

## 2020 VISION WALK THIS WAY



**Key verse: Nehemiah 10:29 (ESV)**

*'enter into... an oath to walk in God's Law'*

**Key verse: Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)**

*"wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."*

### WALK THIS WAY

You've probably seen the movie or read 'The Chronicles of Narnia'. Well, when I was a kid my brother and I were addicted to the BBC version that was on TV. That was the best version! No CGI. Just full grown adults dressed up as badgers and wolves. It was awesome! In the sequel called 'Prince Caspian' the children are trying to find their way to Caspian, but they become lost. Lucy, the youngest of the four sees Aslan (the lion) in the distance on another path to the way they're going. She believes that he's there as a warning, that he wants them to go down that path and not the other. Lucy's frustrated with the others when they won't go that way and says 'If you head that way, you'll head straight into danger!' In this story Aslan represents Jesus.

When I was a teenager I'd become lost. I'd lost my faith and fallen in with the wrong crowd. I was walking down the wrong path. It was a couple of weeks after my 17th birthday that I found Jesus or he found me. Although I didn't see him like Lucy saw the lion, I knew like Lucy did; that he was telling me to follow him and that if I continued to walk the path that I was on, I'd head straight into danger!

### SOMETHING TO DO

If you've never seen The Chronicles of Narnia why don't you watch or read it as a family.



Over the last few weeks we've been following the story of Nehemiah. He's led the people to start re-building the walls of his home town Jerusalem. Well, now they've done it! The works finished. Surely Nehemiah's job was finished now? The construction project was over. But now is when Nehemiah reveals the final stage of the process.

Like me, the Israelites had been walking down the wrong path. The path had ended up with them becoming so lost that they'd been exiled. But they weren't just physically lost they were spiritually lost. So Nehemiah points the people back to the right path. They spend six hours reading the bible (don't worry we'll never do that in Kids Church!) and they're heart broken because they realise how bad they've been. They're so sorry for the things they've done wrong that they even make a contract that they all sign giving themselves back to God. Like me they all decide from then on to walk in God's Law and not walk down the path they were on. A path that had led them into danger!

### SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- Do you feel like you're walking on God's path today?
- If not, what can you change to walk on the right path today?



### PRAYER

Thank you Lord, that no matter how far I wander from you. You can still show me the right path. Lord I want to walk on your path today. Amen.