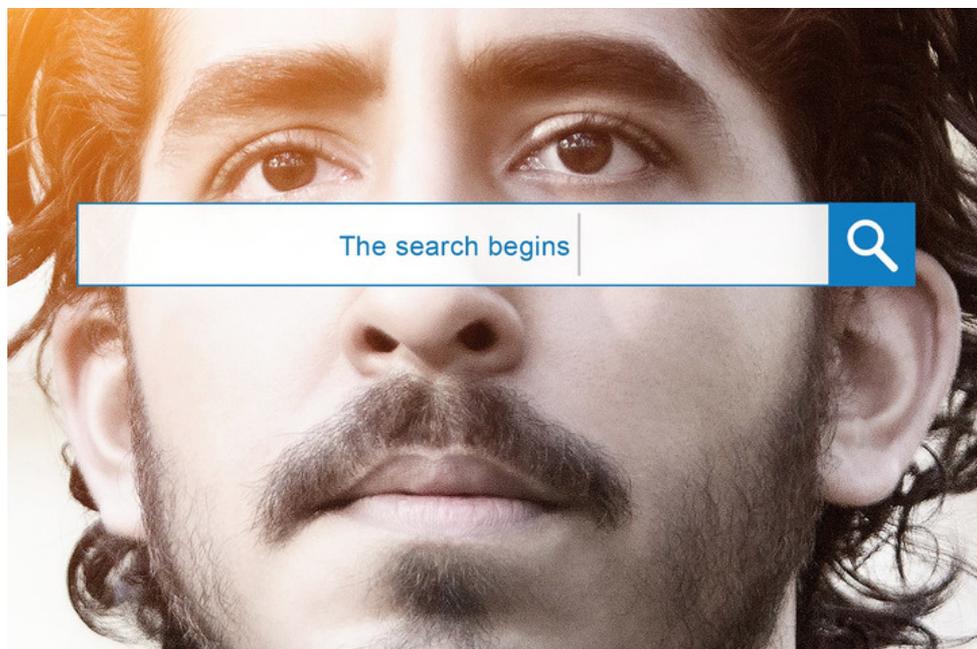


**Summary:** Growing up in Hobart, Tasmania for the majority of his life, Saroo Brierley (Dev Patel) knew that he was adopted from India, but had come to embrace his life as an Australian. He remembered fragments of his life in India, up to the point of being lost on a train at the age of five. He loved his adopted parents and was grateful for the life he had been given by this loving couple. As an adult, he begins to consider his past and life left behind in India and whatever became of his blood family. With the introduction of Google Earth and through the encouragement of his friends, he begins to piece together the puzzle of his life on the sub-continent of Asia. In his search, he wrestles with the impact of his discoveries and what they will mean to both of his families.



## REEL DIALOGUE

ENGAGING WITH FILMS  
WITHOUT DISENGAGING  
YOUR FAITH

Based on the true-to-life autobiographical accounts from *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley which provides a glimpse into the world of adoption and all that's involved in the process. As his first feature film, director Garth Davis provides a balanced perspective on the journey that many adopted children experience in answering the questions of who were my birth parents and where are they now? Through Brierley's accounts as a five-year-old lost in the interior of India to his adult pursuits of his family roots, this helps to show the blessings and demons of the adoptive process.

**Discussion for a movie night: Enjoy the film. Afterwards, here are some discussion questions that might help you to engage with others on the topics from the film. Enjoy the time engaging with the film, your faith and friends.**

1. Did you enjoy the film? What were the strengths and what were the weaknesses?
2. What has been a quest in your life?
3. What does the Bible say about coming home?  
Psalm 90:1; John 14:2-6, 2 Corinthians 5:1-4, 6; 2 Peter 1:13
4. Does the Bible say anything about adoption?  
Matthew 18:5, Ephesians 1:5, Galatians 4:5-7