



## Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

# How To Train Your Dragon

(2 of 2: I Saw Myself)

### Media Information

Rating:

PG

Year:

2010

Directors:

Dean DeBlois,  
Chris Sanders

Stars:

Jay Baruchel  
America Ferrera  
Gerard Butler  
Craig Ferguson

### Clip Description

Timing: 1:07:40-1:09:20

#### 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 Description:

Hiccup talks with Astrid about how he befriend the dragon.

### Faith Connection

When Jesus is asked to sum up the faith he replies: "love God, love your neighbor." In other words, if we had to bumper sticker our faith, "Love" pretty much does it. And yet, when it comes to so many (those we don't like, those who have hurt us, those with whom we disagree, the list is long) we have a hard time being loving (not in the romantic sense but in the mature Christian sense of willing what is good for the other and be willing to help bring that good about). Why is it so hard? My suspicion about a lot of the difficulty is not keeping in mind Genesis (the beginning of the Bible on purpose): "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them." In other words, we all image God; we are all children of God. When asked why Hiccup didn't kill the dragon, his clan's mortal enemy, he replies: "I wouldn't kill him because he looked as frightened as I was. I looked at him and I saw myself." That's our job: to look at those we don't like or have a hard time loving and try to see ourself.

### Related

#### Scripture:

Genesis 1:27  
Luke 10:25-37

#### Catechism:

#357  
#1878

### Discussion Questions

1. How do you regard those you don't like?
2. How do you relate to those you disagree with?
3. How do you feel about those who've hurt you?
4. How could you grow in seeing all the above as people worthy of your love?
5. How much do you pray for them?

