

Use “The Scene” to introduce “More Than Entertainment” the High School Sunday school lesson for July 19, 2020. The lesson is found on page 43 of *High School Teacher* by 21st Century Christian.

the SCENE

Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

“Everything I learned I learned from the movies.” —Audrey Hepburn

“Give them pleasure. The same pleasure they have when they wake up from a nightmare.”
—Alfred Hitchcock

“It’s funny how the colors of the real world only seem really real when you watch them on a screen.”
—Anthony Burgess

“I believe films are a piece of art. They are meant to be what they’re meant to be, and sometimes the artist is informed by the film of what it needs to be.” —Ava DuVernay

“Film is not the art of scholars, but of illiterates.” —Werner Herzog

“We love films because they make us feel something. They speak to our desires, which are never small. They allow us to escape and dream and to gaze into the eyes that are impossibly beautiful and huge. They fill us with longing. But also, they tell us to remember; they remind us of life. Remember, they say, how much it hurts to have your heart broken.” —Nina LaCour

“It’s not what a movie is about, it’s how it is about it.” —Roger Ebert

“Where I think the most work needs to be done is behind the camera, not in front of it.”
—Denzel Washington

The quotes above were obtained from www.goodreads.com. As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above quotes to read. Then discuss in this way:

Take one or two of these quotes that you find most interesting and talk about them with a few people around you. What does the quote mean? What is it saying about movies? Do you think it rings true or not? Why?

What do you like about movies? What do you not like about movies?

Do you think you can learn something about God or faith from watching movies? Can you only learn from Christian movies? Explain your answer.

We learn a lot through our eyes. Think of the images you can recall from your favorite TV shows and movies. God knows how much we learn by seeing. Today we’ll discover the powerful imagery He uses in the Bible to help us “see” eternal truth.

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