

3. Have you seen the movie, *The Miracle on 34th Street*? What is the overall theme? Why do you think it has remained popular for over 65 years?

4. Doris, one of the main characters in the movie, doesn't believe in Christmas. Why is it difficult for some people in our informational age to trust or believe in the idea of God?

5. Doris struggles with the idea of Christmas. Christmas for some people is the loneliest time of the year for them. How can our need for self-gratification get in the way of celebrating Christmas for what it is?

6. How is the image of Christ expressed through Kris Kringle in this movie?

7. Because of Kringle's compassion, he is accused by the management of Macy's of being mentally unstable and sent to a psychiatrist. Discuss how sharing love might seem foreign to some people who live in our consumerist culture.

8. Fred, the attorney, attempts to convince a court that Kris Kringle is not mentally challenged but is really Santa Claus. Can you prove the existence of God? Why or why not?

9. The image of Santa Claus originates with a 4th century priest who was known for giving to the poor. Read our scripture lesson Matthew 25:35-36. Share what you know about the story of Saint Nicholas and its connection with our scripture lesson.

10. Is Kris Kringle a good example of what it means to be a Christian? Explain.