

Movie Night with the BBFC

Star Wars

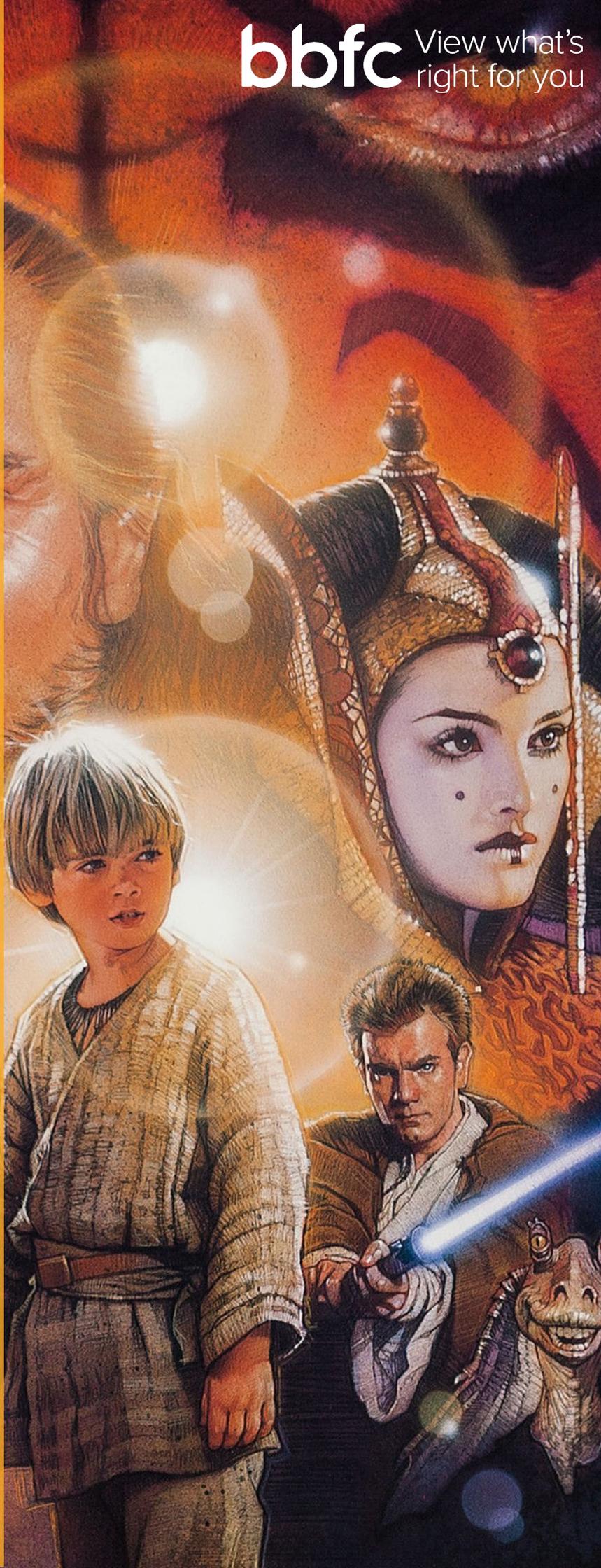
*Episode I: The
Phantom Menace*



*Episode II: Attack of
the Clones*



*Episode III:
Revenge of the Sith*



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.

This pack will set you up to watch *Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace*, *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones* and *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith*.

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 all three of the films on Disney +, NOW TV, iTunes, or Amazon Prime. W



What do parents need to know?

Here's a round up of everything you need to know before you press play and watch the trilogy with your children. It includes a short synopsis for each film 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.



Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace

Synopsis:

Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace, (1999) is a science fiction film about two Jedi who escape a hostile blockade to find allies and come across a young boy who may bring balance to the Force, but the long dormant Sith resurface to claim their old glory.



About the age rating:

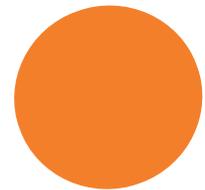
We've rated this film U. That means anyone can watch and we think U-rated films should be suitable for children aged four and up. But every child is different so it's always worth checking the ratings info for a U film if you are considering showing it to very young children. U films should have a positive overall tone. We think carefully about what very young children already know, what might scare, confuse or upset them, and the lasting impression the film might have. If there is any violence or threat it should be over quickly and reassure children that everything will be ok. U films should make clear the difference between right and wrong.



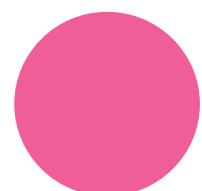
Ratings Info:

Violence

The film contains several battle scenes, lightsaber duels and chase/escape sequences. The violence mainly takes place during skirmishes between human and non-human characters such as robots. However one prominent lightsaber fight takes place between two main characters and a villain. During the sequence a key character is killed, after which a small dark patch is seen on a cloak. Later in the film, another character is cut in two when he is hit by a lightsaber strike. This occurs offscreen, although a very faint red mist is briefly visible indicating the strike has occurred. After this, the two parts of the body fall down a chasm, although without any blood or injury detail. The film includes a racing scene in which a young boy is in danger; however, he is presented as resourceful and skilled. Other chases and battles are presented but with a clear fantastical element.



The film also includes some very mild rude humour, including an animal breaking wind.



Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones

Synopsis:

Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones (2001) is a science fiction sequel in which, 10 years after initially meeting, Anakin Skywalker shares a forbidden romance with Padmé Amidala, while Obi-Wan Kenobi investigates an assassination attempt on the senator and discovers a secret clone army crafted for the Jedi.

About the age rating:

We've rated this film PG. This stands for Parental Guidance. Anyone can watch a PG film but it's different from a U rating because children under eight, or more sensitive children, might find something about the film upsetting or parents may think some of the content is unsuitable for younger children. PG films can be more complicated or intense than U films, 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.

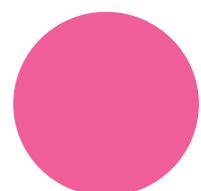
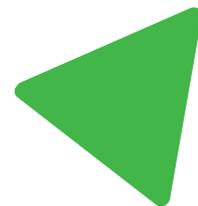
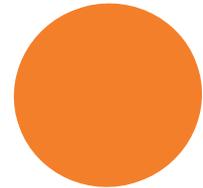
Ratings Info:

Violence

Violence includes scenes in which space ships fire lasers at each other and some more personalised violence, with characters swiping at each other with lightsaber weapons. A character in a helmet delivers a head-butt and another character's arm is severed, without bloody detail.

Threat & Horror

The moderate threat includes some chase sequences and scenes in which characters are surrounded by monsters with sharp claws. A character falls into a vat and just escapes being covered in molten metal.



Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith

Synopsis:

Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (2004) is the final part of the prequel trilogy to the film series. It occurs three years into the Clone Wars, and in it the Jedi have to rescue Palpatine from Count Dooku. As Obi-Wan pursues a new threat, Anakin acts as a double agent between the Jedi Council and Palpatine and is lured into a sinister plan to rule the galaxy.

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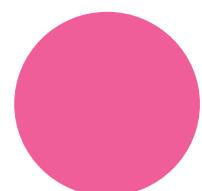
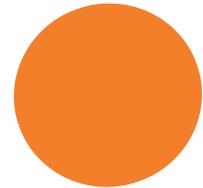
This film is rated 12 and unlike U and PG, this age rating restricts who can buy or rent a DVD. 12 films deal with more complicated storylines and difficult ideas that may be too challenging for younger children. 12 ratings are used on video-on-demand films and DVDs. No one under 12 may buy or rent a 12-rated DVD. A 12 rating on a video-on-demand film also means that the content and tone of the film is likely to be more suitable for a child aged 12 or over to watch at home or on a tablet.

Ratings Info:

Violence

The film contains some intense scenes of violence and injury, the strongest of which is the 'burning' of Anakin at his final transformation. There is focus on his body on fire, and on his agonised face, and he later lies injured and in pain. Some battle scenes are intense and action-packed, with sight of characters beheaded or having limbs chopped off, although this is bloodless.

As Anakin changes from heroic to evil and cruel, there are references to him murdering young children who trusted him.



Use this space to draw a character from the film, or you could also use it to draw a movie poster advertising your film night! 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:



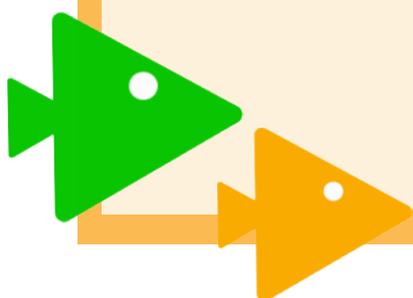
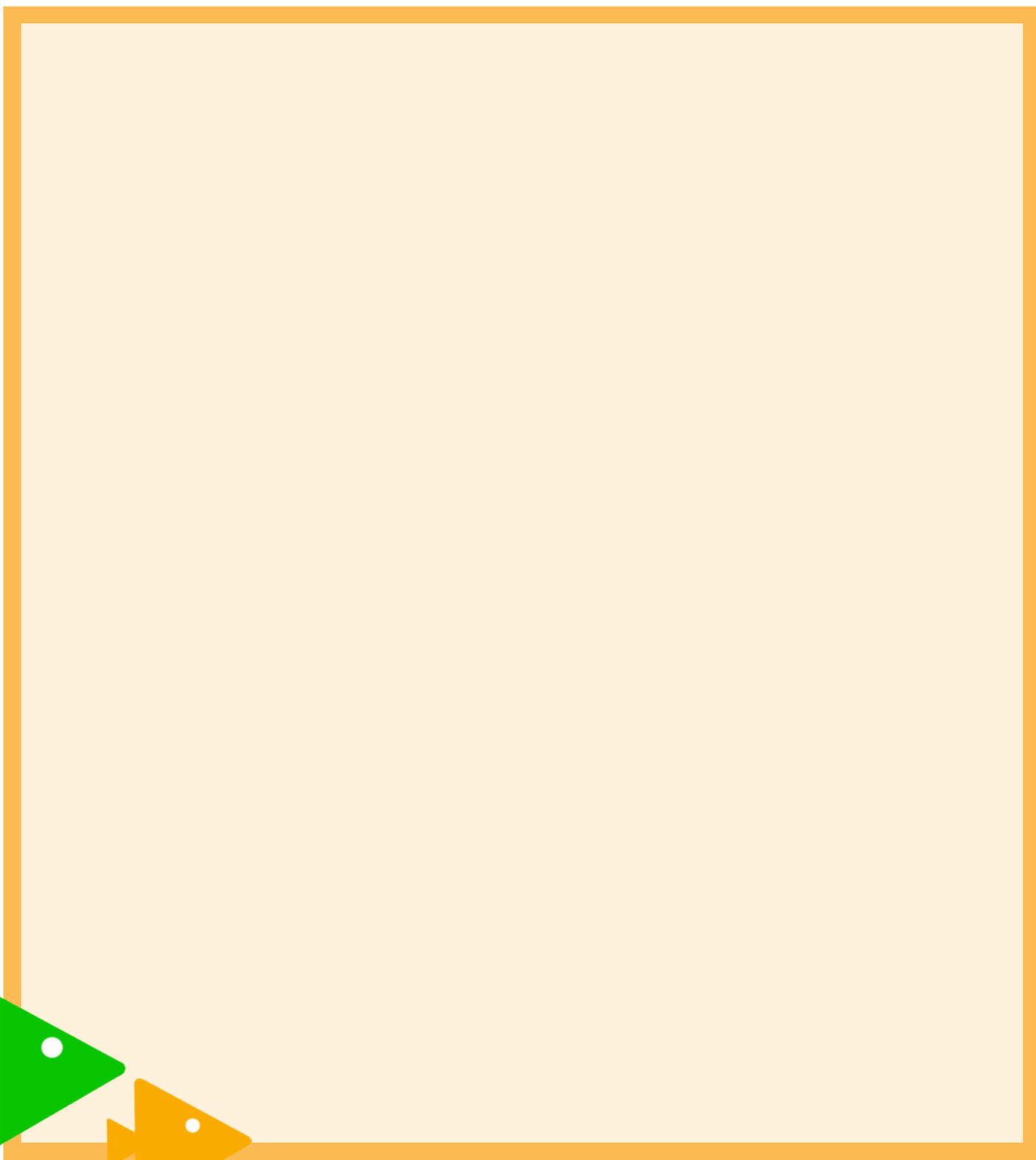
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For the whole family: Now it's time to talk about the films



Did you enjoy the films? How did they make you feel? Were there any bits of the story that you didn't like? Who was your favourite character? Did you learn anything, if so what?



Do you agree with the BBFC age ratings? 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?



Anakin plays an important part in these films. Can you identify any scenes which foreshadow his future?



What role does Obi Wan Kenobi play in shaping Anakin's future? Do you think he failed Anakin? How do you think he could have done better?



The galaxy in which the Star Wars films are set is very hierarchical, what do you think the film teaches you about respecting your elders? Which characters do you think are the best teachers and leaders?



How does the role of Padme change throughout the films?



All the main characters are from very different backgrounds and even species. What does the film teach you about working together?



You can't see the Force, but all Jedi believe it is there. What does the film teach you about hope and faith?



The events in Star Wars happened "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away." But have similar events happened in this world? What historical events do you think Star Wars draws upon? When has a small army of rebels taken on a massive empire? Where have humans beings been held in slavery? What other echoes of world history do you see in the "Star Wars" saga? How?



There are lots of special effect in these films. What do you think a real lightsaber would be made of? Do you think weapons shown in the films will be possible one day? Why? How?