



MATARIKI

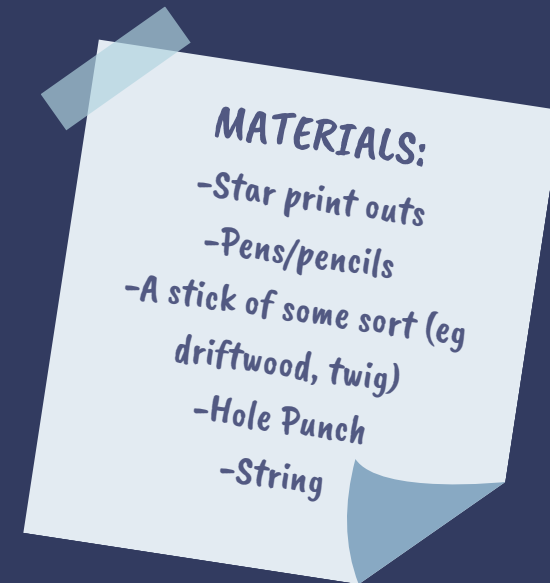
A Family Faith Moment

REFLECTION

Matariki, or Maori New Year, is a time for celebration! In the past, Matariki marked the time of harvest, where food was gathered and stored for the cold winter months ahead. It was also a time to celebrate family.

Take time to think about your extended family. What do you love about them? Give thanks to God for your whanau.

While we may no longer rely on the harvest in the same way, we can still celebrate the origins of Matariki! As believers of God, Matariki is a time where we can be reminded of God's faithfulness in the past, God's provision in the present, and God's promise for the future.



'Constellation of Thanksgiving'

Matariki is a time to be thankful! Print and cut out the stars [here](#) (on yellow card if you have it!) - On each star, write or draw something you are thankful for - Punch holes in the top of each star, and using string, hang all of them from the stick to create your own Constellation of Thanksgiving

PRAYER:

Thank you God, for all that you give us!
Thank you for our Whanau, and the love that they give. Thank you for the food that we eat, that helps us grow. Thank you God, for your goodness to us!

AMEN!!