



Advent

ACTIVITIES FOR
WHĀNAU AND TAMARIKI



PREPARING

WEEK TWO

Luke 1:76-79

76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.
78 By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.



Prep:

- Things from around your home to create a special afternoon tea or teddy bears' picnic.

Activity:

Set a table together in a way that is particularly special – perhaps a table cloth, special plates, flowers from the garden, candles, and even baking, or decorating baking together if that is something you enjoy. Set up a table and invite some honoured guests to join you – perhaps friends, neighbours or even teddies for a picnic. Whilst you are doing this, use the language of preparing and getting ready.

Reflection:

Jesus had a cousin called John who spoke to people about God and baptised them in a river. The Bible talks about him getting people's hearts ready to receive Jesus and his teaching. Just like we made our table ready to receive our honoured guests/friends, the Bible invites us to make our hearts open and ready to hear from Jesus. The beautiful promise that John's dad, Zechariah, spoke about John when he was born also reminds us that we can invite others to know and experience the love of Jesus. Christmas is an invitation to all of us to meet Jesus.

Prayer:

Thank you God for the chance to create a beautiful/special place together and celebrate today. Help us to prepare our hearts to open to your love and to share that love with others too.