wonderful reminder to honor military families, especially at the holidays. What are some ways that you can help? How might your community get involved, too?
- Do you believe in angels? Why or why not?
- How is humor used throughout the film? Why is it important that Mrs. Miracle has a sense of humor? Does it make a difference in how she approaches people?







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