



■ 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.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES — WEEK 2

Never Alone

Advent Theme: Peace

1. The Promise of Peace

- Luke 2:14 — “Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.”
 - *Eirene* = total well-being, wholeness... not just the absence of conflict.
 - Christmas reminds us that peace is a Person: Immanuel — God with us.
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2. Never Alone: Illustrated Through *Home Alone*

- Kevin feels ignored, mistreated, and abandoned.
 - Early scenes show his fear: the basement, the attic, Old Man Marley, and isolation.
 - Yet even when he *thinks* he's alone... help is already in the story.
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3. When God Seems Silent, He Is Still Working

- After Malachi, God's people enter 400 years without prophetic voice.
 - But God was preparing the world for Jesus:
 - Greek language unifying the world
 - Roman roads & Pax Romana
 - Messianic expectation intensifying
 - Matthew 1:23 — *Immanuel... God with us.*
 - Our feelings of abandonment never reflect God's reality.
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4. God Is Present in the Ordinary and Unexpected

- Kevin enjoys freedom until fear returns (stores, neighbors, Wet Bandits).
- Like Kevin, fear distorts reality.
- Psalm 139:7–10 — You cannot outrun God's presence.
- Our true enemy seeks to steal peace and isolate us—but Jesus stepped into humanity to walk with us through every fear.

5. God Arranges Help Before We Know We Need It

- Kevin seeks refuge in the church—near the nativity.
 - Jesus came humbly, willingly entering our world (Phil. 2:7–8).
 - 2 Corinthians 5:16–21 — Christ reconciles us to God, then sends us as His ambassadors.
 - Sin isolates us... but Jesus came to restore us.
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6. The Power of Presence: The “Old Man Marley Moment”

- Misunderstood. Avoided. Misjudged.
 - Yet he offers kindness, truth, comfort—then shows up *right on time* to save Kevin.
 - Some see a subtle Christ-like parallel:
 - Misunderstood by others
 - Approaches gently
 - Offers truth and reassurance
 - Saves in the moment of greatest danger
 - Emmanuel means: even at our lowest, God arrives with help.
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7. Peace Comes From Knowing God Is With Us

- Psalm 46:1 — “God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help.”
- You are never forgotten.

- **You are never abandoned.**

- **You are Never Alone.**

Conclusion:

You may walk through seasons that feel silent... seasons that feel like isolation... seasons where fear tries to convince you that you're fighting alone. But Christmas declares a louder truth: **God stepped into our world so we would never walk alone again.**

When the world feels chaotic, He brings peace.

When the enemy presses in, He brings refuge.

When we feel abandoned, He draws near.

This is the promise of Advent. This is the promise of Immanuel. God with us—right on time, right where we are, and never leaving us alone.