

1 These are some of the impressive achievements of Steven Spielberg as a film director:
Jaws (1975),
Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977),
Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981),
Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984),
Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988),
Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989),
Hook (1991),
Jurassic Park (1993),
Schindler's List (1993),
The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997),
Amistad (1998).

2 Which famous film is missing from that list?

3 “E.T. - the Extra-Terrestrial” was released on this day, 11th June, in 1982. E.T. is left behind on earth - alone and without a friend. His rescuer is a child, and he is sheltered and then rescued by other children. The film is seen from a child’s point of view, and all the heroes are children. The film leaves people “feeling good”.

4 The direction of these films has been a great achievement - all the more so since Steven Spielberg’s schooldays were not happy. He was called names, was ‘put down’ and laughed at, and was the last to be chosen when everyone had to play in sports teams.

5 *Let us pray:*
Lord Jesus,
 we can read in the Gospel
 of your attitude
 towards those
 whom others looked down on.

6 **Zacchaeus, the tax-collector,**
 was rejected by others,
 but you called him by his name
 and ate in his house.

7 **You did not condemn the woman**
 who was about to be stoned
 for adultery,
 but you called her
 to change her life.


8 **The woman**
 who was drawing water from the well
 was there in the midday heat,
 cut off by others
 because she was a Samaritan.
 Yet she was one of the very few
 whom you told directly
 that you were the Messiah.


9 **You have told us**
 not to be afraid or anxious,
 and you said that the last will be first.
You assure us
 that, as God the Father
 even takes care of sparrows,
 we are worth more
 than hundreds of sparrows.

10 **We think of people**
 being ‘put down’ or ‘bullied’
 and we ask you this day, Lord,
 to remind us of the respect
 that each person deserves.

Lead us
 to be as encouraging and positive
 to others
 as we would like them to be to us.
Amen.



 *The prayer is based on:*
 6 - Lk 19¹⁻¹⁰
 7 - Jn 8¹⁻¹¹
 8 - Jn 4⁵⁻⁴²
 9 - Jn 14¹, Mt 20¹⁶, Mt 10²⁸⁻³¹.

 Be not afraid; Here I am, Lord

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