



■ Series Title: Christmas at the Movies

Series Description:

🎬 CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES — Coming This December!

This December, join us for a fun and meaningful Christmas series as we look for the Gospel in some of the most beloved Christmas movies of all time.

From the Grinch's heart transformation to Kevin's adventures in Home Alone, from George Bailey's search for purpose to Ralphie's unforgettable Christmas morning — each story points us to the greater Story of Jesus.

WEEK 1 — Transforming the Heart

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Advent Theme: Love

Introduction

This Advent, we're exploring the themes of Love, Peace, Joy, and Hope through familiar Christmas movies.

Today we begin with *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Written in 1957 during a difficult season in Dr. Seuss's life, the story was his way of rediscovering the true heart of Christmas.

It became a cultural icon not because of the rhymes, but because of the truth it reflects.

Main Idea

God's love breaks through walls, melts bitterness, heals hurts, and transforms even the hardest hearts.

Key Scriptures

- 1 John 4:7–12
 - Romans 5:8
 - John 1:14
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Supporting Points

1. Hurt Hardens Hearts

Like the Grinch, many enter Christmas carrying wounds, disappointment, and isolation. But Christ came *“to heal the brokenhearted”* (Luke 4:18). Hardness is often hurt in disguise.

2. Love Softens a Hard Heart

The Who’s didn’t fight the Grinch—they simply kept loving. God’s love works the same way: persistent, unconditional, and freely given (Romans 5:8).

3. Christ’s Love Isn’t Deserved—It’s Given

We don’t earn God’s love. He loved us first and sent His Son to save us (1 John 4:9–10). Christmas celebrates God initiating love.

4. His Love Grows in Us and Through Us

When the Grinch’s heart grew, so did his compassion and joy. When we receive God’s love, we become givers of that same love (1 John 4:11–12).

Conclusion

The Grinch didn’t need a better Christmas—he needed a new heart. Advent reminds us that through Jesus, God still gives new hearts (Ezekiel 36:26). Love transforms. Love heals. Love restores.