



Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

How To Train Your Dragon (1 of 2: Unlikely Savior)

Media Information

Rating: PG

Year: 2010

Directors: Dean DeBlois,
Chris Sanders

Stars: Jay Baruchel
America Ferrera
Gerard Butler
Craig Ferguson

Clip Description

Timing:

1. 8:39-9:25 2. 59:55-1:02:47

Movie Description:

In this animated film, Hiccup, slight son of the Viking chief, befriends one of the clan's mortal enemies: a dragon and ultimately saves everyone through that friendship.

Clip Descriptions:

1. Hiccup says that his father must not like his size; Gobber says it's not what he looks like but what's inside his father can't stand(!) 2. Hiccup is sent into the ring to kill a dragon but refuses, causing quite a stir.

Faith Connection

The Vikings of this movie live in a world looking for a savior from their enemy the dragons. And they all expect that savior to be Viking as they know it: big, strong warrior who will destroy the enemy. Likewise, the Israelites of Jesus' time lived in a world looking for a savior from their enemy the Romans. And they all expect that savior to be the king of old: a strong warrior who will lead them to destroy the enemy. Hiccup, the antithesis of big strong warrior, tosses aside the Viking warrior gear and reaches out to the dragon saying "they're not what we think they are; we don't have to kill them." Hiccup's father, enraged at this rejection of what he's known and lived, lashes out resulting in violence. Likewise, Jesus, the antithesis of a warrior king, says "love your enemy" and the authorities of the time lash out in violence. Hiccup turned everything upside down, resulting in a world of harmony and friendship. Jesus wants us to do the same. The world expects revenge, division, hatred. Jesus preaches love, unity, acceptance. The challenge for us is to be like Hiccup, to be like Christ, to turn things upside down, confounding everyone's expectations.

Discussion Questions

1. How well do you do loving your enemies?
2. Why is it so hard to look at those we don't like as people to love instead of enemies to beat?
3. What can you do to further 'turn things upside down' in your world?
4. How do you avoid lashing out as the chief did?

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