

**Movie
Night with
the BBFC**

***Song of the
Sea***



Coming together as a family is more important than ever, so why don't you grab some popcorn and a blanket, head to the sofa, and throw a good old fashioned movie night!

This pack will contain everything you need to set up a fun film night, which is suitable for all the family. We've included a film suggestion, along with information about the age rating and ratings info. This pack also includes a fun, film related activity section - and some discussion points at the end, so when the credits roll, you can have a discussion with your kids about what you've all just seen. Although children of all ages may enjoy this pack, we think it's especially suited to **4 - 11 year olds**.

This pack will set you up to watch *Song of the Sea*.

What you'll need:

- ▲ Popcorn, or another yummy movie snack, what's your family's favourite?
- ▲ A blanket, slipper socks, and PJs! You're at home on your sofa, so you might as well get comfy!
- ▲ Turn the lights down low, or even better turn them off completely to get that authentic cinema experience.
- ▲ Ask your family to design their own tickets, and hand them over to you at the door. They just need to include the film title, the age rating and ratings info, and the price that you'd like to charge. We've included a template for them in this pack to get you all started.
- ▲ You can also ask your children to draw a poster advertising the film night - including a drawing of the main character, the age rating and ratings info. Don't forget to advertise what time you're going to start your movie night!
- ▲ You can stream *Song of the Sea* on Amazon Prime, Google Play or YouTube Videos. We've rated it PG, which stands for Parental Guidance.



What do parents need to know?

Here's a round up of everything you need to know before you press play and watch the film with your children. It includes a short synopsis as well as the long ratings info that you can find on our website. This tells you all the category defining moments in the film.

About the age rating:

We've rated *Song of the Sea* PG. That means that anyone can watch the film, but it's different from a U rating because children under eight, or more sensitive children, might find something about the film upsetting. PG films can be more complex or intense, but we still focus on avoiding content and tone that might make younger children feel anxious. We pay particular attention to scenes and issues that tap into real life worries. So while PG films might include tough ideas like crime, racism or bullying, they would never suggest that these are acceptable.

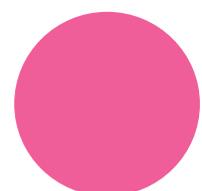
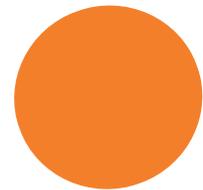
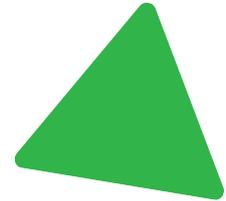
Synopsis:

Song Of The Sea (2016) is an animated fantasy film about a young Irish boy called Ben and his little sister Saoirse. The film follows the two as Ben finds out that Saoirse is a selkie and can turn into a seal. They then have to go on an adventure to free the fairies and save the spirit world.

Ratings Info:

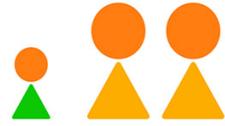
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There are scenes of mild threat in which two young characters are chased and attacked by a group of owls.

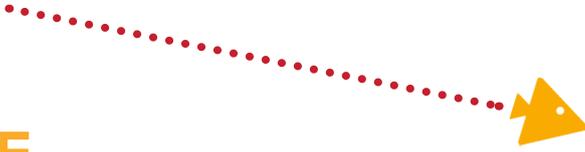


Activity Print Out For Kids

Can you unscramble these letters to find the words? Here's a clue: they're all mentioned in the film!



SFIH
NEB
CAONE
HESLLSAE
LAESS
IHTLGOHUSE
EIARSIF
TAOC
MIAFLY
ASE



OCEAN
COAT
FISH
FAIRIES
SEALS
BEN
SEASHELL
LIGHTHOUSE
SEA
FAMILY

You'll need a ticket for your movie night! Why don't you fill in our template. Don't forget to include the film title, age rating, ratings info (which you can find in this pack), the time the film starts, and admission price:



Use this space to draw your very own underwater creature. Do they have fins? What colour are they? Don't forget to use bright colours, and be as creative as you like! We'd love to see your creation, so your parents can take a photo of it and tag the BBFC in it on social media:



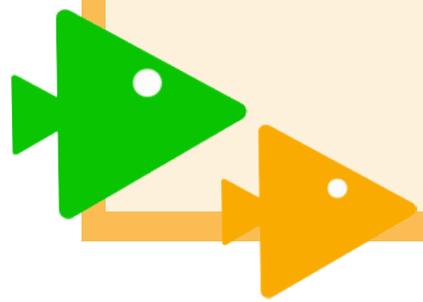
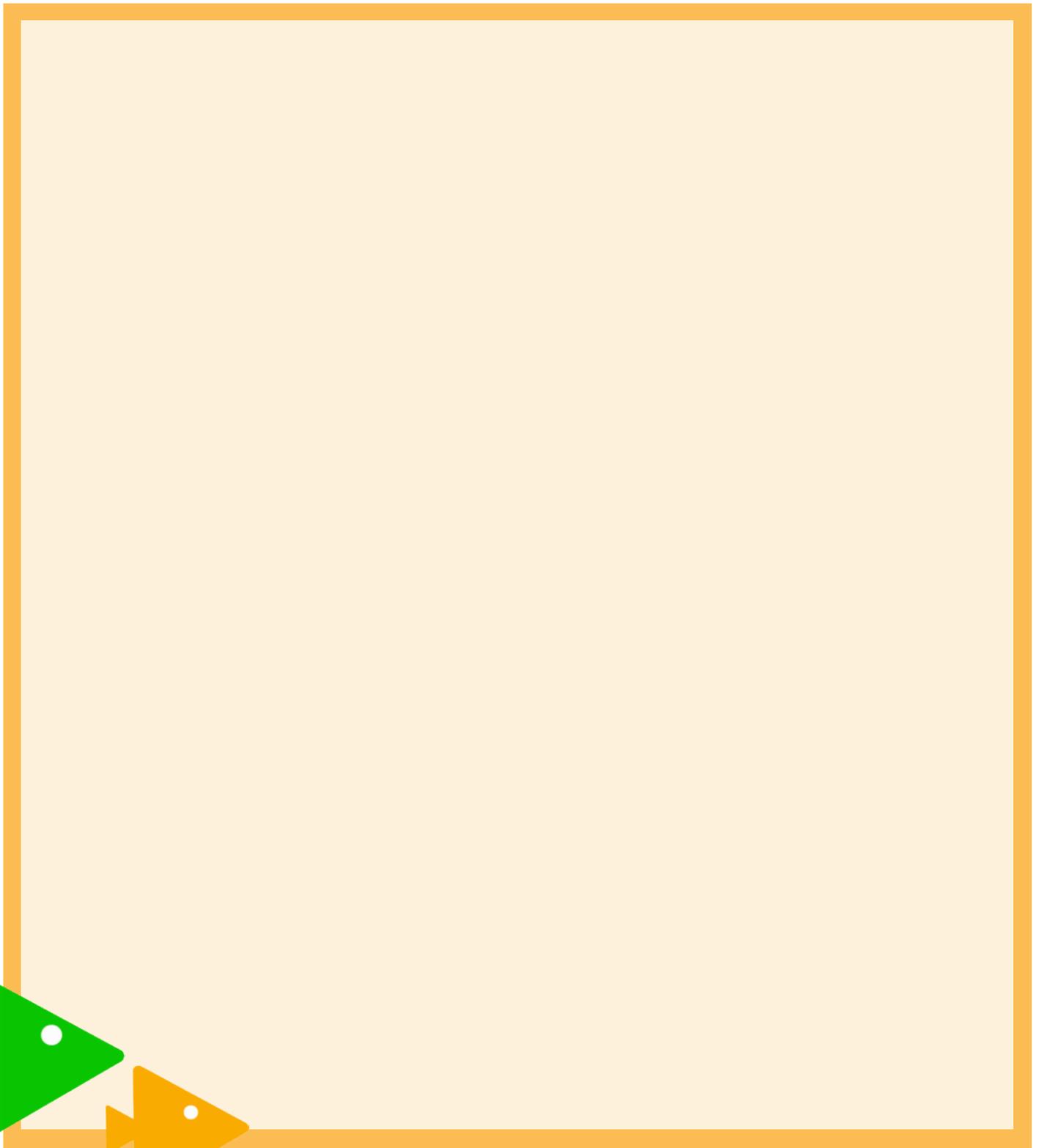
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For the whole family: Now it's time to talk about the film



Did you enjoy the film? How did the film make you feel? Were there any bits of the story that you didn't like?



Who was your favourite character? Did you learn anything from the film? If so, what?



Do you agree with the BBFC age rating? What about the info for parents? Would you add or remove anything? Is it helpful to know about what is in a film before you watch it?



The film is animated - does this affect how realistic it feels? In what ways does *Song of the Sea* look different from other animated films you've watched?



The film is based on a traditional Celtic myth. Do you know what a myth is? Can you think of any other myths?



In what ways do you think Ben and Saoirse's relationship changes throughout the film? Why do you think Ben blamed Saoirse for their mother leaving?



At the end of the film Saoirse has to make a difficult decision. Do you think she made the right choice?



What did you learn about feelings during the film? Why do you think Macha wanted to take away everyone's emotions? Did she have good intentions? How important do you think it is to be able to feel?



The film focuses on the family's sense of loss and struggle to connect. Do you think it's important to explore these more upsetting aspects of children's experiences?



The film is all about the sea. Have you ever been to the seaside? What did you do there? Did you enjoy the experience?