

REVENGE OF THE SITH

August 8, 2018

Parental Consent

Dear Parents,

Over the next two Wednesdays, our youth group is watching the movie *Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith*. I want you to know that it has a PG-13 rating for “sci-fi violence and some intense images.” The most graphic and potentially disturbing images come near the end of the movie, which we won’t see until next Wednesday, August 15. Here is how Common Sense Media describes the film’s PG-13 rating for parents:

(The film) contains a few moments of graphic violence, as well as the transformation of a beloved character from good to bad. The plot and characters grapple with some complicated moral issues and occasionally embrace shades of grey. In a sequence of surprising detail for a Star Wars film, viewers see Anakin burn in a pit of lava, with his skin turning into cinders. We recommend extreme caution and consideration when deciding whether younger children can handle viewing something that's this emotionally and graphically violent.

I believe this film is, indeed, a bit more violent and potentially disturbing than the typical action movies most of our students have already seen, so I want to give you an opportunity to opt out. I also believe there are powerful messages in this film about the kinds of temptations we all face and the importance of asking the Lord to help us resist. I look forward to having some fruitful discussions with students as part of these movie nights.

By allowing your child to attend, you are letting us know that you are comfortable with him/her viewing this film with us. Thank you.

God bless you,
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