

The Lost Medallion

(MeThinx Entertainment)

The action-adventure genre doesn't normally fall under the category of family-friendly entertainment—and it certainly isn't often associated with biblical morals. But MeThinx Entertainment's *The Lost Medallion: The Adventures of Billy Stone*, scheduled for release this month, is both.

The movie, based on a series of novels by Bill Muir, features life lessons for children that parents can rally behind: teamwork, the triumph of good over evil and the importance of each person to God. The film also contains minimal violence.

Alex Kendrick, associate pastor of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Ga., and co-creator of the Christian films *Facing the Giants*, *Fireproof* and *Courageous*, plays Daniel, who stops to make a donation at a foster home where he grew up and is convinced to forego a playoff baseball game to tell the resident children a story.

Off the cuff, Daniel intrigues the children with the tale of Billy and Allie (played by Billy Unger and Sammi Hanratty), a pair of teens who recover a long-lost medallion that takes them back in time. In their travels, the two hook up with an arrogant young king and his friend, as well as a wise old man, and are caught up in an effort to save the king's island people from an evil warlord.

Kendrick urges parents to take their children to see the film—if not for the entertainment, then for the biblical message it conveys.

"Our kids' hearts are under attack from the deception of 'destructive lies' found in media and our culture and the words of 'mean kids,'" Kendrick says. "This is a film that every family should see ... twice."