

# Showing Films in Church Activities

Entertainment, Outreach & Visual Aids for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



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## **Do you use film scenes or show films in church activities?**

If so, you must first ensure that you have obtained permission even if you're only showing a 30-second scene.

This is because pre-recorded videos and DVDs that you can buy or rent from shops are only intended for personal home use, not public viewing such as in your church building, hall or bookshop.

Since CCLI is an agent to both Christian Video Licensing International (CVLI) and the Performing Right Society (PRS), you don't need to contact every film producer each time you would like to show a film.



## The licence(s) required depends upon the circumstances in which you are showing films:

**1 Film Scenes to Illustrate Sermon Points**  
Adding film scenes into your sermons, talks or discussions can be a great way of visually expressing the point that you are trying to make, especially in children's or youth groups. You can choose films that have been produced from a wide range of Christian and secular producers such as Dreamworks SKG, Disney, 20th Century Fox, Universal and Big Ideas Inc (VeggieTales).

**Licence:** The Church Video Licence (CVL)

### With the CVL you can:

- Show any number of film scenes from the producers covered by the licence scheme.
- Cue up the start and end time of a film scene for your presentation to deliver multi-media sermons.
- Show a film scene on a particular topic and prepare some questions for a discussion, using the film to demonstrate ideas.
- Show a film scene in your church to promote your film evenings.



### Looking for Ideas?

Having a copyright licence can open the door to new opportunities for your church. Visit [www.ccli.co.uk](http://www.ccli.co.uk) and find out how to take full advantage of your licence(s).

#### Not sure which licence(s) you need?

The Quick Guide Licence Table at [www.ccli.co.uk/quick-guide](http://www.ccli.co.uk/quick-guide) will help you determine which licences you require.

#### FAQs

[www.ccli.co.uk/faqs](http://www.ccli.co.uk/faqs)

#### Forums

[www.ccli.co.uk/about/forums](http://www.ccli.co.uk/about/forums)

**2 Entire Film Shows for Entertainment or Teaching**  
Showing films as part of your church activities can be a great way to bring your congregation together and to bring people into your church as part of an outreach programme.

**Licence:** Church Video Licence (CVL) and Performing Right Society (PRS) Church Licence



### With the CVL/PRS you can:

- Host film nights for your congregation.
- Show films in your children's and youth meetings.
- Show films in your church and invite people to bring their friends.
- Show any number of film scenes from the producers signed.

With this option you will also be covered for playing or performing music in church. Visit [www.ccli.co.uk/playing-music](http://www.ccli.co.uk/playing-music) for more information.

### Producers

The number of studios and producers covered by the CVL increases continually. Visit [www.ccli.co.uk/film-producers](http://www.ccli.co.uk/film-producers) for an up-to-date list before choosing your film.

### Licence Fees

Licence fees are based on the average number of people attending your main service. If you already hold a licence from CCLI, any additional licences you purchase will be charged a pro-rated fee in order to match the expiry date of your existing licence(s). Contact a member of our Sales Team on **01323 436103** for pricing information.

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