



# *Advent*

ACTIVITIES FOR  
WHĀNAU AND TAMARIKI



# GLORY

## WEEK SIX

### Psalm 72:19

Praise be to his glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen and Amen.

### Isaiah 60:1-5a

- 1 Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- 2 For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.
- 3 Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- 4 Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their  
nurses' arms.
- 5 Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice



### Prep:

- This activity requires little prep for those with very small children who delight to wake us before the sun rises, but does require setting an alarm for the rest of us.
- Perhaps also take a camera to capture the moment together and some blankets.

### Activity:

Before the sun rises go to a place/window/favourite spot and set yourselves up to watch the sun rise. As the light breaks through read the Bible verses for this week and consider playing a piece of music to add to the wonder of the moment. For example, Handel's Messiah Hallelujah chorus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUZEtVbJT5c>

Take a little silence if it is possible for your whānau to achieve this! Ask each person what is something they hear, see, and feel.

### Reflection:

These verses talk about God's glory filling the earth. Like the time before the sun rises it is hard to imagine the light being able to chase away the darkness as it slowly rises. God's glory is like this too – sometimes we see moments of it and it stuns us. Other times God's glory is like the first glimmer of dawn – it fills us with a feeling of hope. We are reminded that because of Jesus and the life he lived God has made his glory accessible to us all. It's pretty wonderful.

### Prayer:

***God, give us open eyes to see your Glory. Thank you that you are filling all things and that you love us so much. Thank you for the beauty we see and hear. Thank you for your creative wonder.***