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# Family-friendly Valentine's Day films

Ditch the romantic date night and opt for a cozy evening on the couch with a movie and popcorn plus the ones you love.

### Pick Pixar

**"Up" (2009):** This is the story of an elderly widower and a young Wilderness Explorer who embark on the adventure of a lifetime in a balloon-powered house. The love story of Carl the widower and his wife, Ellie, is very heartfelt and moving.

**"Wall-E" (2008):** Critics have called "Wall-E" a masterpiece, a work of art. On one level, it is a simple story of love between Wall-E, an old waste-collecting robot (Wall-E is short for Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class) and Eve, a modern, egg-shaped robot. But on another level, the movie is about consumerism, ecology and humanity. All that in one animated film, which has barely any dialogue during the first half.

### Share the '80s

**"The Princess Bride" (1987):** You can probably still recite this movie's line from memory: "My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die." This is just one of the memorable quotes from the 1980s classic "The Princess Bride." It's a fantasy-comedy-and-adventure-romance that tells the tale of Westley and Buttercup and their true love. A wacky cast of characters includes Prince Humperdink, Vizzini and Fezzik (played by Andre the Giant, a French professional wrestler who was 7 feet 4 inches tall).



**"Pretty in Pink" (1986):** Remember high school without mobile phones and social media? This is the backdrop for the love triangle between working-class high school senior Anie, rich proppy kid Blane and her best friend Duckie. It can be a bit corny when you watch it now, but the fashions alone are a moment in history and the soundtrack is one of the best film soundtracks of our time. After sharing this movie with your teens and tweens, you'll all be singing "If You Leave" and "Pretty in Pink" by the end of Valentine's Day.

### Go old-school

**"Mickey & Minnie's Sweetheart Series":** "Mickey & Minnie's Sweetheart Series" is an heartwarming collection of old Disney animation shorts featuring Mickey and Minnie, Donald and Daisy and more. Our personal favorite stars Mickey's lovable dog, Pluto, in "Pluto's Heart Throb."



**"Lady and the Tramp" (1955):** "Lady and the Tramp" is the ultimate romantic cartoon movie. How can you forget the adventures of Tramp, the free-wheeling mutt, and Lady, the pampered cocker spaniel? That spaghetti-sharing scene to the tune of "Bella Notte" is a Valentine classic!