



## **Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull**

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Indiana Jones adventure film though there has been a 20 year gap since the last one! It is a typical Indiana film with chases and danger around every corner. Indiana is a professor in a college and is enjoying his quiet life until he hears that his old friend has disappeared and that the legend of the crystal skull has something to do with it. Immediately he goes to the rescue risking everything for his friend and the skull.



See the film first, then in your next session together recall as much of the film as you can together on a large sheet of paper. Look at the 2 passages of scripture together - Matthew 13:44-46 and Acts 20:22-24.

### **Risk everything until you get it**

Indiana Jones risks everything-his life and those of his companions until he gets what he wants (the crystal skull and to rescue his friend). In the first 20 minutes of the film he survives a free-form drag race, a shootout, a battle of wits, a magnetized shootout, a swing through the roof-rafters of Hanger 51 and a jet-train ride across the desert. And even an atomic blast!

The story Jesus tells shows the same willingness to risk everything for the goal of obtaining something special. We see this same determination in Paul as he writes in Acts. No matter what happens to Paul he will go where God sends him and do what God calls him to do. He too is willing to risk everything even knowing there will be 'hard times and imprisonment ahead'.

### **Ideas for discussion**

What would you give up things for?

Eg Going to Wembley to see your team in a final? Tickets to hear your favourite group? Excellent exam results?

What would you risk for it? What would you be willing to give up?

Indiana Jones risked his life for what?

Why was it so important to him?

What is that important in your life?

Would you sell everything you had like the finder of the treasure?

Would you risk 'hard times' like Paul to get it?

Why do you think Paul was willing to risk so much?

The person who found the treasure wanted to keep it – but what was Paul's goal?

How much would you risk for your faith/for something you felt God wanted you to do or say?

**Discussion Questions for groups wanting to look more deeply into faith**

Look at scripture: Acts 20:22-24 and Matthew 16:21

Indiana Jones risked his life for what?

What drove him to do this?

What did Paul think might happen to him?

Why was he going to risk that?

Would it be easy for him?

What would you risk if you felt God wanted you to do something?

Did Jesus know what was to happen to him in Jerusalem? (if they are unsure you could look at his words in Gethsemane - Matt 26 v36-46)

Why was his willing to do this?

Was it easy for him?

Why did God let him do it?

What was the purpose?

What difference do these stories of Paul and Jesus make to you today?

To your faith?

To the way you live?