

# THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

And those the Lord has rescued will return.  
They will enter Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy will crown their heads.  
Gladness and joy will overtake them,  
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

*Isaiah 35:10*

He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful  
to Abraham and his descendants forever,  
just as he promised our ancestors.

*Luke 1:54-55*

## ACTIVITY: The Coronation of a King

Play some music that evokes a sense of importance, occasion or ceremony. A specific haka or waiata that is only used on formal occasions, a clip of royal music like this:

Royal Fanfare & National Anthem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAJniMeESOU>  
[Aotearoa/NZ](#)

National Anthem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbDf0YG2xnA>  
(with NZSL) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_dPcj\\_aC8fk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_dPcj_aC8fk) (with Cindy Ruakere) or something from your culture or church setting that stirs up a similar feeling.

Dress a member of the family in a 'royal' or 'rangatira' fashion – drape them in a korowai, make a crown together, create and wear a sei (Samoan flower crown).

## READ

Isaiah 35 | Mary's Song (Luke 1:46-55)

Invite your whānau to draw something from one of these passages.

## DISCUSS

The music we played and the outfit/crown we put on showed us something or made us think of something – what was that?

We used the music and the korowai/crown/sei as a symbol. When Mary sings her song and Isaiah talks about the coming of God they are describing what will happen when God comes. The symbols we have show us someone is important and special. Jesus is God come to be with us, the most special one of all. The Bible tells us in wonderful language what that will be like – filled with glory, beauty, justice, safety...

Look at what we drew. Why did you choose this thing to draw? How did it make you feel when that part was read and you drew it?

## PRAY

***God, grow our hearts and minds to imagine your wonderful vision for how the world could be and how it will be. Fill us again with your love.***