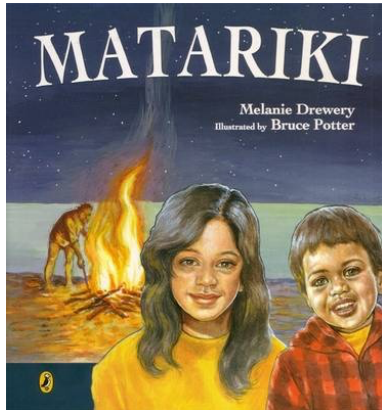


Testimonies: Community, Sustainability, Simplicity

Age: 5+



Title: Matariki

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Synopsis: A family celebrate Matariki (Maori New Year) and they talk about what Matariki means to different people.

Suggested Activities:

- Ask the children what they know about Matariki.
- After reading the story ask children how the Quaker SPICES are found in Matariki and our shared values. If you have a book on other cultures New Year's celebrations, ask how values are similar in them.
- Arts Activity – Make Ururangi windcatchers from beads, shells, buttons that hang down on a string or ribbon. They can make their own or hung all of them on a hanger or large lid punched with holes to hang outside the Meeting House.
- Music – Use the CD that comes with the book and teach the children the song Tawhirima, a song for Matariki and then share the song at Meeting.
- Show the children stars that represent fruits and vegetables.
- Plant fruits and vegetables.

Supplies:

- CD player
- Beads, Shells, Buttons, Drill, Ribbons, Hanger or plastic lid/plate
- Seed and small pots
- Pictures of Fruit and Vegetable stars