



Haratua 12 – Samuel Marsden

**Mihimihi /
Introduction**
10 mins

Mihi
Sharing, catching up
Icebreaker ideas to get everyone into the mood

**Pānui /
Reading**
5min

Luke 2: 8-14

Ruka 2: 8-14

Activity
20mins

- Kōrero tahi
 - Tinihia te mutunga
-

Conclusion
Evaluation
5mins

What did we learn? Positives, negatives, suggestions for next week?
Feedback from tamariki/whanau

Resources needed:

Bible



Readings:

Luke 2: 8-14

Today's reading comes from the book of Luke, chapter 2, beginning at verse 8

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Ruka 2: 8-14

Ka timata te panui kei te pukapuka o Ruka, te 2 o ngā upoko, ki te whiti 8

⁸ I taua wāhi hoki ētahi hēpara e noho koraha ana, e tiaki ana i tā rātou kāhui i te pō. ⁹ Nā, tū ana tētahi anahera a te Ariki i ō rātou taha, ā, whiti ana te korōria o te Ariki ki a rātou, ā, tawhio noa; ā, nui whakaharahara tō rātou wehi. ¹⁰ Nā ka mea te anahera ki a rātou, "Kaua e matakū, tā te mea he kaikauwhau tēnei ahau ki a koutou mō te hari nui, meāke puta mai ki te iwi katoa. ¹¹ Nō naianei hoki i whānau ai he Kaiwhakaora mō koutou i te pā o Rāwiri, arā a te Karaiti, te Ariki. ¹² Ko te tohu tēnei ki a koutou; e kite koutou i te tamaiti ka oti te tākai ki te kākahu, e takoto ana i te takotoranga kai mā ngā kararehe."

¹³ Nā, ohore tonu ko tētahi ope nui o te rangi e tū tahi ana me taua anahera, e whakamoemiti ana ki te Atua, e mea ana:

¹⁴ "Kia whai korōria te Atua i runga rawa, kia mau te rongo ki runga ki te whenua, me te whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata!"



Reflection notes:

Samuel Marsden stood in front of the people at Oihi on Christmas Day in 1814 and preached from Luke chapter 2; the story of the Good News coming to the shepherds. The words of hope and promise must have rung with the beauty of the host of angels praising God. Ruatara was translating that day reassuring the multitude gathered with the same words – “do not be afraid for I bring you glad tidings”. And so it came to pass that God in the image of Jesus entered the hearts of those present.

When those present received the message without fear, it then went on to transform their lives and even the way they interacted with other iwi. The Gospel coming to Aotearoa transformed the way we managed conflict and interpreted our experiences. Are we still able to transform our thinking as radically as our tīpuna did? Do we still need to? Yes.

We still, in today’s age, need to make radical changes that are for the better of our people. Maybe Samuel Marsden’s message of the Gospel; ‘do not be afraid’, is the message that we still need today to help us continue to make those radical changes.



Korero about Samuel Marsden

Samuel Marsden was born in June 1765, in Yorkshire, England. At the age of 14 or 15 he went to work in his uncle's smithy, and in 1786 was recruited by an Anglican evangelical group. Ordained in 1793, he arrived at Sydney Cove a year later with his wife Elizabeth and the first of their eight children.

Marsden often accommodated visiting Māori, putting them up in his own house and teaching them. As early as 1805 [Te Pahi](#) was a visitor.

In 1807 he returned to London and brought back William Hall, a joiner; [Thomas Kendall](#), a schoolmaster; and John King, a ropemaker. [Ruatarua](#), of Ngāpuhi, who was discovered in England in a sick and neglected state, travelled back with them and spent eight months with Marsden, to whom he taught the rudiments of the Māori language.

At Oihi in the Bay of Islands on Christmas Day 1814, Marsden preached from Luke 2:10 – 'behold, I bring you [good tidings](#) of great joy' with Ruatarua translating for him. He was the first Pākehā to preach to Māori and is credited with establishing the first Mission House in Aotearoa. In Oihi, Marsden spent time with [Hongi Hika](#) and Ruatarua.

In his walks Marsden saw much want and misery. He took in increasing numbers of Māori at Parramatta and taught them fish-curing, ropemaking, and brickmaking. His visits to New Zealand at this stage were about seeing the country and its people. On his sixth visit, in 1830, he played a vital part in restoring peace between the rival armies in the bloody [Girls' War](#). He went many times with [Henry Williams](#) in a vain effort to negotiate an enduring peace between [Pōmare II](#) and [Titore](#).

Marsden was much misunderstood in his generation and just as often misrepresented. In essence he was simple-minded and honest, even to a fault. He was also open-handed, almost prodigal with his time and his money.

He was extraordinarily generous towards those who disappointed him, or even those who hated him. As he was always ready to admit, he could make mistakes, if he had a serious fault, it was his predisposition to take offence.

Without him the conversion of Māori to Christianity might have been long delayed. He transformed the Māori economy and laid the foundations of New Zealand agriculture. He died on 12 May 1838, and is buried in the churchyard of St John's Church, Parramatta.



Activity

Kōrero tahi

- If you could change one thing in the **world**, what would it be?
- If you could change one thing in your **life**, what would it be?
 - Write your answers down, on paper, if you can

Making changes is never easy. Especially if they are big changes.

Has anyone ever moved house? Can you remember when you changed schools? What was that like? How did you feel?

This Gospel from Luke that Samuel Marsden preached is what happened when Jesus was born. Angels went to the shepherds to tell them about his birth and where to find him. This was a pretty remarkable experience. I bet the shepherds were pretty frightened too, like you were when you changed schools and moved house!

But they were reassured, like you can be, that sometimes you don't have to be afraid. Sometimes changes can happen and amazing things can come out of it. So don't be afraid :)



Activity - Tinihia te mutunga

Change the outcome of these scenarios so that they are good for the person. Write your answers in the empty boxes. (Print copies on the next page)

I wareware tō hoa i tōna kai tina. Kei te matekai ia

A friend of yours forgot their lunch at school and are about to go hungry

E hawene ana tētahi tamaiti i tō hoa. Kei te pukuriri haere ia

Your friend at school is being bullied and is getting angry

Kua tūtuki te matimati a tō teina i te wā hoki ki te kāinga. Kei te tangi ia

Your sibling has stubbed their toe on the way home from school and is crying