

Christian "R"- Rated Movies

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- [4 players – a Dad, a Mom, and two children]
- [Time: approximately 5-7 minutes]

Setting: *A quiet Sunday afternoon at home*

Dad reading the newspaper, Mom reading a book

Children enter from back of sanctuary toward Mom and Dad

Kids are holding a bag of videos -- fighting and arguing over who gets to hold the bag, and who gets to ask Mom and Dad "the question"

Mark -- "Michael, you know what Dad said about R-rated videos! Now give me that bag!"

Michael -- "I don't care, these are different!"

Mark -- "Mom, make him give me the bag!"

Michael -- "No, I had it first"

Dad -- "Hold on, what's going on here? Is there nothing in this house you two won't fight over?! Give me that bag!"

(Michael hands bag to Dad)

Dad -- "What's in here?"

Mark -- "Just some videos, Dad"

Mom -- "Dear, I told them they could watch Barney and Sesame Street"

Michael -- "But these are 'R'-rated movies..."

Mom and Dad -- "**R**-rated ?!!! You know what we told you about R-rated movies! Where did you get these?!"

Mark -- "But Dad, these are special "R"-rated movies!"

Dad -- "I'll say they're special! -- They're off limits to you guys!!"

Mark -- "But Dad, these are **Christian** "R"-rated movies!!"

Mom -- "Whoever heard of such a thing!"

Dad -- "Yeah, give me a break..."

Michael -- "Really, Dad, just look at them..."

Dad -- "Well, ok..."

(Dad opens bag, pulls out videos one at a time, and starts reading titles)

Dad -- "Let's see here... well, there's 'Revenge of the Freewill Baptists', ...and here's 'Televangelists from Outer Space'...'Catholic Chainsaw Massacre'..."

(Michael picks up a video cover, looks it over, then asks...)

Michael -- "Mom and Dad,...what's that word?" (pointing to the video case)

(Mom, Dad, and Mark look at the word together, then gasp together, then get in Michael's face with finger over their mouths, making the "shush" sound)

Dad -- "OK, where were we?... OK, 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Nazarenes',...and here's 'Wesleyan Warlords' and ..."

Michael -- "Mom and Dad, what does R-rated mean?"

Dad -- "It's just a label that the movie industry puts on to warn you about the content -- usually sex or violence"

Michael -- "What's sex and violence?"

(again, a group gasp, and a "shush" sound)

Dad -- "Son how old are you now?"

Michael -- "I'm 10"

Dad to Mom -- "Well dear, I didn't think we'd have to do this so soon, but I think we better take care of it now."

Mom -- "Sad to say, but you're right, let's take care of it right now."

(Mom and Dad takes him to corner of church, backs to congregation, converging over Michael. Mark reads a few more videos to the congregation...)

Mark -- "Hmm, here's 'The Beer Hunter', starring pastor (*your pastor's name*),.... And I wonder what Dad would say about 'Attack of the Mennonites'?"

(Mom and Dad return with Michael -- Michael with duct tape over his mouth, making muffled noises)

Dad -- "Well, that's a relief. I'm glad that's over with. Now, where was I? ...Let's see -- 'I Was A Teenage Presbyterian'?'Billy Graham vs. Godzilla'?!!" Look guys, these videos probably all have bad stuff in them -- I'm sorry, but your mother and I just can't let you watch them."

Mark -- "Wait a minute, Dad, you look at bad stuff every day"

Dad -- "What do you mean?"

Mark -- "Just read a couple of the headlines from your newspaper..."

Dad -- "Well, there's 'Suicide Bombers Kill 14 in Jerusalem'.... and 'Earthquake Kills 28,000 in Iran'.... and 'Sexual Predator Caught in Springfield...and...'"

Michael -- *(who has loosened half of the duct tape from his mouth)* "Mom, what's a 'Sectional Predator'?"

(group gasp and shush) (Mom re-attaches duct tape across Michael's mouth)

Dad -- "Mark, I can't argue with your point...but,..."

Mom -- "You see, kids, our minds are like computers -- what you put into them is basically what's going to come out in your thoughts, words and the things you do."

Dad -- "That's true, dear...."

Michael -- "Dad, what does the Bible say about all this?...."

Dad -- "Well, let's take a look...."

(Dad reads a couple of Scriptures on what we're to focus on, and regarding setting our hearts on things above...e.g., Colossians 3:1 and Philippians 4:8)

Mark -- "Wow, that's kind of hard to do, when you're around people at school who say bad things....or when you read about all the bad stuff going on in the world..."

Mom -- "Nobody said it would be easy, son, but just trust Jesus -- He knows your heart and your intentions, and He'll help you."

Mark -- "But where does this leave us...can't we do anything with videos? I'm sick of Barney and Sesame Street!"

(Dad picks up paper, and turns to the entertainment section)

Dad -- "Hey guys, there's a 'Leave It To Beaver' festival on TV tonight"

Mark -- "But Dad, that's only on the cable, and we don't get cable 'cause you wouldn't let us have it!"

Michael -- "Hey, Uncle Bob has cable!"

(all look surprised and excited)

Dad -- "Hey, that's right!!! OK guys, last one to Uncle Bob's is a Calvinist!!!"

(family runs jumping and shouting joyfully, exiting to back of sanctuary)

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