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Earth Day is great for raising awareness, but it isn't helpful if we only think about the environment once a year. Fortunately, kids love watching movies, and many family-friendly films touch on environmental topics. Keep your kids thinking about the health of our planet all year long. These movies have a strong environmental message you can share with your kids.

Wall-E

(G, 2008)

The truly all-ages Wall-E does so many things right it earned a 95% Fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes. The main plotline may be about a lonely robot's trip to outer space, but there's no overlooking the fact that Wall-E is lonely because humans have literally trashed the planet, making it uninhabitable. Even as audiences root for the little robot, the lesson of the film is clear: People made a mess of their planet, and people need to clean it up.

Nim's Island

(PG, 2008)

Critics were divided on the quality of Nim's Island. But kids will connect with Nim, a young girl who lives on an isolated island with her scientist father. When her father gets stranded at sea, Nim defends her pristine island from hordes of cruise ship passengers. Kids will miss the irony in Nim treating wildlife like pets. But they won't miss the point. The wilderness needs protection and kids don't need to wait for adults to do it for them