Synopsis

Lewis is a boy genius with a love of gizmos and gadgets, and an undying hope of finding the family he never knew. But Lewis’ journey is about to take him to a place even he couldn’t have imagined, a place where the impossible no longer exists: the future. When Lewis encounters a mysterious stranger named Wilbur Robinson, he’s in for the time-travel of his life and will be whisked off to meet a family unlike any other – the Robinsons – who will help him discover a series of amazing and heartfelt secrets about his own limitless potential.

Discussion Questions

• In the movie, Lewis fails many times before he finally succeeds. What does this teach you about the value of what we learn from failure? Does it inspire you to try something new? Why?
• Have you ever learned something from failing? What?
• Think of the grudges held by Goob in the film and how these grudges negatively impacted his life in the future. What did this movie teach you about the value of letting go of some anger?
• What role does family play in Meet the Robinsons? How is Lewis’ family like your family?
• What if, like Lewis and Wilbur, you could time travel and hang out with your kids or parents when they were your age? Do you think you would get along? What traits do you share with your parents or children?

Activities

• Lewis had a passion for inventing and creating some projects to do simple tasks, such as making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Think of a simple task and, together as a family, create a Rube Goldberg machine to complete the task. A Rube Goldberg machine is complicated device designed to do a very simple project. Learn more at www.RubeGoldberg.com.
• *Meet the Robinsons* takes place in the future and Lewis is lucky enough to see that his future is very bright in a time when he is feeling down. Seeing into the future isn’t a possibility for us, but imagining what the future will hold is an exciting ability. Take the time to write a description of what you envision your future to be. If you are a visual person instead, take the time to draw a picture of how you see your future.

• Write a letter to your future self. Explain what you are currently interested in, who your friends are, what your hopes are for the future and other things you believe you’ll want to hear about someday. Place this letter in a safe place or a time capsule, and plan to open it and read it in 15 years.

**Take Action**

• As an orphan who yearns for a family, Lewis demonstrates how important it is for all kids to have a home. While not everyone has the ability to adopt or act as foster parents, consider how you can be an influence in a young person’s life. This can be as simple as taking the time to mentor a young person or become a Big Brother or Big Sister.
  * www.Mentoring.org
  * www.BBBS.org

• The future is an exciting thing. However, the future is as only good as we make it. Consider all the ways to get involved in your community and make sure that you and others have the best future that is possible. Through beautification efforts, mentoring efforts, environmental care, and health and wellness education, you have the ability to make your community beautiful and those around you healthy enough to enjoy it for years to come.