



## Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

# Land of the Lost (2009 Movie)

### Media Information

**Rating:** **PG-13**  
**Year:** 2009  
**Director:** Brad Silberling  
**Stars:** Will Ferrell  
Anna Friel

### Clip Description

DVD Time: 3:57-9:38  
(Chapter 3 of the DVD)

This movie, loosely based on a 1970's TV show of the same name, tells the story of Dr. Rick Marshall (Will Ferrell), a scientist whose beliefs get him laughed out of science until a grad student urges him on, propelling them into another world in which they must save the world and so he is vindicated.

**Disclaimer:** This film is quite full of crude & inappropriate language & behavior. Adult previewing is recommended. Clip includes "bitch slap of truth."

### Related

#### Scripture:

Matthew 5:11  
Matthew 10:34-39

#### Catechism:

#2100  
#1026

### Faith Connection

To be clear: this is a bad movie. Whole chunks made me cringe. But I admit: parts made me laugh. And, I actually did care enough about Rick that his redemption was welcome. That said, note the disclaimer! Comedies can be hard to connect to faith because many of them don't bother too much with story but just string together gags to get enough laughs to justify the cost. And yet, *Land of the Lost* does tell a story of redemption. Rick had given up everything for his belief: his money, his reputation, his career. And isn't that the kind of believe, the kind of faith, we're called to have in Jesus? Jesus called his disciples by inviting them to literally lay everything down (nets, family, life) and walk away with him. He taught that to have faith in him would divide families, bring persecution, perhaps even demand your death. (Not the pop version warm and fuzzy all-about-love Christianity, is it?!) To believe in Jesus is like believing in time warps: it's risky. But we also believe that the redemption is worth it; not because we get to tell Matt Lauer to 'suck it' but rather because we receive everlasting happiness in God's presence, if willing to put all the things of this world on the line for Christ.

### Discussion Questions

1. How much do you risk for your faith?
2. What have you ever given up because of your faith/morals/beliefs?
3. How much priority do you put on 'worldly things' (like reputation or possessions) compared to 'heavenly things' (like self-sacrifice or service)?
4. Why is it so much easier to pursue those 'worldly things' than the 'heavenly'?

