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Score Range		
-1.0 — -0.75	-0.75 — 0.25	0.25 — 1.0

	Score	Magnitude
Document Sentiment	0.1	7.4
here's a rarity : a children's film that attempts to tackle a weighty subject , is there a god ?	-0.1	0.1
done well , it could have been a gem among the wasteland of modern children's cinema .	0.5	0.5
unfortunately , it isn't . with jumbled messages , and an unclear audience , wide awake was better left asleep .	-0.8	0.8
fifth grader joshua beal (joseph cross) is in the middle of a moral crisis .	0.3	0.3
his beloved grandfather (robert loggia) has died , and joshua has begun a quest . he wants to find god , to discover why bad things happen .	0	0
this religious quest is slightly disturbing for his parents (dana delany and denis leary) , but they do their best to cope with their son as he explores different religious faiths . at his catholic school , his favorite teacher , sister terry (rosie o'donnell) , tries to give him guidance , but this is a journey he must make on his own .	0.9	0.9
meanwhile , he is having the most momentous year of his life .	0	0
he has several adventures with his daredevil best friend dave (timothy reifsnyder) , he gets his first crush , and begins to wake up to the world around him while he is on his spiritual journey .	0.5	0.5
it is somewhat confusing as to what the real audience for wide awake is expected to be . on its surface , it appears to be a kid's film .	-0.3	0.3
however , it deals with serious issues , and is likely to be boring for today's instant-gratification kids . and while it might seem heartening to see that someone is trying to produce something thoughtful for the kidvid audience , wide awake asks serious questions , but only delivers a cheap gimmick for an answer .	0	0
if there were a bit more meat in the story , adults on a nostalgic bent might get a kick out of the movie .	0.2	0.2
the actors who might have created a great cast (o'donnell , leary and delany) are wasted in roles that amount to little more than cameos .	0.1	0.1

the nostalgic elements (best friend , favorite teacher , first crush , etc .) have been done much better in other movies , and actually seem more like filler here .	0.7	0.7
the film's strongest scenes are some touching flashbacks depicting joshua's relationship with his grandfather .	0.4	0.4
they show more depth than is present anywhere else in the movie .	0.3	0.3
maybe the film would have been better if , instead of playing the relationship through flashbacks , it were set entirely during joshua's last year with his grandpa .	0	0
it certainly would have been more entertaining .	0.4	0.4
wide awake can best be described as a failed experiment .	0	0
it starts out with noble aspirations , but never delivers on its promise .	-0.5	0.5
parents who do take their children to see this one ought to be prepared to answer some tough questions . . . that is if their kids aren't bored to death first .	0.5	0.5