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Close-up look

In the late 1800s, movies were just getting started. They were short and strange by today's standards. An 1894 movie, for example, caused a lot of excitement even though all it showed was a man sneezing. Thomas Edison produced the movie. He was the inventor who developed the electric lightbulb.



The movie of the sneeze ran on a Kinetoscope. Only one person at a time could look into the machine at the movie. In 1896, people in New York City crowded into a theater to watch the first public motion picture. By today's standards, it wasn't very exciting either. There was no story. Instead, it was a bunch of images of moving trains and streetcars. Still, people were amazed!

Technology has come a long way since that time. Today, there are many kinds of movies and television programs. Some are bad choices for Christians because they contain things that don't please God. Others can be entertaining. They make us laugh or help us learn new things.

Did you know some films have been used to tell people about Jesus? Missionaries sometimes show movies about Jesus in remote parts of the world where people rarely see moving pictures. The movies — and the gospel — are brand new to them!

You may never be an actor or movie producer, but your life can broadcast the truth about Jesus. When you make God-honoring choices about things like what you watch and how you treat others, people will notice. You will be a living, moving picture of what it means to live for Jesus.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:17, NIV).



Did you know?

Long before movies were invented, people attended live theater shows. William Shakespeare, who lived in England from 1564 to 1616, wrote many famous plays that are still performed today. He was also a stage actor.

Even in the late 1920s, most films were silent. The 1927 movie *The Jazz Singer* had music. But only about 350 words were spoken.

Try this!

Ask an adult for an old glove to make finger puppets. Add things like beads and yarn to create eyes and hair. Make each finger a unique character. Use your new finger puppet cast to put on a play for your family.

JUST FOR laughs

What do you call an actor in an old cowboy movie?
A shooting star.



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