Booklet 2

THE HIDDEN POWER

Christianity, biculturalism and Aotearoa-New Zealand

OPENING QUESTIONS:
- Have you ever imagined having super powers, or wished that you did? What power did you choose, and what were the benefits?
- What do you think it is that makes a person's life truly successful?

Today we are discussing our way through the second *Hope For All* booklet, titled *THE HIDDEN POWER.*

FROM OUR HISTORY [REVISION OF CONTENT IN *HOPE FOR ALL – THE HIDDEN POWER*]
- What portion of Scripture did Tarore have in her kite (bag)?
- What radical change took place in the heart and thinking of those who followed the teaching of this new book? What was the result for Tarore's whanau and Iwi (family and tribe)?
- How significant was the small printing press Colenso used to our early bicultural history? Why? Who spread the Christian message around Aotearoa-New Zealand?
- Retell each of the 3 short 'untold early missionary stories' from Pg 31-32

WHY BELIEVE THE BIBLE? [REVISION OF CONTENT IN *HOPE FOR ALL,* PG 14-23]
- In what way(s) is the Bible unique?
- How can we know the Bible documents are authentic?
- How can we know the history really took place?
- Why are fulfilled prophecies significant to the trustworthiness of the Bible? (What do they tell us?)
- What does the *Hope For All* booklet suggest is the most significant evidence that the Bible's message is true?

MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE:
- What does the Bible say about itself? 1 TIMOTHY 3:16; PSALM 119:160; PSALM 119:128
- How does putting into practice the words of Jesus, benefit us? MATTHEW 7:24-27; 1 PETER 1:23
- Is the Bible relevant to today's modern world? 1 PETER 1:25; MATTHEW 5:18; ROMANS 12:1-2

APPLICATION:
- Why do you think God gave us a book?
  How significant is that book to our lives and futures?
- The Bible is God's love message to us – to show us himself, and his ways. Would you be willing to read it? (We recommend starting with the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, which recount Jesus' story).

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