



# MATARIKI

## A Family Faith Moment



### REFLECTION

Matariki is a time to celebrate being together as a family, to be thankful for the things we have, and to be hopeful for the future. Take time together as a family to celebrate and reflect on life. You may want to have a special meal, gather around a bonfire, or snuggle up together on the couch. You could even invite extended whanau to join you!

Some questions to ponder:

I wonder, what is bringing joy for you at the moment? What are some things that are hard or challenging? I wonder, what are you thankful for at the moment?



#### Materials:

- Star print outs
- Pens/pencils
- Blutack or magnets to attach to door/fridge

### Stars of Hope!

One part of Matariki is looking ahead to the promise of a new year. Print and cut out the stars [here](#) (on yellow card if you have it!) – On each star, write or draw something you are hopeful for. Big or small, it doesn't matter! Collect your stars and display them somewhere in your home—you could attach them to the fridge, a door, or even the ceiling! As you do this activity, pray for each person and the hopes they've shared.



### PRAYER:

God, thank you that your Holy Spirit is with us in the joyful times, and in the hard times. Thank you that we can share our hopes with you. AMEN!!