



# A GUIDE TO PIXAR'S SOUL

*"For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well," (Psalm 139)*

## Characters

- Joe Gardner
- 22
- Dorothea Williams
- Libba Gardner
- Jerry
- Terry
- Moonwind

## Themes to pay attention to:

- *Identity/Purpose* - Is purpose the same as your job or talent?
- *Being Present* - How can we pay more attention to the beauty in the ordinary?
- *Soul* imagines a system with a "Great Before" & "Great Beyond". How does this relate to our understanding of creation and eternity?

## Guided Questions

Joe thinks his "spark" (his talent for jazz) is what makes his life worth living. Do you think God sees it the same way?

22 struggles to find meaning and self-worth. Have you ever felt that way? What helped?

Read *Psalm 139*. We are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God, and children of God before anything else. How does this effect our understanding about the foundation of our identity?

Throughout the movie, Joe and 22 have friends who point out a different perspective. From Dez in the barber shop, to Libba, Joe's mother. Who are the people in your life who help you to gain perspective and stay present?

How can you live with purpose now – even as a middle schooler?