



Paper Clips (2006)
(84 minutes)

Story: This powerful documentary teaches at least two important messages: 1) the dangers of prejudice and 2) the influence a small group of people can have on thousands (maybe millions!)

In 1998 two teachers in the small community of Whitwell, Tennessee wanted to help their students develop a greater appreciation for other cultures and other nationalities. They decided to have their students study the Holocaust.

When the students learned of Hitler's annihilation of six million Jews, one student asked, "What is six million?" The students and teachers came up with the idea of collecting 6 million paper clips to gain a sense of the enormous loss of life.

The students wrote letters to everyone they could think of, asking for paper clips to represent each Jewish life taken. The events are touching as students receive paper clips (and visitors) from all over the world. You'll be amazed at the far-reaching effects of a small group of students.

The documentary starts a bit slow, but your patience will pay off with a great message for your family.

Category: Documentary

Rating: Not rated

Values: Tolerance and overcoming prejudice, the influence of individuals

Who Might Like This: Teens and up

Cautions: None

Principle: "Prejudices, it is well known, are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education."
– Charlotte Bronte