



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. I wonder, what makes your whanau special? How do you show love to those in your family? How does God provide for your family? 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.

HELPFUL HINT:
Download a star-gazing app to help you find Matariki, and to identify other stars you can see



Stargaze and Praise!

Matariki is a time to give thanks to God! Together as a whanau, put on your winter woolies and head outside at dusk on a clear night. See who can spot the first star! With every star that appears, shout out something you're thankful for! You may even want to take a flask of hot chocolate with you, and enjoy time together as a family!

PRAYER:

God, you give us so much! Thank you for looking after us. We pray that you would help us to love each other, and to love you together as a family!
AMEN!!