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# CHRISTMAS JARS

A glass jar filled with coins, resting on a red knitted hat, with a grey sweater in the background.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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After seeing the special one-night showing of **CHRISTMAS JARS** in theaters on November 4, take some time to ask and answer these questions with your family or friends.

1. **CHRISTMAS JARS** is truly a story of Hope. What does the word hope mean to you?

2. Where is your hope found? Why?

3. What are some of your favorite Christmastime traditions? What makes them so special?

4. Like many of us, the police officer in the story is pretty cynical. How do you keep from becoming too cynical, especially at Christmastime?

5. Hope receives her Christmas Jar from an anonymous giver. Was there a time when you gave or did something special for someone without letting them know?

6. Have you ever been on the receiving end of an incredible gift of kindness at a time of need? What was that like for you?

7. We see Hope conflicted between telling a great story as a journalist and honoring her new friends' desire to not be recognized for the good they do. Talk about a time when you had to make a difficult choice.

8. We first see the Maxwell family giving a Christmas Jar that held their entire Christmas savings. Would you have trouble not being able to give gifts to your family if you did the same? Why?

9. Forgiveness plays an important role in the movie. As we enter the holiday season, is there someone you need to ask for or offer forgiveness to?

10. Should we begin our own tradition of giving away a Christmas Jar? Who do you know that might be in need of a Christmas jar this year?