



# Ā Tātou Whakapapa Our Story



Ā Tātou Whakapapa is about just that - Our Story. Children from Years 1-13 will be given opportunities to develop an understanding of the Church in terms of significant events and people that have shaped our Church and the world. They will be able to explore their own whakapapa as well as their communities, connecting with this past, present and future story in which we all belong.



## 'SET B' WHĀNAU CONNECTION PAGE My Whānau, Jesus' Whānau To whom do I belong? Jesus' Whānau.



Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord: let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:38

Kia ora e te whānau,

In Religious Education we are learning:

- that we become holy through God's grace.
- that sometimes it is hard to be holy and good.
- how Mary responded to God's grace.
- how Joseph responded to God's grace.
- that we can make a special place to pray.
- what fairness, compassion and courage are.
- to identify situations that are unfair and ways we can respond.
- that we can pray at home on our own or with our family.
- to recall that Mary and Joseph are part of Jesus' whānau.
- to recognise that we are all part of God's whānau.



E te Atua,

Please help us to remember that we are all part of the same whānau.

As we go throughout the week, help us to think about other people around us and how our actions affect others.

Help us to show aroha to everyone in our whānau and to forgive others.

Amen.



# Here are some ways you can support your child's learning at home:

## Fairness in your home.

Talk about what fairness in your home looks like. Make a plan on what people in your family can do if they feel that something is unfair.

## Compassion.

Talk about what compassion is. Why is it important to be compassionate? What things can you do in your home to be compassionate towards one another?

## Courage.

Talk about times you have needed courage in your life. Share ideas about times you might need courage and what you can do to be brave during these times. Remember that Jesus is always ready to listen to you!

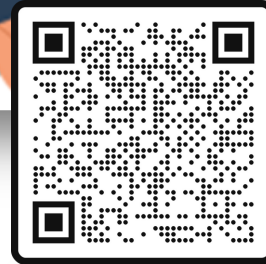


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Read this story as a whānau and talk about times when you have witnessed grace yourself. Click the picture or scan the QR code.



## God's grace

At dinner time this week, talk about moments and times of grace in your lives.

Use these ideas to start you off:

- Times you have experienced good things.
- Times you have experienced loving words and actions.
- Times you have experienced a deeper understanding of life and the world.
- Times of strength and courage.
- Times of great joy and happiness.

**Joseph and Mary loved each other and Jesus. Talk with your family about how they both responded to God's grace. Use some of these ideas to help.**

Joseph would have played with Jesus, sang to him, taught him how to walk and talk, prayed with him, and they probably sat together in the synagogue and temple. Talk about what things the dads, granddads, uncles and other men in your family do with and for the children. Say a prayer for them as a family.

At the end of Jesus' human life on earth, Mary didn't leave his side. She stayed at the foot of the cross. Out of love Jesus says to Mary, "here is your son", and to John, "here is your mother" (John 19:26). Mary would have been cared for from then by John and we also believe that John was representing all of us at that moment, and Jesus was teaching us that Mary is our mother, and the mother of his Church.

We see Mary as the first disciple of Jesus. Even before he was born, Mary said YES to him. Talk about how it might have felt for Mary when Jesus was born, as he was growing, when he died and when he rose. Pray the 'Hail Mary' together and remember women and mums in your family prayer time.

