# Before You Press Play...

# PRESCHOOL SCREEN

## DISCERNMENT CHECKLIST

### CHARACTER BEHAVIOR

- [ ] Are rude or disrespectful characters portrayed as funny or loveable?
- [ ] Are parents, teachers, or authority figures mocked?
- [ ] Are good behaviors celebrated or portrayed as boring?
- [ ] Are lying, sarcasm, whining, or tantrums rewarded?
- [ ] Would you want your child repeating these words or copying this behavior tomorrow?

### EMOTIONAL TONE

- [ ] Does the media create peace or overstimulation?
- [ ] Is the pacing frantic and hyperactive?
- [ ] Does it encourage fear, anxiety, or chaos?
- [ ] After watching, is my child calmer or more dysregulated?

★ **Children absorb emotional tone. It shapes how they feel and react.**

### SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

- [ ] Are occult or magical themes normalized?
- [ ] Is spirituality presented apart from God?
- [ ] Is evil portrayed as harmless or entertaining?
- [ ] Does the content encourage fear or fascination with darkness?

### VALUES & WORLDVIEW

- [ ] Is selfishness celebrated?
- [ ] Is rebellion portrayed as courageous?
- [ ] Are truth and consequences taken seriously?
- [ ] Are characters encouraged to take responsibility?
- [ ] Does the story promote compassion and self-control?

### LANGUAGE & HUMOR

- [ ] Is disrespect disguised as comedy?
- [ ] Are crude jokes included for adults?
- [ ] Are biblical or moral ideas treated mockingly?
- [ ] Does the dialogue encourage gratitude, kindness, and honesty?

### PARENT NOTE

Many shows and movies can be watched together when parents guide the conversation. Help your child notice both good and bad behavior by asking questions such as, “Was that wise?” “Was that kind?” and “What could the character have done differently?”

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