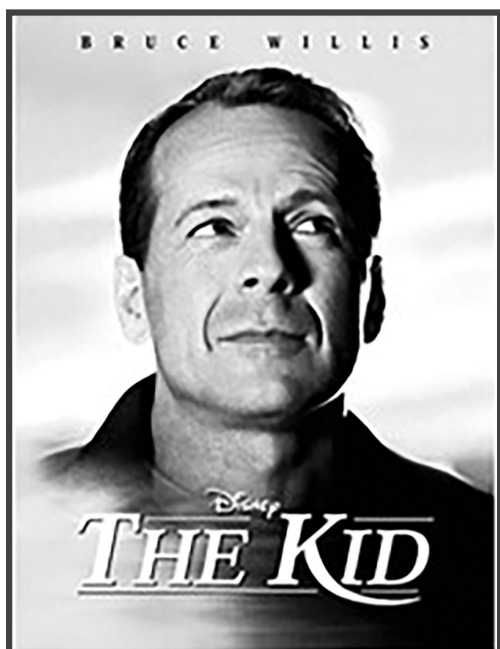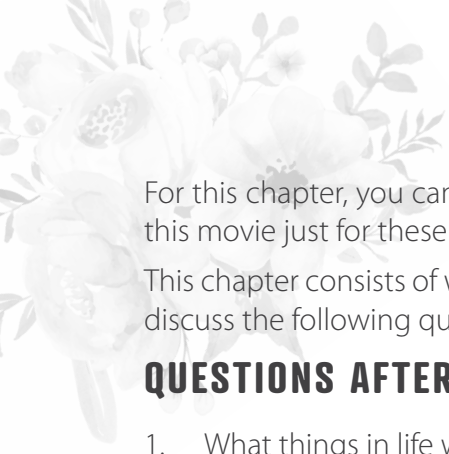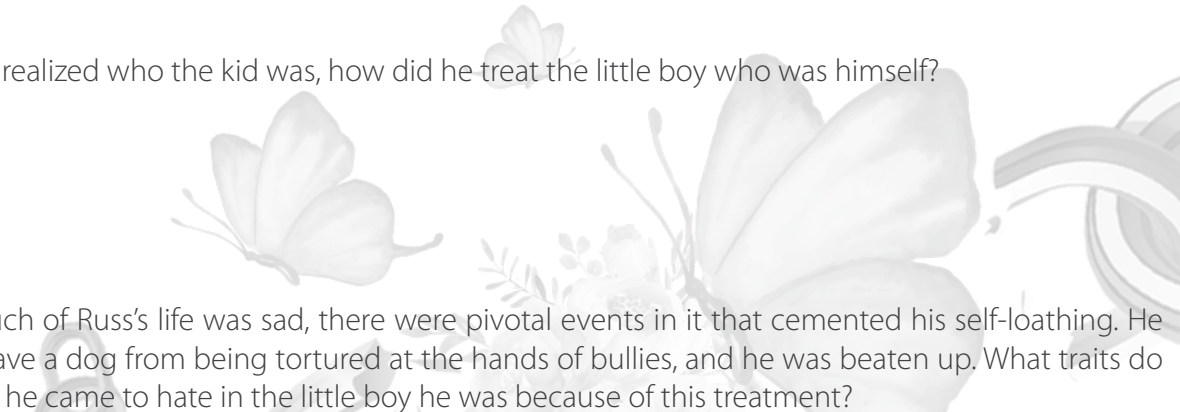# Chapter Nine

THE KID

For this chapter, you can pop popcorn, sit back, and watch a movie. I have often said that Disney created this movie just for these lessons! When you watch it, you will see why.

This chapter consists of watching *The Kid*, a movie starring Bruce Willis. After you watch it with your mentor, discuss the following questions and explore making the applications to all you have learned.

QUESTIONS AFTER WATCHING THE KID

1. What things in life were important to Russ?

2. What traits in others did he hold in contempt?

3. When he realized that the little boy was him, what was his opinion of himself as a kid?

4. How did his contempt for himself as a kid affect his choices and attitudes as an adult?

5. When he realized who the kid was, how did he treat the little boy who was himself?

6. While much of Russ's life was sad, there were pivotal events in it that cemented his self-loathing. He tried to save a dog from being tortured at the hands of bullies, and he was beaten up. What traits do you think he came to hate in the little boy he was because of this treatment?

7. His father, in a moment of anguish, made an accusation to him that seared his soul and shaped his view of himself for a lifetime. What was it?

8. Russ's father was consumed with his wife. His treatment of Russ was a reaction to his grief and anger. He didn't mean to hurt Russ. Even so, what damage was done?

9. When Russ was able to see his father's statement in the context of his father's fear and anger, how did it affect his attitude toward his dad?

10. At what point did Russ start the healing process?

11. When he started to champion and love the kid who he was, what changes occurred in him as an adult?

12. After watching this movie, do you understand better why you cannot heal and live life fully and freely until you begin to love and cherish the little girl you once were?