LITTLE RED WAGON

Inspired by an extraordinary true story

DISCUSSION GUIDE
WHAT IS ZACH DOING IN THE MOVIE: CHARITY OR PHILANTHROPY?

Does this logo illustrate a hand up or a hand out? What’s the difference?

What charities do you support?

Can you name some famous charities? Foundations?

Can you name some famous philanthropists?

Would you like to be a philanthropist?

Real Zach Bonner

Movie Zach Bonner

check out: Private Foundation vs Public Charity John Templeton Foundation Grantmaking Philosophy
TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE: HOW MUCH DO YOU DONATE YEARLY?

The average American volunteers 50 hours of his/her time annually to a needy cause.

More than one-third of all American volunteers coach, tutor, mentor, counsel, or perform artistically for needy causes.

In 2013, Americans donated $335.17 billion – the most of any country per capita.

check out: Time, Talent, Treasure
Best-selling book on the joys of generosity
Philanthropic Stats for the U.S.
WHAT CAUSE WOULD MOTIVATE YOU TO MARCH ACROSS AMERICA?

Is there someone you know who could really use some help?

Is there a problem in your neighborhood that you can help solve?

Zach was in elementary school when he started walking to help raise money and awareness for homeless kids in America.

check out: Zach’s March to The White House
IF YOU WERE LAURIE, WOULD YOU HAVE HANDLED KELLEY DIFFERENTLY?

If so ... how? And why?

check out: How Best To Handle Sibling Rivalry
WHY DO YOU THINK KELLEY CAME BACK TO FINISH THE WALK WITH ZACH AND LAURIE?

Her heart was not in it from the start.

She had a change of heart.

She re-joined the walk at the end!
DO YOU THINK ZACH IS BEHAVING SELFISHLY IN THE MOVIE?

What would you do if Zach were your brother or son?

“This’ll be fun, Kell. I was thinking you could be the publicity whatchamacallit. Calling the newspapers and radio people and TV people on the walk. I betcha you’ll like it better’n cooking.”

Feeling good about doing good is called the “Warm Glow Effect.”

check out: The Selfish Aspects of Doing Good
“Mom, I don’t have time to go traipsing after him all over Florida. I have a life, you know.”
LAURIE
“I can’t believe you went behind my back after I said, ‘no.’
There is no way we can do this.”

ZACH
“But I already announced it.”

LAURIE
“That is your problem, young man.
You can just call and tell them you changed your mind.”

ZACH
“But I want to do it!”

check out: Do philanthropic ends justify wrong means?
WHY WAS NANA GALLOWAY SO MEAN TO ZACH AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY?

check out: You're never too young to do something good!

NANA
“A little young to have your own foundation, bud.”

ZACH
“Maybe you can help us …”

NANA
“Sorry, bud, but Nana doesn’t get involved in anything that raises less than a million dollars.”

ZACH
“I can raise a million dollars.”

NANA
“A bit of advice, Jack …”

ZACH
“Zach.”

NANA
“Whatever. Listen up, bud. Do kid things. Stay a kid as long as you can. Leave this sort of thing to us adults.”
OUTSIDE THE HOMELESS SHELTER AT NIGHT, WHAT WAS ZACH THINKING ABOUT?

My own problems are nothing compared to being homeless.

How can I help more kids so that no one gets left out in the cold?

I wonder what it’s really like to be homeless?

What would you be thinking about?

check out: Create your own foundation!
Zach’s Extraordinary True Story

It all began in Summer, 2004, when Hurricane Charley left many Floridians homeless. Zach was only six years old, but he went around neighborhoods with his little red wagon and collected 27 truckloads of relief supplies!

Inspired by a woman calling herself the Peace Pilgrim, Zach decided to begin walking great distances to attract attention to the plight of the more than one million homeless kids in America. At age 10, he walked from Tampa to Tallahassee. But that was just for starters!

In 2008, he walked from Tallahassee to Atlanta. In 2009, from Atlanta to Washington DC. In 2010, at age 13, he marched across America – all the way to Santa Monica, CA! Roughly 2,500 miles!

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Now you can see why we made a movie about him and his philanthropy!

check out: Purchase DVD Zach’s Foundation! Official Movie Website