



David Copperfield (2000)
(185 minutes)

Story: The David Copperfield tale is considered by many to be Charles Dickens' autobiography.

This delightful version stars Daniel Radcliffe (before his role as Harry Potter!) as a young David who finds his world turned upside down when his father dies and his mother marries a man who is extremely strict. His mother's death and his conflict with his step-father motivate young David to set out to find his Aunt Betsy Trotwood (Maggie Smith).

There are fortunes and misfortunes as David grows and interacts with characters that are wonderful, threatening, and delightful. You'll come to love David, Mr. Dick and Mr. Micawber. You'll loathe the Murdstones and Uriah Heep. And, like David, you may have trouble forgiving Steerforth. Dickens would have been pleased with this re-creation.

Category: Drama

Rating: Not rated

Values: The power of love and kindness vs. harshness and cruelty

Who Might Like This: Young teens and up

Cautions: David is beaten by his step-father. May be too intense for young children.

Cast: Daniel Radcliffe, Maggie Smith, Bob Hoskins

Gospel Principle: "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth. Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all" (Moroni 7:46).