

PINOCCHIO

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The movie starts at the home of the wood carver, Geppetto. There are music boxes, toys, amazing clocks and a puppet who is just "all strings and joints." Geppetto is just painting on the finishing touches before he heads off to bed. As the woodcarver drifts off to sleep, he says: "Wouldn't it be nice if the puppet were a real boy?" He then sends his cat Figaro to open the window. There they see a wishing star ... and he makes a wish. After he falls asleep, a fairy, the Blue Fairy, appears and brings the puppet, who name is Pinocchio, to life.

The newly living puppet then must learn to have a conscience, so it is decided that the narrator of the story, a cricket by the name of Jiminy, will be his guide so he will know what is good and what is evil.

Pinocchio begins his journey to become a "real boy," but first he has to learn to be brave, loyal and honest. He is kidnapped after he joins a traveling show so he can become a famous actor, but escapes with the help of the Blue Fairy. Pinocchio then must learn to survive on his own. He takes a trip to Pleasure Island. This is a place

where children go and they are allowed to play and never work, but the sinister truth is that they are all changed into donkeys and end up being shipped off to the salt mines. While he seems to keep making the wrong choices, once he realizes he will be turned into a donkey, he goes back home.

When he arrives home, he finds cobwebs and the house has been empty for some time. A note arrives that tells him where he can find his father, Geppetto, so he jumps into the ocean to find Monstro the whale, who (which) has trapped his father. Once under the sea, things get a bit scary and the whale is quite evil. But scariness and violence are often included in Disney's films as well as may old nursery rhymes.

This is about the magical power of believing in your dreams and also will teach children to be moral and choose the good in life. It teaches that lying is wrong and that a lie keeps growing and growing once it is told.

The classic song: "when you wish upon a star" first appeared in this film.