



Advent

ACTIVITIES FOR
WHĀNAU AND TAMARIKI



GOD IS HERE

WEEK THREE

Isaiah 12:6

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.



Prep:

- Select some special items from your home and hide them in places they wouldn't normally be found – teapot on the pillow, teddy in the shower
- Make a list of simple pictures of these items or written words.

Activity:

We have a list of things that belong in our house and they are definitely here but I can't find them. Use language like – it is definitely here, it is in this room, maybe you need to look in a different place. When you find the items, celebrate finding them together and laugh about how they were in unexpected places.

Reflection:

God's people knew the Saviour/Messiah was coming but they had different ideas about where or how he might come. God placed a star in the sky that was a clue about where Jesus was and there were clues all through the Bible about where Jesus would be born and what family he would come from...but God still surprised people. They did not expect to find Jesus being born to poor teenagers in an animal stall. The angels told some shepherds where to look just like I helped you to follow the clues. We found the things were indeed still in our house, but they weren't where we expected them. We know that God's Spirit is at work everywhere but we try to keep our eyes and ears open to see what God is up to. We remember that God still surprises us.

Prayer:

Thank you God for coming to us in Jesus and for being here with us. Help us to see and join in with your good work on earth today, wherever we go.