

## Going Deeper

### Seeing is Believing?

The conductor tells the children about when he nearly fell off the train, but didn't. He says to them "Sometimes seeing is believing and sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see". Read John, chapter 20, verses 24 - 29. Do you need to 'see' something before you can believe it?

After their encounter with the Caribou, the train starts to gain speed and becomes out of control, with the children and the conductor at the front of the engine. The conductor straps the children in and they all hold on tightly as they go on a terrifying rollercoaster ride! Read Joshua, chapter 1, verse 9. How does it make you feel to know that no matter what is happening, God is with you, wherever you go?

Throughout the film, the conductor keeps checking his pocket watch (can you remember what time it says?). The conductor says "I've never been late before and I'm not going to be tonight". Read Psalm 31, verse 15 and then read 2 Peter, chapter 3, verses 8 - 9. What does it mean to you, that everything is in God's timing?

## The BIG Question

"One thing about trains, it doesn't matter where they're going, what matters is deciding to get on".  
What are the answers you're looking for? Will you get on board to find them?



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# THE POLAR EXPRESS

ALL ABOARD!







### Step 1

Get ready for Christmas! Grab a snugly blanket, get your pj's on, make a hot chocolate, grab your favourite festive snacks, and turn on the Christmas lights!

### Step 2

Snuggle in and watch the film!



Merry Christmas

### Step 3

Have a go at some of the activities. While you do, you could have a chat. What spoke to you in the film? Where do you see yourself or God in the film?

## Activities

### Let's get decorating!

Choose something that you saw in the film and liked, such as the train, the bell, the ticket, and make one for your tree.



### Sing for your supper!

Be inspired by the 'Hot Chocolate' song. Create your own song and dance routine for hot chocolate or maybe even your Christmas dinner.



### Christmas Eve Cookies

Make some biscuits or cookies to have (or leave out) on Christmas Eve. You could make them in the shape of Santa, the train, an elf, a star, anything! Enjoy.



## Wondering

In the film, the train becomes out of control, racing along the track like a rollercoaster and then hitting ice and skidding off the tracks. The conductor stands atop of the engine and shouts directions to the drivers, to get them back onto the track. When things start to feel out of control in your life, who gets you back on track?

Each ticket had a personal, individual message. What is your takeaway from that? What would your message be?

When Santa speaks to the young boy, he says, "Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart". What's in your heart? What does the spirit of Christmas look like?

