



## Wiki 7 – Hakihea / December 4

### Kaupapa: Te Haerenga Mai #2 – Aroha / Love

**Mihimihi /  
Introduction**  
10 mins

Mihi – Kia ora everybody, mihi to new tamariki  
Icebreaker ideas

**Pānui /  
Reading**  
5min

Matiu 3: 1-12

Matthew 3: 1-12

**Rārangi o te rā**

Ā, ko te kākahu o taua Hoani he huruhuru kāmera, he hiako hoki te whītiki o tōna hope; ko tāna kai he māwhitiwhiti, he honi koraha. *Matiu 3: 4*

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

*Matthew 3: 4*

**Kupu o te rā**

**Huruhuru**

**Hair (of a camel, sheep, etc)**

**Activity**  
20mins

- Ngā āhuetanga o Hoani Kaiiriiri

**Waiata**

Aroha is something if you give it away

**Conclusion**  
**Evaluation**  
5mins

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

**Resources needed:**

Bible

Food for activity 2

Clothing for activity 1

Prayer cards for activity 3





## Pānui:

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### Matiu 3: 1-12

Ka timata te panui kei te pukapuka o Matiu, te 3 o ngā upoko, ki te whiti 1

Nā, i aua rā, ka puta a Hoani Kaiiriiri, ka kauwhau i te koraha o Hūria, <sup>2</sup> ka mea, “Rīpenetā, kua tata hoki te rangatiratanga o te rangi.” <sup>3</sup> Ko tā Ihāia poropiti hoki tēnei i korero ai, i mea ai:

‘He reo nō tētahi i te koraha e karanga ana:

“Whakapaia te huarahi o te Ariki, whakatikaia ōna ara.” ‘

<sup>4</sup> Ā, ko te kākahu o taua Hoani he huruhuru kāmera, he hiako hoki te whītiki o tōna hope; ko tāna kai he māwhitiwhiti, he honi koraha. <sup>5</sup> Kātahi, ka haere ki a ia a Hiruhārama, me Hūria katoa, me ngā kāinga katoa e tūtata ana ki Horano, <sup>6</sup> ā, iriiria ana rātou e ia ki Horano, me te whāki anō i ō rātou hara.

<sup>7</sup> Nō tōna kitenga ia i te tini o ngā Parihi, o ngā Haruki e haere ana ki tāna iriiringa, ka mea ia ki a rātou, “E te uri nākahi, nā wai koutou i whakamahara kia rere i te riri meāke puta? <sup>8</sup> Nā, whakaputaina he hua e rite ana ki ō te rīpenetā. <sup>9</sup> Kei anga koutou kei mea i roto i a koutou, ‘Ko Āperahama tō tātou matua’; ko tāku kupu hoki tēnei ki a koutou, e āhei ana anō i te Atua te whakaara tamariki ake mā Āperahama i ēnei kōhatu. <sup>10</sup> Nā, tēnei ka pā te toki ki te pakiaka o ngā rākau; ā, ki te kāhore tētahi rākau e hua i te hua pai, ka tuaina, ka maka ki te ahi.

<sup>11</sup> “Ko ahau nei he iriiri tāku i a koutou ki te wai, hei mea rīpenetā; ko tēnei ia, e haere mai ana i muri i ahau, nui atu tōna mana i tōku, e kore ahau e tau hei mau i ōna hū. Māna koutou e iriiri ki te Wairua Tapu, ki te kāpura. <sup>12</sup> Ko tāna mea tahi kei tōna ringa, ā, e tino tahia e ia tāna patunga wīti, ā, e kohia āna wīti ki roto ki te whare wīti; tēnā ko te pāpapa e tahuna ki te kāpura e kore e tineia.”

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## Pānui / Reading cont'd:

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### Matthew 3: 1-12

Today's reading comes from the book of Matthew, chapter 3, beginning at verse 1

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'





## Reflection notes:

If you like, it might pay to focus on **verses 1-6** for this week. It's a tricky reading, but here's my take on how to understand the reading as the leader:

It starts off explaining how John the Baptist is proclaiming that everyone should repent, for the prophesy is going to be fulfilled. Then he explains which prophesy. Well done, John, a good academic essay makes a statement and backs it up with evidence!

The story then describes what John looked like. Was this necessary? What was the point of this? Again, we see an example of how a messenger is not dressed in flash, fancy robes, but something simple.

Lastly, the story tells us how John was baptising people. And the Pharisees and the Sadducees turned up and John was like "oh hika! You know that you have been doing wrong! Just because you are an uri (descendant) of Abraham doesn't mean that you get automatic access to heaven! Jesus is coming and he will sort out the good from the bad people. You can't fool him with your whakapapa."

Woah, that's pretty harsh. He's essentially saying that you don't get to heaven just because of your whakapapa. You have to work to get there too. This is a reminder to all of us to work to thrive.

So now that we understand all that is going on in this story, how do we share this with our tamariki? Our theme for today is AROHA: LOVE. When we share aroha, that pleases God and keeps us in good favour. And, according to this story, aroha supersedes whakapapa. It is one of the simplest things that we need to do (and those Pharisees and Sadducees should have done). Last week we talked about getting ready for Jesus to come because we don't know when that is; this week John is saying that time is near.

So, say sorry when we need to, don't hold on to grudges, keep practising aroha, get ready, because the roller-coaster ride is about to take off!





## Pātai mō ngā tamariki

Who was listening to the story? What was John telling the people to do?

- Repent / Rīpenetā (ok, we'll get onto figuring out repent is soon)

Why?

- Because the kingdom of heaven is near, the one who was prophesied about was on his way.

Who was he referring to?

- Jesus

What was Jesus' biggest commandment?

- Love one another

Talk about how today we want to think about aroha and how we can aroha each other in the activities that we do today. Let them know that John says when we haven't been showing aroha, we should say sorry. That is what 'to repent / rīpenetā' is; saying sorry and doing something about it. We try to change our actions which grows our understanding of aroha

What was John the Baptist wearing?

- Camel's hair and a leather belt
- If you saw someone walking around in clothes like this, what would you think?

What did he eat?

- Locusts and wild honey

This was because it was the kai that he could forage when he needed in the bush. Do you think you could have a diet of that?

Just so we're clear, John the Baptist is NOT the same John who becomes one of Jesus' disciples.

### Activity – On the next page/s

For the following activities, chances are that not all tamariki will want to participate in each one. If tamariki are put in teams, the team can nominate one person and the rest of the team is tasked with supporting that person to complete the activity. You could also make them races to complete the activity.





## Activity 1 – Dress up like John the Baptist

Have an array of clothing and gear to dress up in and proclaim the coming of Christ. You could gather this clothing from what you have around the house, borrow from people, or ask tamariki to bring different items for the day

- Clothing items you could use:
- Sheets
- Different types of Belts
- Scarves
- Blankets
- Old clothing from kaumatua
- Anything else that you can think of

When tamariki are dressed up, have them stand and announce in their most strongest voice:

**“Rīpenetā, kua tata hoki te rangatiratanga o te rangi.”**

**“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”**

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## Activity 2 – Eat like John the Baptist

An eating competition where tamariki race to see who can eat the following items the fastest:

- Honey on Cruskit bread (to emulate the wild honey)
- Prawns cooked in creamy garlic sauce (to emulate the locusts)
- Cooked puha

You could use other alternatives if you like. The point is just to try and capture the wild, native flavours that John ate. In Aotearoa we might consider kaimoana, hūhū, pūhā, watercress, etc, as our native flavours.

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### Activity 3 – Bless like John the Baptist

In Te Haahi Mihingare, the only people who can actually baptise are priests, but we can still bless each other. In pairs, one reads the following ĭnoi to the other:

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Ma te Atua o te tumanako,

E whakaū o tātou ngākau

Ki te koa, ki te rangimarie

Kia pono ai tātou,

I runga i te ihi, i te mana,

O te Wairua Tapu.

Āmine

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May the God of hope,

Instil in our hearts

Joy and peace,

So that our faith may be filled

by the Holy Spirit.

Amen





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