

Middle School

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Hope and *Wonder*

The new movie *Wonder* tells the story of ten-year-old Auggie Pullman. The film is based on the best-selling novel with the same title.

In the story, Auggie has Treacher Collins syndrome. This rare condition affects bones and other tissues around the face.

Wonder made an unexpected \$27 million its first weekend in theaters and another \$23 million in its second weekend.

But it's not just the box offices that are cheering the movie's success. Many kids with Treacher Collins syndrome are hopeful the popularity of the movie will help people understand their condition.

If audiences see Auggie as a regular person, it might help them also accept others with different faces.

Discussion Questions

- Have you seen *Wonder*? What did you think of Auggie's story? How can it inspire hope in those with Treacher Collins syndrome?
- Welcome to Advent! This week, we light the hope candle on the Advent wreath. What hope do we have during this season?
- How can the holiday season feel like the opposite of hope? Talk about what pulls us away from the hope of our Savior. How does God still work in our hearts in spite of these distractions?