



You will need...

- “Up” the film
- Bible

The story

Character/Actions	Lines
	Good morning, it is great to be here for this Assembly. My name is X, I’m here from X Church
	Have you seen the film “Up”? It’s a great film. Something for everyone- laughter, tears...
	<p>Story of Carl, an elderly man, whose beloved wife died. Without his wife, his house has become his whole life. Everything he loves, everything he has; is in his house, and he never leaves it. It’s all he has.</p> <p>When Carl faces being thrown out of his house, he decides to keep a promise that he made to his dear wife, Ellie. He decides to travel to the place he has always dreamt of going- a certain waterfall in South America- a long, long, way away. Paradise Falls.</p> <p>The difficulty is that Carl promised Ellie he would take their house there! So he does. By attaching thousands and thousands of helium balloons to his house, he is able to lift the house out of the ground and float it away heading for South America.</p>



	<p>But to Carl's surprise, he has taken Russell with him. Russell is an 8 year old who means well, but whom Carl finds very difficult to like.</p> <p>Carl is forced to have his adventure with Russell. But it gets worse for him! In South America he ends up adopting a huge tropical bird, which he names Kevin and a talking dog called Dug. To Carl, these creatures just get in the way of his adventure, much like Russell.</p> <p>And then step in Charles Muntz, an explorer who we find out is a really horrible man.</p> <p>We're going to watch a clip where Carl has to decide between his house or Russell and the creatures. Which will he choose, the house he loves or his companions, who just seem to get in the way?</p>
<p>Watch "Up". Chapter 33, 1:20:00 until scene change at 1:22:32</p>	
	<p>Did you hear what Carl said? "It's just a house".</p> <p>When it came to the crunch, he knew that Russell, Kevin the bird and Dug the dog were worth more to him than his house. It may have contained many memories and loved places, but it didn't compare to his best friends.</p> <p>Carl knew what mattered most.</p> <p>It's not so easy to decide what matters most to us. We may think it is, until we have to choose.</p>
	<p>In the true stories of Jesus' life in the Bible, we read about a rich, young man who once walked up to Jesus and asked him what he had to do to be given life forever in Heaven with Jesus.</p> <p>The man explained that He had been good all of his life. He had kept the rules. He had done everything he thought he needed to do. Surely, that was enough for Jesus. But Jesus explained that there was one more thing needed.</p>



<p>Read Mark 10: 21</p>	<p>Jesus looked at him. "One thing you lack," he said, "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven. Then come follow me"</p>
	<p>What would this rich young man choose? Would he keep all of his riches, all of his money, all of his possessions? Or would he give it all away to the poor, follow Jesus and be certain of life forever with Him. What did he choose? Let's find out.</p>
<p>Read Mark 10: 22</p>	<p>"At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth."</p>
	<p>The rich, young man chose not to follow Jesus, and not have life forever with him. Jesus' friends who were standing with Jesus were shocked. They couldn't believe that this man wasn't allowed into Heaven. It made them wonder whether they would be allowed in. So they asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus' answer was amazing</p>
<p>Read Mark 10: 27.</p>	<p>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God"</p>
	<p>Jesus explained that God could do anything. They weren't to worry, they were safe with Jesus. Safe forever. They could trust him, but I guess they learnt a lesson that day. When they looked at all they had, all they loved, they had to put following Jesus before everything else. Following Jesus was the best choice because life with Him would be as good as it can be.</p>
	<p>Have you been wondering about what matter most to you? Do you think it's possible to value something too much, so much that they actually get in the way of you enjoying life. That was almost the problem for Carl, but he made a good decision.</p>



It certainly was the problem for the man who met Jesus. He got it wrong.

Let's make sure that we hold onto the things in our lives that are wonderful, and perhaps hold less tightly onto the things that don't matter so much.

Pray