

KLAUS

KLAUS is a witty animated movie with a twist on the origin of the legend of Santa Claus. Jesper, the son of a postman, is training to be a postman himself. However, his father learns Jesper's cheating and bribing his way through his training. So, he sends Jesper to Smeerensburg, a faraway town on a remote island. Unexpectedly, the town is a rundown place where the town's two families have been feuding for years. Jesper runs into a toymaker named Klaus. They team up to provide toys for the children when they write letters.



Questions: Why did Jesper get sent to Smeerensburg? (He was being lazy and took no responsibility for his job) Why is Klaus so sad and bitter? Why do the two families not like each other? When they are not happy with each other how do they handle their anger? Why do we not like some people, make a list? Do you ever do or be like the things on your list? What happens when you do? Why? Jesus says, "to love one another." (1John 2:8) How can we do that when people are angry? What did Klaus and Jesper do? Can you think of a way to show someone else love this Christmas?

Parent notes: Strong moral worldview with depictions of honoring your parents even when you don't want to honor them, hatred is rebuked, being selfless is promoted, kindness and peace between people is promoted and depicted, the importance of education for children is extolled, and some magical elements such as it is implied that a magical wind is one man's late wife, and the man seems to be able to know everything in the town. No obscenities or profanities but one use of idiot and brat. Klaus is led to certain areas around his house and around the town by a magical wind. Later, he says that it's as if his wife's spirit is the magical wind that leads him to acts of kindness. [*Spoiler Warning*] In the end, Klaus "disappears" forever as he follows the magical wind into the light. Smeerensburg has been the center for generational feuds for, well, generations. The Ellingboe family hates the Krum family, and vice versa.

Closing Prayer: *Thank You God for this day and this movie that we can enjoy and learn from! Put the message You want me (us) to learn and put it into our heart. May the birth of Jesus be the present and presence of this time. Amen*