

Madagascar

Inspiration ...

Watch the whole film if you can. If you can't, here is the link to the trailer:

 https://youtu.be/orAqhC-Hp_o



According to IMDb as of Sept 2022 the certificate for this film is: **U**

Biblical Reference:

Matthew 28: 18-20

'Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'
(New International Version)



Prayer

Lord, we thank You that when we commit our lives to You, that You have an exciting and 'wild' life in store for us. We pray that when we think about what it means to live for You, that we aren't hindered by a desire for comfort and safety. Show us Lord how to be brave, like Jesus in our everyday lives. Amen.

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Stepping out of comfort zones

Link exploration:

In the film 'Madagascar' we meet a bunch of 'wild' animals in a zoo. They live the life of luxury, they are fed and groomed and adored by people. One day Marty (the Zebra) realises there is something missing. Marty can't shake the feeling that he was meant for something more than the life he has at the zoo. We see this restlessness result in the whole gang ending up in Madagascar- the true wild. Where they suddenly must fend for themselves and live truly 'wildly'- as nature intended.

I wonder if Jesus looks at Christians and churches sometimes like this. We have got so used to living in comfort, never having to step out of our comfort zones, but perhaps, realistically Jesus intended us to live a much broader life. We see in the Bible the disciples going from place to place (most of the time to places they weren't welcome) telling people about Jesus, healing people from sickness and death, being beaten up and imprisoned and killed for these actions. But we never read that the disciples regretted it. I wonder if they felt they had lived their lives open and free as God had intended.

As Christians, we are called to be brave and step out and do the things that others won't. How often do you feel you are living like this?

Personal challenge

- Who do you most identify with in the film Madagascar? Why?
- What are the pros and cons to living like your character?
- Make some notes in a journal.

