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Close the curtain



Film Synopsis

You can never be too careful with the orbs you find lying around the universe. Some can be surprisingly dangerous. Take that baseball-sized one Peter Quill yanked off the mostly dead planet of Morag. When goons employed by Ronan (one of the galaxy's premiere megalomaniacs) show up to try to steal it from the thief, Peter figures he's got more on his hands than an attractive paperweight. Instead of taking the orb back to his pirate-boss Yondu, he pockets it and zips off to the planet Xandar to see if the thing might be worth a little spending money. Little does he know that Ronan has also dispatched Gamora (one of the galaxy's most notorious killers) to bring back the orb by any means necessary. Or that a pair of curiously mismatched bounty hunters are also on the loose. Or that they'll all eventually get thrown in prison with a guy named Drax, who bears the less-than-reassuring nickname Destroyer. Or that they'll all end up having to save the galaxy together. *Summary by Adrian Drayton*



Movie Talk: Reel Dialogue discussion

Of all the Guardians, who feels the most like a real hero to you? Why?

Who among them had to overcome the most to become a hero?

What are your greatest weaknesses—the things that keep you from becoming an all out hero? Have you been able to overcome those weaknesses from time to time? How?



Key scenes

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Sacrifice?

The Guardians started out as selfish, broken individuals and became loving, interdependent friends. But against a threat like Ronan, love and friendship must be tested in the most trying of circumstances. And when Peter calls on his friends to take part in an outrageously risky scheme, Rocket knows what the cost is likely to be. "You're asking us to die," he says. "Yeah," Peter replies. "I guess I am."

We're not often asked to die for our friends and family, but we are asked to sacrifice for them. Can you think of when you've sacrificed for someone you care about?

Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. - John 12:25

Family.

It's interesting that each of the Guardians comes from a shattered family. Peter's mother died of cancer right before he was kidnapped by Yondu. Gamora's family was killed by her adopted father, the evil Thanos. Drax's was slaughtered by Ronan. And neither Rocket nor Groot have enough of an intact family to matter. That lack of familial bonds becomes an important element in each of their stories, going a long way to explain their pain and flaws, but slowly they begin to find a halting sort of family with one another.

Family sometimes extends beyond blood or last name. Do you have friends you consider to be like family? Why are they so important to you?

"There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother. - Proverbs 18:24



Curtain closes: Final question

Second Chances

As we've repeatedly mentioned, the Guardians are a bunch of really messed up folks. Each one of them is a criminal. Each has flaunted the rules or failed friends, often for his or her own selfish interests. They're really hard people to trust. Rhomann Dey, who recites all their misdeeds as they're clapped in irons, knows their flaws better than many. And yet it's Rhomann who eventually convinces the leaders of Xandar to start trusting these jokers— and that trust pays off with the salvation of their planet and, perhaps, the entire galaxy.

Even if we have done bad things in our lives, do we deserve a second chance in our lives?

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. - John 3:17