



MEDIA MADNESS



MOVIES

Movie: *Big Miracle*

Genre: Drama, Romance

Rating: PG (for language)

Cast: Drew Barrymore, John Krasinski, Kristen Bell

Synopsis: This film is based on the 1989 book *Freeing the Whales*. An Alaskan reporter and a Greenpeace volunteer work to save a family of gray whales trapped in ice in the Arctic Circle.

Our Take: Nature lovers and fans of *Dolphin Tale* will likely enjoy this movie. It can spark discussion about people's responsibilities to care for God's creation.



MUSIC

Artist: Kari Jobe

Album: *Where I Find You*

Artist Info: Jobe, a 30-year-old worship leader in Texas, knew her career path by age 10. Her self-titled debut album from 2009 was accompanied by a Spanish-language version, *Le Canto*.

Summary: Jobe uses music to bring people to Jesus, where they find peace, life, and healing. In her hit single "We Are," she reminds Christians that we "impact people's lives in everything we do."

Our Take: Jobe's voice and message shine in her pop tunes and acoustic ballads.



CULTURE & TRENDS

- More new moms are getting inked to honor their offspring. Mothers say tattoos bearing their children's names leave little room for regret, unlike other types of tattoos. Tats also remind moms they're still "cool," even though they're parents. (babycenter.com)

- Last year at ClubPenguin.com, children adopted more than 25 million Puffles, or virtual pets. The *Club Penguin Times* is read as much as *The New York Times*. (Mashable.com)

QUICK STATS

- One-quarter of America's 16 million Latino children live in poverty. (pewhispanic.org)
- 80% of a person's brain develops by age 3. The intellectual, social, and spiritual information you instill early on sets an important foundation. (firststeps.us)
- 52% of families have been members of their current church for 10 years or more. (Children's Ministry)



GAMES

Title	Content	Rating & Platform
<i>National Geographic Challenge</i>	Players can brush up on geography, science, and history as they answer questions and complete puzzles. Best for kids ages 8 and up.	E; Xbox 360, Wii, PS3
<i>YourSphere</i>	This kids-only social-networking site offers blogging, games, social interaction, and more. Parents can view all their children's online activity.	YourSphere.com is appropriate for preteens.
<i>iSock</i>	A sock puppet's mouth mimics your speech as you talk. Young children—and their parents—will have fun being creative with this app.	Requires a smart phone with sound; 99 cents at iTunes.

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