



Sarah, Plain and Tall (1991)
(98 minutes)

Story: Patricia MacLachlan's touching novel of “Sarah, Plain and Tall” won the Newbery Award (given for the year's best children's book).

Jacob Witting (Christopher Walken) is a widowed man who still mourns his wife's death, but worries about the happiness of his children. He advertises for a wife who will “make a difference”.

Sarah Wheaton (Glenn Close) decides to accept the challenge for 30 days and leaves her sea-side home in Maine to travel to the Kansas farm. Though Sarah is warm and loving, Jacob quickly discovers that she is strong-willed and not hesitant to challenge his decisions. Sarah makes progress into the hearts of the children but soon realizes she may be facing an impossible task of entering the tightly locked heart of Jacob.

The story offers an inspiring example of learning to love one another through service, kindness, and respect. It pays tribute to the need for truth and courage in our family relationships and the power of love to heal our deepest wounds and heartaches.

Category: Drama

Rating: G (General Audiences)

Values: The valuable roles of mother and father, working out differences in relationships, learning to love through service

Who Might Like This: Ages 8 and up

Cautions: None

Cast: Glenn Close, Christopher Walken, Lexi Randall, Christopher Bell.

Gospel Principle: “Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 11:11).