One of our most frequently asked questions is, “How do I determine if a movie is covered under the Church Video License?”

- Though there may be a number of legitimate websites containing movie information to reference, in this example, we’ll use the IMDb (Internet Movie Database) website.
- (Disclaimer: CVLI and MPLC are in no way affiliated with IMDb and does not endorse or control the accuracy of the content contained therein.)
- Go to IMDb.com
  - In the search field at the top, enter part of the movie title and press the magnifying glass.
  - The more exact you are, the better the results.
  - For our example, type in “Star Trek”
- A list of titles with “Star Trek” in the name appears.
  - #1 is the 1966 Star Trek TV series
  - #2 is the 2009 movie, Star Trek
  - #3 is the 1979 movie, Star Trek: The Motion Picture
- We want #2: Star Trek from 2009.
  - Go over the details to make sure this is the exact movie you want: short synopsis, director, actors, watch the trailer, etc.
  - Scroll down to “Company Credits,” and at the end of the line which says, “Production Co:” click “See more >>”
- There are two main lists:
  - The first list is “Production Companies,” the studios which produced the movie.
  - And the second list is “Distributors,” the studios with distribution rights, this is the list we’re after.
  - When searching for movies, always use the “Distributors” list.
  - When searching for TV programs, always use the “Production Companies” list.
- Search the list for the distributor:
  - In this case, the studio is “Paramount Pictures.”
  - Paramount Pictures has the USA Theatrical rights or the Public Performance Rights for this movie in the USA.
- Next, go to cvli.com
  - On the top, right of the screen, hover your mouse over “Producers,” and click on the package your facility has.
  - Let’s use the “Total Package.”
  - Review the alphabetical list to see if this producer is listed.
  - It is! This movie is covered under the CVLI Church Video License Total Package.

Thanks for doing what’s right and joining the thousands of Churches worldwide who are covered under the Church Video License!