

 'UP'

 Inspiration ...

Watch the whole film if you can. If you can't, here is the link to the trailer:

 <https://dai.ly/x80q0l3>



According to IMDb as of Sept 2022 the certificate for this film is: **U**

Biblical Reference:

John 13:34

'...Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.'

(New International Version)

Love one another

 **Link exploration:**

'UP' is a fantastic story of adventure full of action and humour. An elderly grumpy man, Carl sets out on an adventure in his house and unwittingly takes along Russell, a Scout just trying to earn his explorer badge. This story is about love, Dug, the talking dog, enthusiastically says 'I have just met you, and I love you!'. 1 Corinthians 13:13 'So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love'. Without love for one another the idea of being a Christian and following in Jesus footsteps just falls away.

Now I don't mean here the mushy kind of love you are all probably thinking about. I mean the genuine care that you would show your fellow human being. There are three types of love mentioned in the Bible:

1. Eros – This is when you fall in love with someone.
2. Philo – Love for a close friend or companion, someone you love like a brother or sister.
3. Agape – Divine love, love that isn't based on how someone looks, or what they might do for you.

It is the agape love that Jesus wants us to show and share with others. This is where it gets tricky because that means every human being, those we like and those we don't. It's easy to show agape love for those people we get along with but for those that we do not like, are maybe cruel towards us, do not like us, like different things to us, or act in different ways than us, we need to agape love these people too. That's a challenge – Are you up to trying?



Prayer

Lord God, this is a tricky challenge that You have set for us, to love one another as You love us. Lord God forgive us when we have failed to love others as You would have us love them. Help us to see the person that you see and help us to show them agape love. Amen

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Personal challenge

- Who do you find it difficult to show love to?
What is it about that person that you don't like or annoys you?
How would Jesus view that person?
How can you behave differently to them?
- There is also a theme of courage in this film, can you see it?
Which biblical character would you use to show this? (You can't use Jesus!)
Why is courage important?

