



Haratua 14 – Ngākuku

**Mihimihi /
Introduction**
10 mins

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

**Pānui /
Reading**
5min

Luke 17: 1-4

Ruka 17: 1-4

Activity
20mins

- Mahia ki runga i te mapere

Conclusion
Evaluation
5mins

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

Resources needed:

Bible

Map printed out (Page 5)

Pens/ pencils

Kōrero about Ngākuku (Pg. 4)

More information can be found in:

- *Nгаа Kai-ru i Te Rongopai* – Stories retold by Rosemary Dewerse
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Readings:

Luke 17: 1-4

Today's reading comes from the book of Luke, chapter 17, beginning at verse 1

Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! ²It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. ⁴And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive."

Ruka 17: 1-4

Ka timata te panui kei te pukapuka o Ruka, te 17 o ngā upoko, ki te whiti 1

Nā, ka mea ia ki āna ākongā, "E kore e taea te whakakāhore te putanga o ngā take hē; otiia auē, te mate mō te tangata e puta ai! ²He nui te pai ki a ia ki te whakatārewatia ki tōna kakī te kōhatu mira kāihe, kia makā hoki ia ki te moana, ā, kia kua e taka i a ia ki te hē tētahi o ēnei mea nohinohi. ³Kia tūpato ki a koutou; "Ki te hara tōu teina ki a koe, rīria; ā, ki te rīpenetā, murua tōna. ⁴Ā, ki te whitu ngā haranga ki a koe i te rā kotahi, ā, ka whitu ōna hokinga mai ki a koe, ā, ka mea, 'E rīpenetā ana ahau,' murua tōna."



Reflection notes provided by:

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This story is about Ngākuku and forgiving someone who had deeply hurt him.

It is about how he held strong in his belief in God, believing in God all the time, so that when the hurt of his daughter being slain happened, he found a way to forgive Paora Te Uita.

Ngākuku could have taken revenge and not forgiven Paora Te Uita. He could have killed him. But his thoughtfulness and love for God was stronger. So he accepted and forgave Paora Te Uita.

When we get hurt by our friends or brother or sister, anybody, we must remember to show God's love, thoughtfulness, and kindness. Remember God's word in *Luke 17: 1-4*.

When someone repents and is truly sorry you MUST forgive. How many times? Once? Seven times? Eight times? Well, if they ask for forgiveness seven times a day then it is seven times a day.

Amen



Korero about Ngākuku of Ngāti Hauā, Waikato Iwi.

Ngākuku was a Chief of the Ngāti Hauā tribe of Waikato.

Ngākuku was known for his thoughtfulness and love of God. Ngākuku and his 10 year old daughter were the earliest of the Ngāti Hauā iwi to show interest in the teachings about God and Jesus Christ. They were taught by Missionaries Reverend Alfred and Charlotte Brown who set up a Mission Station near the marae in Matamata.

At that time there were inter-tribal conflicts happening in the area and it was becoming too dangerous to stay in the Matamata Mission station. It was decided that another Missionary John Flett and Ngākuku would take everyone over the Kaimānui mountain ranges towards Tauranga. Altogether there were 20 people. Ngākuku took his three year old son and his daughter whose name was Tarore. On their way to Tauranga the party stopped and camped for the night at a place called Wairere Falls.

Early in the morning a group from another iwi attacked them. Sadly, everyone but Tarore was able to get away safely. Ngākuku was extremely sad, he wondered whether Tarore had received the teachings of the Browns into her heart and whether she had gone to heaven.

A man named Paora Te Uita was responsible for Tarore's death. Paora had taken a small kete that Tarore had tied around her neck, in that kete was a small Bible which contained the Gospel of Luke. Time went past and Paora asked a man named Ripahau to read the book from that kete. As he listened, Paora was so convinced by the teaching of Luke's Gospel that he became a Christian. Paora was very sorry for what he had done. He sent a message to Ngākuku to ask if he could come to worship in their church service.

At the service Paora asked Ngākuku for his forgiveness. Ngākuku granted it and the two prayed together in the chapel. Ngākuku was loyal and faithful to God for the rest of his life, teaching the Gospel to many many iwi across Aotearoa.

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Activity - Mahia ki runga i te mapere

- Draw a line from Matamata to Tauranga. *Use a bright coloured pen*
- Try to find out the distance between Matamata and Tauranga.
- Imagine walking this path as a 10 year old. Do you think you could do it?
- Try to find where Wairere Falls is? Can you identify the Kaimai Ranges?

