

God's Manākītanga



God welcomes, cares
and provides for us.

Where to?

We live in a world that is increasingly anxious, divided, and individualistic. The Bible offers a different vision. It calls us to honour the mana, the inherent worth and dignity, in every person we encounter. More than politeness and hospitality, God's manākitanga is a whole orientation toward others: seeing them, valuing them, and responding to their needs.

Over this four week series, tamariki will encounter Abraham and Sarah welcoming strangers, God providing for the cast-out Hagar and Ishmael, and Jesus opening his arms to the weary and overlooked. The thread running through all these stories is that **God is a God who welcomes, who seeks out those on the edges, and who invites us into that same way of being.**

Alongside these stories, we'll be experiencing winter, the season God has woven into creation as an invitation to rest. Just as the land slows and receives, God reminds us that accepting care from others is as holy as offering it.

This winter, we want our tamariki to know: God's goodness is for everybody.

What is manākitanga?

Before you dive in, scan the QR code below and have a listen to Dean Jay Ruka unpacking the meaning of the word manākitanga, and what that means for us as God's whānau in this season of Matariki/Puanga.



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Each lesson has these components. You know your tamariki best, choose what works for you!



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Week 1 June 14



Whakaaro/ Reflection

This week tamariki will learn about what manākitanga is, through the example of Abraham and Sarah. But then, the surprising gift of manākitanga that God offers them.

If you haven't listened to Dean Jay Ruka's kōrero on manākitanga here's the QR code.



How would you describe manākitanga?
How did Jay's kōrero develop your thinking?
What is God offering of Himself to you this winter?
Who might He be offering manākitanga through?

Surprise guests with a surprise gift

Bible Reading : Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

God appeared to Abraham at the Oaks of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent. It was the hottest part of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing. He ran from his tent to greet them and bowed before them. He said, "Master, if it please you, stop for a while with your servant. I'll get some water so you can wash your feet. Rest under this tree. I'll get some food to refresh you on your way, since your travels have brought you across my path." They said, "Certainly. Go ahead." Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. He said, "Hurry. Get three cups of our best flour; knead it and make bread." Then Abraham ran to the cattle pen and picked out a nice plump calf and gave it to the servant who lost no time getting it ready. Then he got curds and milk, brought them with the calf that had been roasted, set the meal before the men, and stood there under the tree while they ate.

The men said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" He said, "In the tent." One of them said, "I'm coming back about this time next year. When I arrive, your wife Sarah will have a son." Sarah was listening at the tent opening, just behind the man. Abraham and Sarah were old by this time, very old. Sarah was far past the age for having babies. Sarah laughed within herself, "An old woman like me? Get pregnant? With this old man of a husband?" God said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh saying, 'Me? Have a baby? An old woman like me?' Is anything too hard for God? I'll be back about this time next year and Sarah will have a baby."

Sarah lied. She said, "I didn't laugh," because she was afraid. But he said, "Yes you did; you laughed."...

God visited Sarah exactly as he said he would; God did to Sarah what he promised: Sarah became pregnant and gave Abraham a son in his old age, and at the very time God had set. Abraham named him Isaac. When his son was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him just as God had commanded.

Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born.

Sarah said, "God has blessed me with laughter and all who get the news will laugh with me!" She also said, "Whoever would have suggested to Abraham that Sarah would one day nurse a baby! Yet here I am! I've given the old man a son!"



Kupu Hou/ New Words

Mana = prestige, authority, control, power, influence, status, spiritual power, charisma.
Mana is a supernatural force in a person, place or object.

Āki = to encourage, urge on, challenge, induce, incite, exhort.

Genesis/Kenehi 18:18

“Ka meinga nei hoki a Aperahama hei iwi nui, hei iwi kaha, a mana ka **manaaki-tia** ai nga iwi katoa o te ao?”

“Seeing that Abraham shall become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?”

Note how God’s blessing to Abraham (a son) is to be the way in which Abraham will bless the world.

In what ways might the words “blessing” and “manākitanga” be similar or different?



Whānau Whānui/ Intergenerational

Make Room (see tākaro)with the big kids!
How many people can you make room for in one pew/row?

The Running Welcome

Retell the Abraham story live, have someone seated at the front as Abraham. A leader narrates: "Abraham looked up and saw three strangers..." At that moment Abraham leaps up and runs to the back of the church to welcome three people waiting there, and escorts them to the front.

Kids love seeing an adult run in church.



Matau/ Hook

Feed me Challenge

You'll need:

Yoghurt or jelly (something slightly tricky to spoon feed!)

Cup with something to drink

Choose two volunteers. One child sits in front with their hands behind their back. The second child sits behind them and puts their arms under the front child's arms. The child at the back becomes the front child's "arms" and feeds them.

Say: Today we're hearing about Abraham and Sarah welcoming unexpected visitors. Even though they were strangers, Abraham and Sarah quickly prepared food, water, and a place to rest.

Afterwards say:

This game was a silly way to think about serving a guest. It turns out that looking after someone else can be harder than it looks!

I wonder how, Abraham and Sarah will make their visitors feel welcomed and cared for.



Kōrero/Story

Print and display large copies of “Week 1 Images” in resources.

Read the bible passage for today (see kid friendly Message paraphrase above)

Say: What! God came to Abraham’s house for lunch!

Ask: What might you make if God came for lunch?

What surprised you about this story?

Has anyone ever come to you house and bought a present with them?

What was God’s present to Sarah and Abraham?

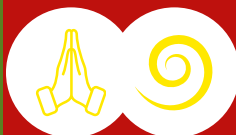
Say: In Aotearoa when we give what we have to look after and bless others, we sometimes use the word (see if they can guess) “manākitanga”.

Ask: What does that word mean?

Write their answers down on post-its and stick them alongside an A3 **printed copy** of the cover page of this series.

Say: Over the next 4 weeks we are going to be learning about God’s manaakitanga, how we can give and receive manākitanga with God and others.

Part of manākitanga is giving, what things has God given you? (Carry on to karakia section.....)



Karakia/Prayer Hanga/Create

Playdough Prayers

You will need:

A blob of playdough for each person

A flat piece of card or surface to place dough on

Encourage children to think of something they are thankful God has given them
Mould your dough into the shape of that item.

Let people guess what you have made. Roll the playdough back into a ball.

Make the shape of something that needs God’s manākitanga this week, this could be a person, a part of the world, something they saw on the news.

Roll the playdough back into a ball
Finally make themselves out of playdough, shaping a little person. Thank God for each person, naming them one by one around the circle. Finish with, “Thank you God for everyone!”



Tākaro/Play

Make Room

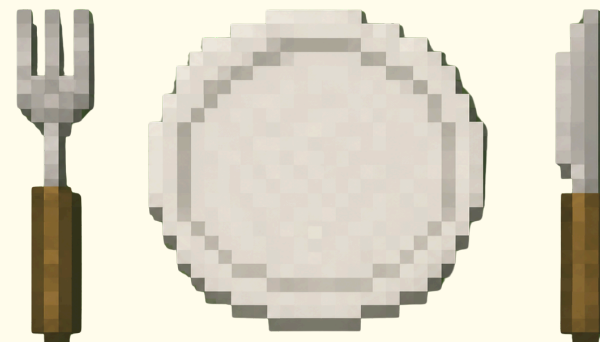
How to Play

Like musical chairs, but instead of removing chairs, children must figure out how to fit everyone onto fewer and fewer chairs.

Say: Manākitanga can mean offering what we have and making room for others. In our game, we worked together so everyone had a place.

Abraham and Sarah did the same thing when they welcomed strangers into their home. They showed them kindness, care, and hospitality, and that’s something we can do too. We can share what we have, just like God shares with us.

Ask: What’s something you could share with someone this week?





Whakaaro/ Reflection

Hagar's story shows that God's manākitanga doesn't stop at the borders people draw. Abraham and Sarah failed to see Hagar's mana, but God saw, heard, and protected her, drawing her into his promises and remaining with her in the wilderness. The first parents of Israel missed their calling to bless the nations, yet God kept blessing anyway, because God's love does not play by the rules of our us-versus-them games.

Through Hagar's journey, we're invited to see how all people, even the ones we've been told to push aside, are cherished by God. God sees, hears, and manāki's everyone created in his image. And he calls humans to relate to each other in the same way. True manākitanga, God's manākitanga always heals and restores, never oppressing or shunning. It carries divine blessing to a scorned single mom in the wilderness and to all outcast "others" because God cares for people without favoritism.

(Adapted from [this Bible Project resource](#))

God cares for the outsiders

Bible Reading : Genesis 21:8-21 (MSG)

⁸ The baby grew and was weaned. Abraham threw a big party on the day Isaac was weaned.

⁹⁻¹⁰ One day Sarah saw the son that Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham, poking fun at her son Isaac. She told Abraham, "Get rid of this slave woman and her son. No child of this slave is going to share inheritance with my son Isaac!"

¹¹⁻¹³ The matter gave great pain to Abraham—after all, Ishmael was his son. But God spoke to Abraham, "Don't feel badly about the boy and your maid. Do whatever Sarah tells you. Your descendants will come through Isaac. Regarding your maid's son, be assured that I'll also develop a great nation from him—he's your son, too."

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ Abraham got up early the next morning, got some food together and a canteen of water for Hagar, put them on her back and sent her away with the child. She wandered off into the desert of Beersheba. When the water was gone, she left the child under a shrub and went off, fifty yards or so. She said, "I can't watch my son die." As she sat, she broke into sobs.

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ Meanwhile, God heard the boy crying. The angel of God called from Heaven to Hagar, "What's wrong, Hagar? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy and knows the fix he's in. Up now; go get the boy. Hold him tight. I'm going to make of him a great nation."

¹⁹ Just then God opened her eyes. She looked. She saw a well of water. She went to it and filled her canteen and gave the boy a long, cool drink.

²⁰⁻²¹ God was on the boy's side as he grew up. He lived out in the desert and became a skilled archer. He lived in the Paran wilderness. And his mother got him a wife from Egypt.

Reflect

What stands out to you? What challenges you?

What might you say to God about these things?

Go deeper by reading [today's Gospel reading](#). How might manākitanga to outsiders, draw the anger (or sword) of those "on the inside"





Kupu Hou/ New Words

kite (click to listen)

to see, perceive, to find, discover,
detect, recognise.

Genesis 16: 13 a (Hagar to God)
“You are El Roi, (the God who sees.)”
“**E kite mai ana koe e te Atua**”

You might recognise “kite” from the
phrase “ka kite” (see you) or “ka kite
ano” (i’ll see you again)

Try sending the tamariki off with this
phrase today or to build on our
theme, try:

“Ka kite te Atua i a koe.”
God sees you.



Whānau Whānui/ Intergenerational

Intergen Prayer Station

Print a copy of “El Roi” by Rachel
Eleanor (see resources) to display in
your chapel.

Leave post its or post cards out for
people to write prayers to God, El
Roi, the God who sees.

Write a prompt question for the
prayer station:

***What or who do you want God to
see today?***

Put a water jug and cups next to
the station, invite people to drink the
water and thank God for His seeing
and providing.



Matau/ Hook

Stars in the darkest night

You will need:

Glow in the dark stars (enough for more
than one per child)

If you can’t close windows to make the
room dark, or you don’t have an open
area where you can remove significant
obstacles, just use non-glowing stars.

Hide the stars around the room before
hand, some in obvious places, hide a
couple in really tricky spots.

Say: Today is the shortest day of the
year and it’s also going to be the longest
night of the year!

Ask: What is it hard to do during long
nights? (See)

What helps us see during long dark
nights?

Play the game

Say: “It was easy to notice the stars in
obvious places. The hidden ones were
harder to find. In today’s story, we’ll learn
about someone who was pushed out and
left outside, hidden away in the
wilderness. Let’s see what happens....



Kōrero/Story

Print “El Roi” on A3 poster and display

Read “The God who Sees” (p53–57, Book of Belonging or see attached resources)

Have you ever felt alone or left out like Hagar?

Have people ever called you names?
How does God show manākitanga to Hagar and Ishmael in the wilderness? (He is with them, he gives them something to drink, he gives them hope and encourages them ([āki](#)), he promises them hope and future of belonging in a family.)

Think of one person in your life who you’ve noticed getting left out or mistreated?

How could you share manākitanga with them?

THINK (by themselves)

PAIR (tell one other person)

SHARE (share with the group, outloud, written down, or drawn.)



Karakia/Prayer

You will need:

A fidget spinner (see any dollar store)

Printed and laminated “Fidget Spinner Prayers” (see resources)

Thinking about the lesson of offering manākitanga to people left out or excluded..... kids spin the spinner and pray for whatever they land on.



Tākaro/Play

Wilderness Tag

Create a marked "wilderness" area.

Everyone starts together.

When tagged, children move into the wilderness and sit down.

The only way back is for someone to notice them and bring them back by holding their hand.

Say: "When people are left out or rejected, God sees them and welcomes them in."



Hanga/Create

Soup-in-a-Jar kits for your local food bank

Children layer dried soup ingredients into jars or bags:

- Lentils
- Split peas
- Pasta
- Dried herbs

Decorate labels with:

- Cooking instructions
- Encouraging messages
- Drawings

or

to support the often overlooked or unseen elderly in rest homes

Afternoon Tea Packs

Decorate paper bags and fill with:

- Tea bags
- Biscuits
- Handmade cards

Put a message out to whānau to see if tamariki/whānau can come and help with delivery later in the week.



Extension for Intermediates+

This week is also the day we commemorate someone in Aotearoa who showed manākitanga towards an enemy. This person's name was Henare Wiremu Taratoa. Just like in today's bible story, Henare brought water to someone who desperately needed it, this person was the colonel of the British army that was attacking his land and people. While Henare was carrying the water, he was nearly shot and killed by the Colonel's soldiers.

Ask: How might offering manākitanga be dangerous, uncomfortable or cause people to dislike you?

Read [this part of](#) the gospel reading (Matt 10:34-36)

Ask: Thinking about Hagar's and Henare's story, in what ways might Jesus's teaching and actions have brought about fighting and division in his day?

What does it look like to follow Jesus when everyone around you expects hatred?

Say: Henare Wiremu Taratoa did a lot of amazing things in his life, he was a great leader, he was a great fighter, he was a great teacher, but ultimately, his friend Bishop Selwyn went back to England and commemorated him with a stained glass window, for the one small act of offering water to his enemy.

Ask: Why might that small moment have stood out to Bishop Selwyn?



Tākaro/Play



Courtroom Trial: Was Taratoa Right?

Split the room into two teams.

Team A: Taratoa Was Right

Possible arguments:

- Jesus taught people to love their enemies.
- Compassion is a sign of strength.
- The rules protected innocent people.
- He showed courage and integrity.

Team B: Taratoa Was Wrong

Possible arguments:

- A battle is not the place for mercy.
- The enemy might attack again.
- His actions could have put his own people at risk.

Give teams a few minutes to prepare.

Then hold a mini trial.

Choose:

- Judge
- Lawyers
- Witnesses
 - Taratoa,
 - a wounded soldier,
 - another warrior

After hearing both sides, the judge delivers a verdict.



Hēnare Wiremu Taratoa by Horatio Robley

Week 3 June 28th



Whakaaro/ Reflection

Over the last two weeks we've unpacked what God's manākitanga is and the challenging and sometimes dangerous lengths God and his followers go to, to invite EVERYBODY in.

This week things start to take a more personal turn.

Anyone else out there who would way rather be the helper or host than receive the help or hosting?

There is a vulnerability and humility required on both the giving and receiving end of manākitanga.

Winter is a season when manākitanga often becomes most visibly needed. As the days grow colder and resources feel scarcer, people can become more vulnerable, needing shelter, food, warmth.

This is part of why manākitanga has been so important during Matariki/Puanga. See [Rangi Matāmua's kōrero on celebrating Matariki](#).

How does the God given season of winter invite you to receive manākitanga?

Receiving God's Manākitanga

Bible Reading : Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their [reward](#).'



Whakaaro/ Reflection continued.....

- Jesus often meets us through ordinary acts of kindness. What "cup of cold water" have you received recently?
- As you prepare to share this kōrero with children, how might you help them recognise both the joy of giving hospitality and the humility of receiving it?
- Where could you give others the opportunity to serve God by serving you this week?



Kupu Hou/ New Words

Ahakoā he iti, he pounamu.

Although it is small it is precious.

iti = small

pounamu = precious

"Māu he wai?" Would you like water?

"Hiainu ahau" I am thirsty



Whānau Whānui/ Intergenerational

Invite some young people to help with post service refreshments. Could they bring biscuits to people struggling with mobility? Could they pour water and stand with the adults serving?

Communion as God's meal of provision.

Check out [these Great Thanksgiving Prayers](#) from the New Zealand Prayer Book, to use with tamariki alongside communion.

Invite tamariki up to the communion table/altar to have a look at all the parts and unpack their meaning.



Matau/ Hook Takaro/ Play

Fill my cup!

You'll need:

Water guns (two minimum but preferably one per child, mini ones in packs available at dollar stores.)

Two cups

Two tables

An outside area or tarpaulin (if not available, switch to blue pompoms instead of water)

Set up the two tables away from each other, one empty cup in the middle of the table.

Each team must stand in a line (so they don't squirt each other) back from the table (depending on childrens ages) and try to fill their cup with the water guns, before the other team.

If wet play will be an issue, switch to tossing blue pom poms to fill the cup instead.



Kōrero/Story

You'll need:

Printed posters (see resources "Week 3 Posters")

Images from the last two weeks



Say: Last week we heard two stories about manākitanga that involved something very simple: a drink of water.

Ask: Who can remember those stories? (God provided water for Hagar and Ishamel. Taratoa gave water to a wounded enemy soldier.) Both stories are about manaakitanga, but in different ways. Taratoa offered manākitanga to someone who needed it. Hagar and Ishmael received manākitanga when they were thirsty and afraid.

Ask: Which person would you rather be: the one giving the water or the one receiving it?

Sometimes it feels good to help others. Sometimes it is harder to admit that we need help ourselves.

Yet both stories remind us that God cares about people who are thirsty, hungry, lonely, scared, or hurting.

Jesus says (hold up poster): "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

The Bible teaches that every person is made in God's image and carries God-given dignity and worth, a divine spark.

When we show manākitanga to others, Jesus says it is like welcoming him. But notice something else: someone has to be welcomed.

Someone has to receive the kindness.

Ask: Have you ever been welcomed somewhere? How did it feel? Have you ever needed someone to help you?

Sometimes God's love comes through people who care for us. Sometimes we are the helper. Both are important.

Jesus goes on to say (hold up second poster) "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because they are my disciple... that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Ask: What sort of reward do you think Jesus means?

When we hear "reward," we often think of prizes, money, or medals. Imagine an Olympic athlete who wins a gold medal.

Ask: If they lost the medal, would they stop being a champion? Would all their hard work disappear?

Of course not. The medal is only a symbol. The real reward is the achievement, the joy, the friendships, the growth, and becoming the kind of person who could achieve something great. The medal is just a symbol of that. Jesus says God's rewards are a bit like that. The reward isn't a pile of treasure waiting in heaven. The reward is experiencing God's kingdom now.

When we offer manākitanga, we experience joy, generosity, friendship, and belonging. When we receive manākitanga, we experience being loved, cared for, and welcomed. Both help us discover what God is like. Every act of manākitanga helps bring a little more of God's kingdom into the world.

Sometimes we are the person offering the cup of water. Sometimes we are the thirsty person receiving it but both are gifts from God.



Hanga/Create

Manākitanga Morning Tea Challenge

You will need a selection of food and drink items for tamariki to assemble a morning tea for the other “team”

e.g. fruit, veges, crackers, cheese
(be mindful of allergies)

Tamariki are split into 2 groups and given 5 minutes to prepare a delicious morning tea for the other team.

Ask: "What would most help the other team feel welcome and cared for?"

Dependant on age, they could chop, arrange, or assemble the kai into creative shapes and patterns. They could also organise a welcoming “environment”, cushions etc for the other team to sit back and relax.

After everyone has eaten ask:

- Which was harder: preparing the snack or receiving it?
- How did it feel when someone made something for you?
- How did it feel knowing someone would enjoy what you made?
- What made you feel welcomed?



Karakia/Prayer

Thank you God that you show us manākitanga. You provides for us and care for us. Help us to notice opportunities to give and recieve manākitanga this week, in our families, with our friends, wherever we go. Thanks that you are with us by your Holy Spirit and you’ve made us all in your image to be like you. Amine



Week 4 July 5th



Whakaaro/ Reflection

At the end of this week, many of our communities will be marking Matariki and Puanga, the Māori New Year. This is a season for remembering, reflecting, gathering, and looking with hope towards the future.

Unlike the "new year, new me" messages that often surround the start of a calendar year, Matariki and Puanga invite us into a different rhythm. The stars appear during the quiet of winter, when the land itself seems to slow down. Creation reminds us that rest, renewal, and preparation are part of God's design.

At Matariki and Puanga we give thanks for what has been, remember those who have gone before us, and look ahead with hope. As followers of Jesus, we do so knowing that God's manākitanga surrounds us in every season.

Our manākitanga is not something we create from our own strength. It is an overflow of what God has already given us. We welcome because we have been welcomed. We care because we have been cared for. We share because we have first received.

As you prepare for this lesson, consider: Where are you being invited to receive rest, hospitality, encouragement, or care?

Enjoy [this lectio divina/guided meditation](#) on Matthew 11:28 from today's reading.

God the Giver of Rest

Bible Reading : Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank^[a] you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.^[b] ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'



Kupu Hou/ New Words

Takurua = Winter

“Kei te makariri ahau!”

“I am cold!”

Haere mai ki ahau,

Come to me

e koutou katoa

all of you

e mauīui ana,

who are weary

e taimaha ana,

who are heavy

a maku koutou

and I will

e whakaokioki.

give you rest.

Matthew 11:28



Whānau Whānui/ Intergenerational

Mystery Guests

Matariki and Puanga are a great season to gather with family and rest, reflect and enjoy kai.

Organise a “Mystery Guest” dinner night for this week.

Have people sign up to attend/host a pot luck meal, but don't tell people who they'll be eating with in advance!

You'll need to find out how many people hosts can take, dietary requirements, addresses of hosts etc.



Matau/ Hook

Milk Bottle Challenge

You will need:

Milk bottles (at least 2) filled with water (or milk!) Smaller bottle options for younger kids to participate would be great.

Choose some tamariki to hold two bottles out straight at the their sides for as long as they can. Use a stopwatch and let them knows their times or make it a competition.

Ask the competitors how their arms feel once they put the bottles down.

Today we're going to hear Jesus' words about heavy things.

What's the heaviest thing you can think of?

How does it feel to carry something heavy? (ask them to show you with thier faces)

How does it feel when you put the heavy thing down? (faces again)

Let's ask our competitors how they feel now after some rest!



Kōrero/Story

Print Week 4 Poster (see resources)

There's a holiday coming up next weekend called _____

Ask:

- What do people do at Matariki?
- What foods do your family eat?
- What things do we remember?

Explain:

Matariki is the time of the Māori new year. It isn't about rushing to do more. It's a time to stop, remember, celebrate, and spend time together.

Read: (hold up poster)"Come to me, all you who are weary... and I will give you rest."

Ask:

- What makes you feel tired?
- What makes your heart tired?

(Arguments, being left out, worries, sickness, big feelings.)

Say:

Jesus knows people get tired. He doesn't say, "Try harder." He says, "Come to me."



Karakia/Prayer

Thank you God, you give us good gifts. Thanks for the gift of rest. This Matariki holiday, as nature rests and goes slow for winter, help us to remember, to slow down, rest and remember your gifts to us. Amen.



Tākaro/Play

Busy Bees

How to play:

Everyone starts as "Busy Bees". Kids jog or run around the space. Call out actions as they move:

"Worried bees!" (look stressed while running)

"Busy bees!" (run faster)

"Carrying heavy bags!" (hunched shoulders)

"WINTER!" At any moment you shout "WINTER!", everyone must immediately drop to the ground, curl up and pretend to fall asleep.



Hanga/Create

Secret Message Rocks

You'll Need:

1 cup flour

1 cup used coffee grounds

½ cup salt

¼ cup sand

~¾ cup water

(this makes enough mixture for 8 tamariki)

mixing bowl and spatula

small toys/gems

Printouts of this week's bible verse (see resources)

How To:

1. Mix dry ingredients.

2. Add water slowly to make shapeable dough.

3. Hide a small treasure inside and a copy of this week's bible verse

4. Shape like a rock.

5. Dry for 1–2 days or bake at 200°F for 30 min. (send them home with instructions)

