



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 A' WHĀNAU CONNECTION PAGE

**I am
Who am I? I am loved, I am precious,
and I can love.**

" You are precious in my sight and I love you."

Isaiah 43:4

**Kia ora e te whānau,
In Religious Education we are learning:**

- that each of us is a unique taonga who is precious to God.
- what God's love is like.
- that our lives are a journey that we share with God and others.
- that God has work for us to do on our own life journey that no one else can do.
- people grow in holiness when they respect life.
- different ways we show respect for life.
- about what makes each of us an individual person.
- how our differences can work well together.
- that we can pray for our family and other people and God will help them in different ways.



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



Click or scan this QR code and pause at each question.

Share your answers to the questions:

- What helps my mind grow?
- What helps my body grow?
- What helps my heart grow?



Scan or click on this QR code to enjoy a song about growing.



Growing and learning together.

Talk about how we grow and different things that grow (pets, plants etc.) Remind your child how we physically grow but we also grow, learn and change as people, even when we are grown-ups.

Write a list of things that your child can do now that he or she couldn't do a year ago. Do the same with other people in your family.

Invite the people in your family to make a goal about something they would like to 'grow' in or learn over a period of time. It could be that your child wants to grow into being able to ride her bike without the training wheels before she turns 7 or that you want to grow in knowing how to say a greeting and your name in sign language. Revisit your goals and add to them to show your child that we can keep growing and learning throughout our lives.

Pray for people in your family, community or in the world with your child this week.

Abilities and qualities of me.

Abilities are things we can do and share with others (we can sing, dance etc.) Qualities help us shape us to be the person we are. We might be a quiet person, a gentle person, a determined or brave person.

As a family, talk about what qualities and abilities you each have. Talk about how you are all unique and different and that you have some things that might be the same.

Sing 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' before snuggling in front of a mirror with your child looking at your eyes, noses, ears, mouths etc. Thank God for all of these wonderful parts of your bodies.

