



**Captains Courageous** (1937)  
(116 minutes)

**Story:** This Rudyard Kipling classic tells the story of a rich and spoiled young boy (Freddie Bartholomew – an outstanding child actor) who falls from a luxury ocean liner and is picked up by a Portuguese fisherman (Spencer Tracy). If the fishing boat returns the boy to land the crew will lose their livelihood for the year. The young man must learn to work and be a part of the crew. The boy learns not only to work but to love and discovers what a true father/son relationship should be.

The acting is terrific and the message is powerful. It should be required viewing for all families! It's black and white, but your family will love it anyway. Spencer Tracy won an Oscar for Best-Supporting Actor.

**Category:** Drama

**Rating:** Not rated

**Values:** The value of work, parent/child relationships, integrity, belief in God

**Who Might Like This:** Younger children and up

**Cautions:** None

**Cast:** Spencer Tracy, Freddie Bartholomew, Lionel Barrymore, Mickey Rooney

**Movie Quote:** (Captain Manuel to Harvey's father) "You're still the boy's dad. A boy's never too old not to need a dad. You just hold the oars out to him. Someday he's going to lay into it and pull you right into his heart."

**Gospel Principle:** "Those who do too much for their children will soon find they can do nothing with their children. So many children have been so much done for they are almost done in" (Elder Neal A. Maxwell, *Ensign*, May 1975, 101).