RECOMMENDED FILM

Courses: 3rd and 4th year ESO

Skill: GENEROSITY

Film: MAKTUB

Month: December



FILM INFO

<u>Title</u>: Maktub

<u>Director</u>: Paco Arango

Year: 2011

<u>Duration</u>: 113 minutes <u>Production</u>: Spain <u>Genre</u>: Drama

Music: Nathan Wang

Streaming services where available:









SYNOPSIS

Manolo is going through a severe crisis, his work routine is unbearable, his marriage to Beatriz is at an all-time low and his relationship with his sons is not good. One day he meets Antonio, a 15-year old boy from the Canary Islands who has cancer, but with a will to live that is so contagious that Manolo's life takes a radical turn. Antonio's mother, Manolo's mother and her special friend, the family neighbour, a funny food delivery man, an extravagant nurse and a long list of characters change Manolo's tedious life upside down.

QUOTES FROM THE FILM

"When a miraculous coincidence suddenly occurs in our lives, what do we think? That it is simply an unimportant coincidence or do we say MAKTUB: it was something already written in our destinies that had to happen?"

"I was the other way around, I didn't believe in anything before and now I have no doubt at all. What's above is a paradise and I'm going straight there. Without going to prison. My mother will be left here alone and like you, she doesn't believe in anything. She's going to think that I don't exist."

"I'm going to tell you a secret. I'm here on a secret mission. My boss Is God and he sent me to Earth to help. But I had to get sick, it was part of the deal."

"And you, Manolo, be happy and begin to believe that Paradise exists."

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR FILM GROUP

- 1. Why is Antonio always happy, even though he has a serious illness and is about to die?
- 2. Why do you think that Antonio changed Manolo's life?
- 3. What do you think about what Antonio says about his faith? What is faith for you?
- 4. What gestures of love, solidarity and generosity appear in the film?