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A Child's Dying Wish

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**What Happened:**

*Up*, an animated film from Disney and Pixar, has become one of the summer's biggest hits. It's made about \$300 million worldwide so far, and the box office keeps growing.

One of the film's biggest fans didn't see the movie in the theater. She experienced it from her hospital room.

Colby Curtain, 10, suffered from a rare and untreatable form of cancer. She wanted to see *Up* more than anything, but she was too sick to leave her bed.

Some family friends told Pixar about Colby's wish, and on June 9, a Pixar official said he was on his way with a DVD of the film. Colby's mother, Lisa, asked if she could hang on. "I'm ready (to die)," Colby said, "but I'm going to wait for the movie."

The Pixar official arrived with the DVD and the family watched it from Colby's hospital room. The movie, about a cranky old man still grieving over the loss of his beloved wife, hit home.

Seven hours after the film ended, Colby passed away.

"When I watched it, I had really no idea about the content or the theme of the movie," Lisa told *The Orange County Register*. "I just knew that word *Up*, and all of the balloons; and I swear to you, for me it meant (Colby) was going to go up, up to heaven."

**Talk About It:**

Movies can be fun, but sometimes they can teach us something. Have you ever watched a movie that affected how you think? How you feel? What was it?

Why do you think Colby wanted to see *Up* so much? Do you think she was really staying alive just so she could watch the movie?

What are your favorite movies? Why?

**What the Bible Says:**

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Phil. 4:8).

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. ... Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matt. 25:35-36; 40).

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows” (Matt. 10:29-31).