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Our Whenua

There are many, many whānau who live a long way from their ancestral lands and for a lot of them, this has been the case for a number of generations. This activity will help whānau to show their whenua to their tamariki and mokopuna, their whenua and talk more about where they come from. It will help them to strengthen their identity and pride in who they are and where they come from.



1. While you are at home, you can gather your whānau together to make a map of your whenua back home. You can do this in your backyard using materials around you.
2. You can do this any way you like. Just be sure to include the following:
 - a. maunga, awa
 - b. whānau homes
 - c. other buildings such as schools and churches
 - d. gardens, crops
 - e. play areas and sports grounds
 - f. any other important parts of your rohe.
3. When you have finished, you can sit down and take the whānau through a tour of your whenua and tell stories about different areas. They could be funny stories from your childhood or your parent's childhood, or important events.
4. You could do the same activity using large flipchart or butcher's paper and coloured markers.
5. This may even inspire you to take the whānau home for a visit sometime in the future.

