

Sing – Sing is an animated comedy (with tons of music/singing). It centers around a theater-owning koala who decides to run a talent contest to boost ticket sales for his financially struggling theater. It is better for grade school kids than daycare aged children. There are characters that are not nice and scary bears that chase the heroes. Common Sense says age 7+

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Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them – is a prequel to the Harry Potter movies however, the main characters are all adults. The story is much more of a grown-up suspense/thriller about magicians and how their powers are used for good or for self interest. The themes and messages include curiosity, compassion, and courage, and the main characters are all strong role models and it includes an environmental message. Common Sense says 12+

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Paddington 2 - is an adorable movie with a simple plot, well defined characters and excellent animation. You can expect a few scary or sad scenes, particularly when a lonely Paddington cries in his prison cell and later nearly drowns, but otherwise the action/violence is much more of the slapstick sort. And there are plenty of silly hi-jinks and enough physical humor -- not to mention messages about compassion, empathy, kindness, and the importance of families. Common Sense says ages 6+

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Jumanji 2 “Welcome to the Jungle” – is a great action packed sequel to the original released in 1995. However, this time instead of entering a board game, they enter a video game. Expect some mild swearing as well as action violence -- the main characters die multiple times within the game (but they're regenerated quickly). Characters kiss and flirt awkwardly, and there are several references to dating, experience, and the humor of having a penis (one of the female teens is in a male avatar in the movie). Common Sense says ages 11+

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Happy Feet Two - this sequel to 2006's Academy Award-winning animated adventure Happy Feet features many of the same environmental and family lessons for audiences. Global warming's impact on the penguin characters is again addressed; the peril that comes with natural disasters may frighten the youngest of viewers. It is a wonderfully animated, fun story with a lot of good music, which might make a person get up and dance. Common Sense says ages 5+

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Little Women (2019) – is an all-star adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's beloved novel and could possibly be one of the best told stories of the last year. Set in Civil War-era Massachusetts, the tween-friendly period drama is a tribute to sisterhood, generosity, the creative spirit, and the importance of community. The story has some sad parts but that is true of real life. It is excellent for teens because it

depicts aging, for the viewer, in a very natural way. A good movie for kids growing up in a world of instant change. Common Sense says age 10+

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Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie – based on the books, this is a fun pick for elementary schoolers and up. But you really need to be OK with the potty humour, because it's constant. In addition to the potty humour there's some superhero/action violence, but many of the tense/risky moments are lightened via humour (there's lots of slapstick) and animation choices. It's an easy to follow story with all sorts of positive value. The Captain has been enjoyed by many children. Common Sense says age 6+

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Bee Movie – about a bee just out of college, and frustrated at his only career choice: making honey. On a trip outside the hive, Barry's life is saved by Vanessa, a florist. As their relationship blossoms, he discovers humans actually eat honey, and subsequently decides to sue them. Appropriate for all ages and would be a great movie for small children and grandparents. Common sense says 5+

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