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Come on an adventure together, to discover God!

During the season of Lent, take some time to go on a walk together-it might be in nearby bush, along a beach, or in your neighbourhood.

This Road Map will help your whānau, as you wander together, to think about God through exploring nature, reading stories, and asking questions.

You may choose to use the Road Map in whatever way works best for your family. You may choose to focus on one theme per week throughout Lent, or to complete all the themes in one adventure!

We trust you will have fun Wandering Together Through Lent.

We would love to hear about your adventures! Post photos to the Presbyterian Children & Families Ministry on Facebook, or use the hashtag #wanderinglent



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### Road Map Key:



It's time to discover and explore together! Every theme begins with an adventure to find something in your surroundings.



We have chosen a Bible story to reflect each theme, and encourage you to read (or watch!) the story together on your journey.



We love questions that make us wonder! Use the prompts to help children think about the theme, and how it may apply to their lives



# God Provides



On your journey, find a big tree, and sit under it while you read today's story. Spend some time observing the tree-what does the trunk feel like? What do its leaves look like? Does it have a particular smell?



'Filled Full' from The Jesus Storybook Bible



I wonder what the tree provides in nature?  
(Think about shelter; food; oxygen etc)  
Can you imagine a world without trees?  
What would that be like?  
I wonder how God provides for our family?  
Can you imagine a life without God?



# God Heals



As you wander together, try and find something broken. Spend some time together thinking about how it might have been damaged, and what needs to be done to fix it.



Luke 5:17-26 (or watch 'God's Story: Jesus Heals a Man' by Crossroad Kids Club on YouTube)



I wonder, can you think about the way nature can be destructive?  
Can you think of times when you have broken something?  
What about when you've hurt someone else?  
I wonder when we might need God's healing for our body?



# God Restores

As you explore, can you find a tree that's losing its leaves, or is changing colours? See how many coloured leaves you can collect on your walk, or play in a pile of dried leaves!



OR

Find a tree/bush that has been pruned. Have a look to see if you can see any signs of new life emerging from where it was cut back



John 11:38-44 (or watch '[Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead](#)' by Saddleback Kids on YouTube)



I wonder what new life looks like in nature?  
Can you find an old scar on your body? Talk about how you got it. I wonder how God restores our bodies when we have been hurt?

I wonder how God restores our hearts when we are sad or hurting?



# God Loves



Together, create a heart that is big enough for your whānau to stand in together. You may choose to trace it in the sand at a beach, on the footpath with chalk, or even with fallen twigs and sticks!



'The man who didn't have any friends (none)' from The Jesus Storybook Bible



I wonder what God's love looks like for our family?  
What does God's love look like beyond our family?  
Who can we share God's love with this week?



# God Forgives



Find or make some mud! If you are wearing gumboots, have some fun stomping in the mud. Rub some on the back of each other's hands



Luke 23:32-43 (ICB translation)



I wonder, what things in nature make a mess?  
When have you made a mess or mistake?  
I wonder, is there something that you need God's forgiveness for today? As you ask God's forgiveness, wipe the mud off your hand.





# God Saves



Can you find something empty? Have a search for an empty bird's nest, shell, or even a burrow! What was in the object? What do you think might have happened to it?



'God's wonderful surprise' from  
The Jesus Storybook Bible



I wonder if you can think of something surprising in nature?  
I wonder if you have ever received a big surprise? How did you feel?  
What surprises you about Jesus? Talk about what Jesus means to you.