

FAMILY
ACTIVITYBOOK

To watch. To do. Together



Disney
**PETE'S
DRAGON**

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A re-imagining of Disney's cherished family film, **Pete's Dragon** is the adventure of an orphaned boy named Pete and his best friend Elliott, who just so happens to be a dragon.

For years, old wood carver Mr. Meacham (Robert Redford) has delighted local children with his tales of the fierce dragon that resides deep in the woods of the Pacific Northwest. To his daughter, Grace (Bryce Dallas Howard), who works as a forest ranger, these stories are little more than tall tales... until she meets Pete (Oakes Fegley). Pete is a mysterious 10-year-

old with no family and no home who claims to live in the woods with a giant green dragon named Elliott. And from Pete's descriptions, Elliott seems remarkably similar to the dragon from Mr. Meacham's stories. With the help of Natalie (Oona Laurence), an 11-year-old girl whose father Jack (Wes Bentley) owns the local lumber mill, Grace sets out to determine where Pete came from, where he belongs, and the truth about this dragon.

TO WATCH. TO DO. TOGETHER

This Family Activity Book will help you, your family and your community, to explore together the themes of faith and family that are evident in the film.

Invite your family, friends and neighbours to join you to watch **Pete's Dragon** (in UK cinemas from August 12) and then come back to your house to share together in fun, food and reflection.

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*'If you go through life only seeing what's right in front of you,
you're going to miss out on a whole lot.'*

Mr. Meacham (Robert Redford)

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*Pick and
choose
activities that
best suit
your family*

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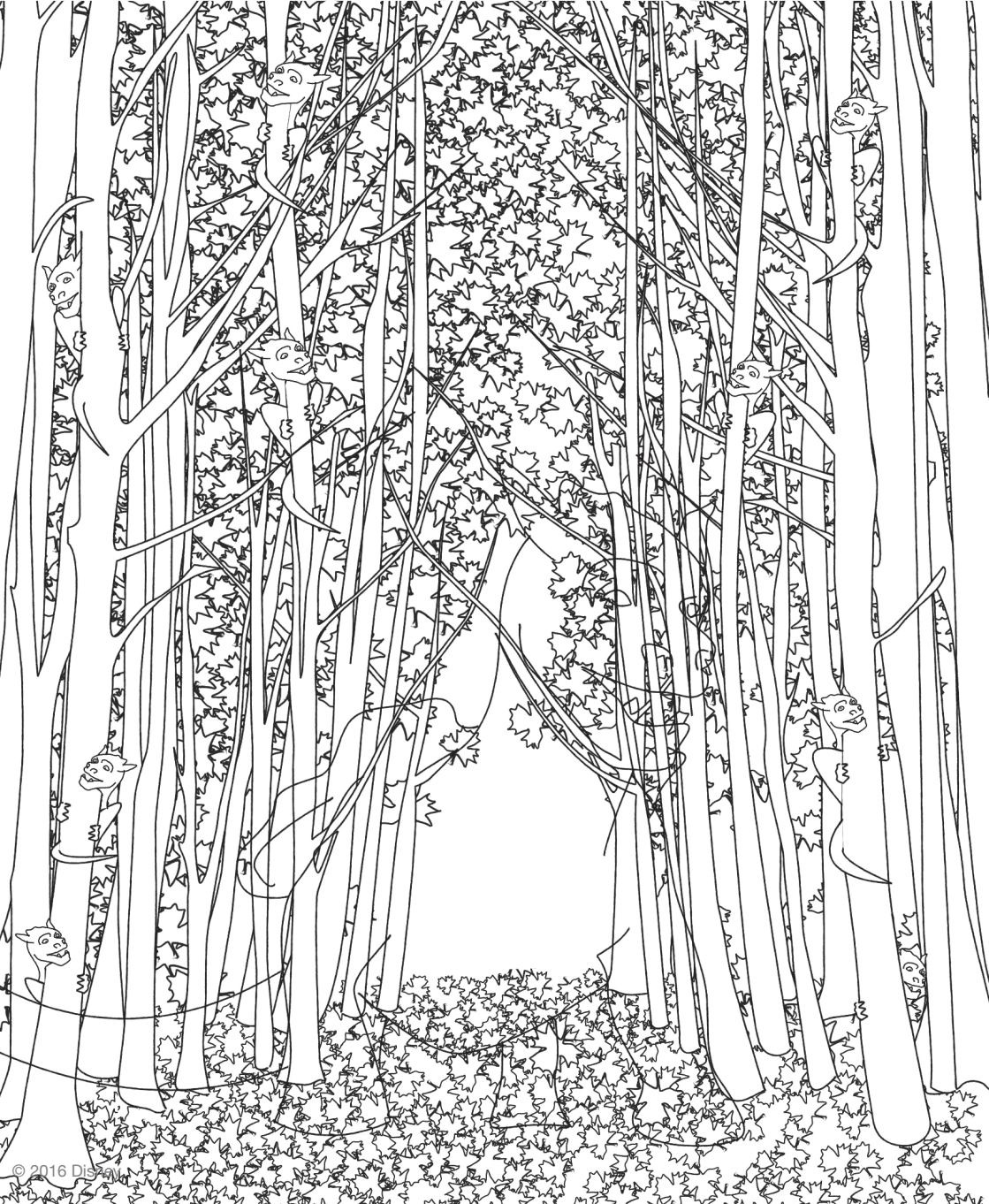
'Just because you don't see something doesn't mean it's not there.'

Mr. Meacham (Robert Redford)



Discover the dragons

Colour these wonderful woodlands as carefully as you can. How many dragons can you find?
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We're going on a dragon hunt



SCENE SETTER

Introduce this activity with the film clip ***Dragon Hunt***.

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Get your family activities flying with a quest for dragons. Hide the treasure, lay a trail, and then let the hunt begin.

PREPARE IN ADVANCE



Download from EthosMedia.org/PetesDragon the ***Make Your Own Dragon Template*** (see page 4) and print copies onto card. Construct one dragon, and ensure you have enough extra templates for everyone to make their own. These will be your 'treasure'. Find a good hiding place for your constructed dragon and the other templates. Also download from EthosMedia.org/PetesDragon the ***Dragon Footprint Template*** (see page 4) and print onto cards. Lay the trail of footprints, making it as simple or complicated as appropriate.

To make things more challenging you could hide the footprints and write clues on them so that each leads to the next, or add in some map and compass directions for your hunters.

CHALLENGE YOUR HUNTERS



Tell them that a dragon is lost. It's up to them to help it find a family. Point them in the direction of the first clue, and let the hunt commence. When the constructed dragon and pile of templates is found invite everyone to build a dragon from a template, encourage them to help each other as they make the dragon's family. Making the dragon is an inter-generational activity because younger children will need a lot of help from adults.

TALKING POINT

'It was magic... It changes the way I see the world... the trees... the sunshine... you.'

What experiences have changed your life for the better?

Faith is assurance about what we do not see



SCENE SETTER

Introduce this activity with the film clip *Imaginary Friend*.

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Pete trusts the dragon with his life. He has faith that Elliott will always be there for him. Here's an activity to explore trust and faith, using the dragons you have made.

DRAGON VALLEY

Place the dragons on the floor around the room. Appoint one person as the 'walker', take them to the side of the room and blindfold them. Appoint another person as the 'guide' to call out instructions to help the walker cross the room without stepping on any precious dragons. In order to protect the dragons the walker must have faith in the guide, even though he/she cannot be seen.

TALKING POINT

Natalie: *'Is Elliott your imaginary friend who... keeps you from being lonely?'*

Pete: *'Are you my imaginary friend too?'*

Natalie: *'I'm real'*

Pete: *'So is Elliott'*

In what ways is true faith more than just an imagination that makes us feel better?

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Those who had met Elliott knew that he was real, even though others could not see him. In the Bible, the words 'faith' and 'hope' go together. Faith is not wishful thinking; like 'I hope I will win the lottery.' It is a confident assurance of what will happen even though we don't yet see it; like 'I hope these seeds will grow into flowers'.

'Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.'

The Bible.

Family includes everyone



SCENE SETTER

Introduce this activity with the film clip *Pete and Elliott*.

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Pete and Elliott cared for each other and looked after one another. They were an unusual couple – a boy and a dragon! Families come in all sorts of different shapes and sizes. Perhaps we become a ‘family’ when we care for each other.



Who cares for you? When was the last time that you thanked them for what they do for you? Do you also care for them? Perhaps you could show how much you appreciate them by offering to do something special for them. Think of someone who is not with you right now, but does things for you. It could be a member of your family, or a neighbour, or a professional like your doctor or local shopkeeper. Download and print the *Thank You Card* from EthosMedia.org/PetesDragon, write a special message in it, and put it aside to give to them later.

TALKING POINT

Grace: 'You're not alone.'

Pete: 'I know, I have Elliott.'

What makes a family? Who is in your family: those you are related to, those you live with, those in your local community, or everyone in the world?

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

'All the families of the earth shall be blessed.' The Bible

In the Bible, the word ‘families’ can also mean ‘peoples’. According to the Bible, family is not just a small group living in the same house; it is also a broad inclusive community of all people who care for one another, because God cares for everyone. Church is often seen as a family activity. But the Bible takes this further, saying that the church itself is family, united together by our love for one another and for God, our heavenly father. When Jesus was told that his family were waiting for him, he said, *'Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother.'*

A family adventure



Pete gets an adventure that is very different from the one his parents had planned. But he finds a happy life, in the woods with Elliott. Recreate some of his best moments with your own family adventure using some of the following activities.

HOWLING HIDE AND SEEK

Elliott and Pete's favourite game was hide and seek. They also howled like wolves to communicate with one another. Combine these together in this game. A seeker covers their eyes and counts to ten while the hiders find places to conceal themselves. Then, standing still, the seeker howls once and the hiders howl back. If the seeker can identify a hiding place that person is 'found' and the seeker can move position before howling again. (To make it more challenging the seeker could be required to name the howling hider.)

FAMILY DEN

Elliott and Pete enjoyed spending time with each other in their den. Work together to make a den big enough for all of you to fit in. Chairs, bedsheets and tables are perfect building materials, but a den is really made by its accessories, so find comfy cushions to lie on, and some decorations to make it feel like a real home.

The next two activities are best enjoyed together in your den.

FAMILY MEMORIES

Try the quiz on page 8. Combine your knowledge and work together to see if you can remember all the answers. Then extend the activity by sharing memories of your own lives together. Can you recall shared experiences that you have enjoyed together?

FAMILY STORY-TELLING

Pete's most treasured possession was a children's book called Elliott Gets Lost. The opening lines are 'This is the story of a puppy. His name is Elliott. He is going on an adventure with his family.' What could happen next in that story? Together, make up your own continuation of this story, by each saying one sentence in turn. To make it more challenging you could agree these items from the film that must be included in your own story at some point: a compass, a picture of a dragon, a red balloon, a digger and its keys.

TALKING POINT

'There's magic in the woods if you know where to look for it.'

How can we make our home and our family into a place that brings joy to everyone?

Do you remember?



Combine your knowledge and help one another to see if, together, you can remember the answers to all of these questions:

1. What ran in front of Pete's parents' car, causing the accident?
2. What colour was Pete's bag?
3. What animal does Pete first meet in the forest?
4. How does Mr. Meacham first describe the dragon's eyes?
5. What did the local people call Elliott?
6. Why did Grace mark one of the trees? What colour did she mark it with?
7. How old does Pete think he is when he is found?
8. How does Natalie work out Pete's real age?
9. What was tied to the end of Pete's hospital bed? What colour was it?
10. What handwritten message was written inside Pete's book?



Check your answers on EthosMedia.org/PetesDragon



Time to eat

To survive in the forest, Pete might have gathered edible fruits, and collected sticks for his fire.

The adventure snacks on the following pages recreate some of Pete's experiences.



WOODLAND BERRY SMOOTHIE



- Combine 400g of your favourite frozen berries with a banana, 160g of yoghurt or Fromage Frais, 350ml of milk, a handful of porridge oats and 160g of fresh pineapple in a liquidiser or smoothie maker to create a delicious nutritious drink.
- Serve with a mix of berries and seeds (and nuts if no-one is allergic).

These quantities serve 6-8 people.

Adventure snacks



AVOCADO DRAGON WITH FRUITY WINGS

- Starting with half an avocado for the body, use cocktail sticks to attach carved pieces of cucumber for the feet, neck and head.
- Cut a tapered piece of cucumber and soak it in warm water for a few minutes, then bend to the shape of a tail and attach with a cocktail stick.
- Cut triangles of green pepper for the ribbed back and attach with cocktail sticks.
- Thread a variety of fruit onto 6 cocktail sticks and attach as wings.



Make sure to remove the cocktail sticks and avocado skin before eating.

CRUNCHY CARROT STICKS WITH DRAGON SNOT DIP

- Remove the stone from two ripe avocados and scoop out the flesh. Deseed two large tomatoes and roughly chop. Deseed and finely chop one fresh red chilli pepper (optional). Roughly chop a small bunch of fresh coriander. Finely chop a clove of garlic and half a small shallot.
- Put the chopped shallot into a bowl of warm water for a couple of minutes to reduce its potency. Drain well.
- Divide the ingredients into two bowls. In the first, use an electric blender to blend the mixture until smooth. In the second, roughly mash the mixture so that there are still some lumps.
- Combine both the smooth and the lumpy mixtures together and add 3 tbsp of lime juice along with the zest of a lime. Then season with salt and pepper according to taste.
- Serve straight away with crunchy carrot sticks.



These quantities serve 6–8 people (you could buy ready-made guacamole instead).

Adventure snacks

CAMPFIRE CUPCAKES

- Using a mixer, cream together 110g of butter and 225g light muscovado sugar.
- In a separate bowl, combine 150g self-raising flour with 125g plain flour.
- In another bowl, combine 6 tbsp milk with the juice and zest of a lemon and 1½ tbsp of yoghurt.
- Into the butter and sugar mixture, add 2 large free range eggs one at a time, adding a tbsp of the flour mixture with each egg to avoid curdling. Then add the flour mix and the milk, lemon and yoghurt mix, one third at a time, beating lightly in between. Continue until all the mixtures are added.
- Divide the resultant mixture into two halves. Colour one slightly yellow and the other slightly orange. Then, very gently, combine the two coloured mixes to produce a mottled effect.
- Spoon into small petit four cases and cook at 200°C (180°C fan or gas mark 6) for 12 mins or until golden brown and springy to the touch.
- Cool and remove the cases. Trim the top so that the cake sits flat when turned upside down.
- Using chocolate icing, attach mint chocolate sticks around the cake and crushed flake on the top, then finish with three slithers of glace cherry to represent the flames.



These quantities make about 24 small cakes, where a portion is one cake per person.



More about the film, faith and families

MORE ABOUT THE FILM

Pete's Dragon stars Bryce Dallas Howard (*Jurassic World*), Oakes Fegley (*This is Where I Leave You*), Wes Bentley (*The Hunger Games*), Karl Urban (*Star Trek*), Oona Laurence (*Southpaw*) and Oscar® winner Robert Redford (*Captain America: The Winter Soldier*). The film, which is directed by David Lowery (*Ain't Them Bodies Saints*), is written by Lowery & Toby Halbrooks based on a story by Seton I. Miller and S.S. Field and produced by Jim Whitaker, p.g.a. (*The Finest Hours*, *Friday Night Lights*), with Barrie M. Osborne (*The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Great Gatsby*) serving as executive producer.

MORE ABOUT FAITH

In the film, Elliott was not seen unless he revealed himself. Similarly, the Bible talks about 'the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known.'

'Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith.' The Bible.

According to the Bible, the message about Jesus has now been made known so that anyone can come to faith and find a spiritual home in the family of God.

'I'm not going to try to convince you... but maybe, if you could just be open to looking.'
Mr. Meacham (Robert Redford).

MORE ABOUT FAMILIES

Rather like Pete and Elliott, families come in all sorts of sizes and shapes. Every day, people from many different backgrounds, young or old, single or married, open up their homes to provide love, care, stability and hope to children living in the care system. But, currently in the UK there are 4,000 children waiting for adoption. Find out more at HomeForGood.org.uk







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