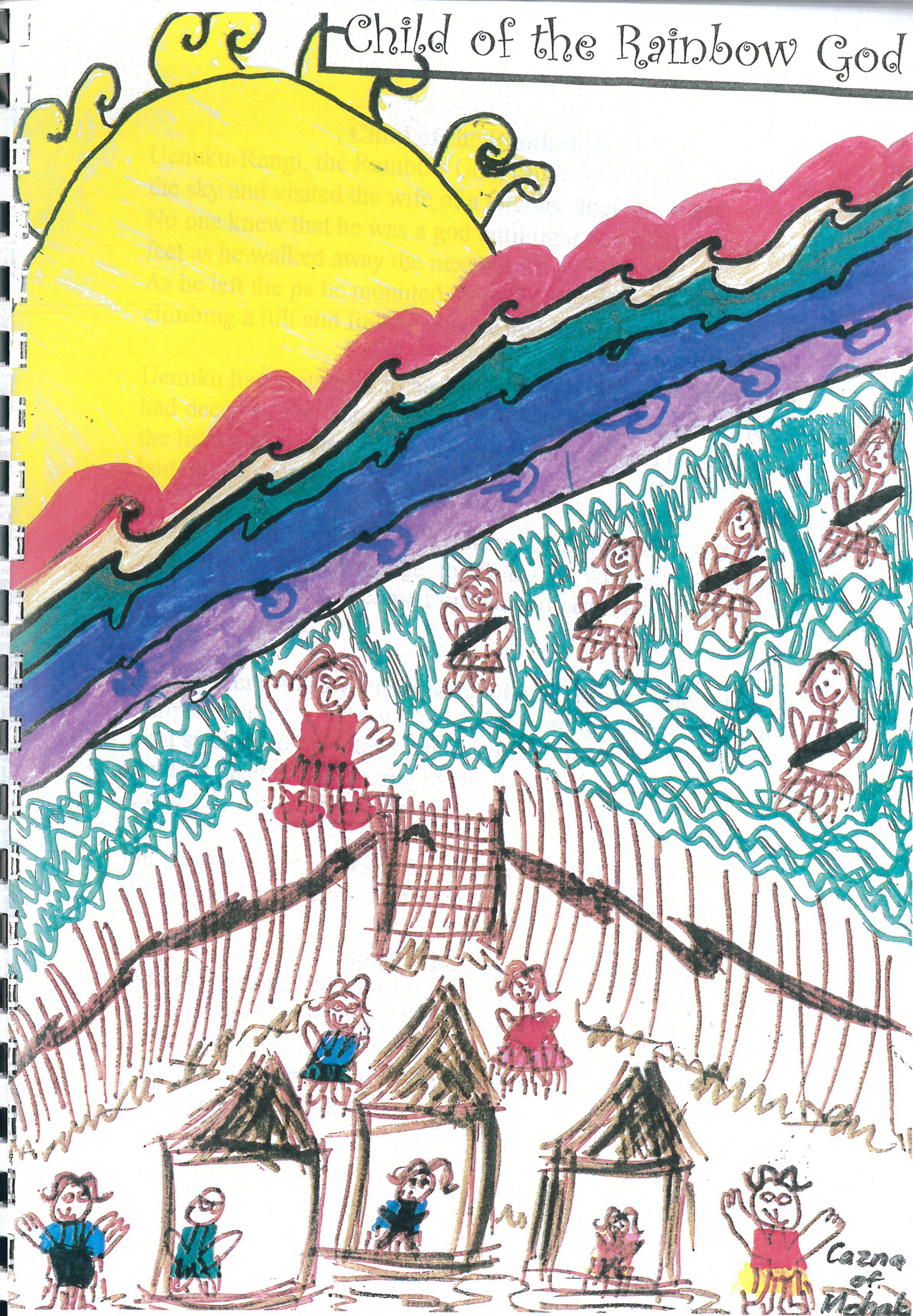


Child of the Rainbow God



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Child of the Rainbow God.

Uenuku-Rangi, the Rainbow God, came down from his home in the sky and visited the wife of a famous chief one night.

No one knew that he was a god until light was seen beneath his feet as he walked away the next morning.

As he left the pa he mounted up in the air as though he were climbing a hill and finally disappeared in the clouds.

Uenuku had pretended to be Tamatea, the chief of the tribe and had deceived the woman he visited. Presently a baby was born but the little girl seemed as though she were dead, and her body was laid on the sacred place of the village.

Many years went by. One day there was a stir and bustle of many visitors in Tamatea's village, for Tamatea's youngest son was to be baptised. People had come from far and near to do honour to the boy Kahu ngunu.

Among them was a young woman of great beauty who was a complete stranger. She walked boldly through the gateway and went straight to Tamatea's whare. She climbed through the window, instead of entering by the door and sat down on Tamatea's sacred sleeping mat.

Ihu-parapara, Tamatea's wife went up to her and asked her who she was and how it was that dared to sit in the sacred place.

"I am your daughter", the girl replied. "You thought I was dead and left me at the tuāha (altar, or sacred place), but my father, Uenuku-Rangi came down from the sky and took me to his home, to the place where the tides divide, to the marae (courtyard of Hinemoana. There I was looked after by the people who lived under the broad cloak of heaven".

When Tamatea heard the news, he took the girl to the stream where the sacred ceremonies were performed and she was given the name of Uenuku-titi. As the tohunga led her out of the water a bright rainbow spanned a clear sky, and everyone knew that her father was present at her baptism.

Uenuku-titi continued to live with her mother but every now and then she visited her father. For years after her descendants inherited her custom of disappearing from time to time. It was a sign that they were descended from a woman whose home was with both mortals and gods.

CHILD OF THE RAINBOW GOD

Y4-Y6

* LANGUAGE / TE REO *

Write your own version of this legend.
Substitute with either fairies, goblins,
little people.....

Write an acrostic poem about the rainbow
Use one letter of the word for each line.

* WORD STUDY *

Write in alphabetical order these words
taken from the story.....
uenuku, rainbow, visited, light, mounted
disappeared, many, Ihu-parapara, daughter

* WORD SCRAMBLE *

Unscramble these words from the story.....

wobrina

hildc

sluodc

ytuaeb

* PHYS. ED *

Children to make up their
own warm up & create a
variety of actions & high
intensity activities.
Record and try it out with
the class.

* TECHNOLOGY *

Make up your own rainbow
effects.

* SCIENCE / PUTAIAO *

Find Out.....

- How is a rainbow formed?
 - What are the rainbows true colours?
 - What is a prism?
 - What are some of the rainbow effects (bubbles, paua, oil slicks)
- Record and share your information with the class.

* DISCUSSION POINTS *

1. Pay each person in the group a compliment & describe the effect compliments have on self esteem.
2. Are positive comments good for us?
3. Why do people compare themselves to others?
4. Is there any value?
5. What are the four most important things in your life?

* ART * - Make a collage of this legend. Use crayons/paints for colours of the rainbow. Natural resources for the village, leaves, ferns, sand etc. Make the sky out of loosely scattered dye crystals & glue on cotton wool for clouds.

* MUSIC * - Make up your own rhythmic chant about the rainbow. Make up a graceful dance or actions to go with it, using maybe coloured scarves for rainbow.

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Y0-Y3

Rainbow - Uenuku chief famous sacred custom

LANGUAGE - TE REO

(Close Reading Questions)

1. Who is the main character?
2. How is she described?
3. Who was her father?
4. What did Tamatea do with the girl?

Make up an acrostic poem using the first letters of RAINBOW.

Get the children to try and name the colours of the rainbow in Maori - write them on cards and place around like a rainbow, - red-whereo, orange-karaka, yellow-kowhai etc.

TECHNOLOGY - HANGARAU

Materials: cardboard, string, crayons markers, scissors

Children to make cardboard circles, using crayons make the rainbow colours, make sure both sides are coloured. Teacher would need to make the holes, children insert string then spin. Ask children to predict what colour they will see when the circle spins

SCIENCE - PUTAIAO

Making rainbows & conducting investigation. Materials- glass of water, piece of white paper and crayons.

Inform children that you want them to make a rainbow. Adjust glass in order to produce this effect. Children to draw the experiment and reproduce the colours they see.

QUESTIONS

- What is light?
- What is a rainbow?
- Why do you think a rainbow can be created from sunlight?
- What other objects might you use to produce a rainbow?
- List the colours of the rainbow.
- Do they always stay in the same order?

ART

Materials: Paint (the 7 rainbow colours)

Paper.....

* Dab blobs of paint - several different colours on one side of folded paper

* Fold paper over and press corners together - result - symmetry

* Open and name your shape e.g. flower or putiputi

Children draw their own version of the rainbow colours and compare with the true colours.

WORD STUDY

How many words can you can you make out of the word.....RAINBOW

Link the meanings to the words from this list -

village
home
disappeared
left
broad

vanished
pa
whare
wide
banished

DANCE / MUSIC

Make up a rainbow dance, children use coloured ribbon (can be made from coloured paper if ribbon unavailable) attached to bamboo and create music or use the Uenuku tape to dance to. Learn the Uenuku song (Rainbow song & tape are in the 'Ngaru Booklet- Kimihia Resources)

UENUKU

Chorus

Te tinana o Uenuku
Ngā āhua o Uenuku
Te tinana o Uenuku
O Uenuku, o Uenuku

Verse 1

Whero, whero, whero
Karakā, kōwhai
Kākāriki, kikorangi
Pāpura
Tuapokere, tuapokere

Chorus

Te tinana o Uenuku
Ngā āhua o Uenuku
Te tinana o Uenuku
O Uenuku, o Uenuku

Verse 2

Whero, whero, whero
Karakā, kōwhai
Kākāriki, kikorangi
Pāpura
Tuapokere, tuapokere
Tuapokere, tuapokere

Ko ēnei ngā tae o Aniwaniwa
Ko ēnei ngā tae o Aniwaniwa
Ko ēnei ngā tae o Aniwaniwa
Ko ēnei ngā tae o Aniwaniwa
UENUKU

GUARDIAN OF THE RAINBOW

The body of Uenuku
The aspects of Uenuku
The body of Uenuku
Of Uenuku, of Uenuku

Red, red, red
Orange, yellow
Green, blue
Indigo
Violet, violet

The body of Uenuku
The aspects of Uenuku
The body of Uenuku
Of Uenuku, of Uenuku

Red, red, red
Orange, yellow
Green, blue
Indigo
Violet, violet
Violet, violet

These are the colours of the rainbow
These are the colours of the rainbow
These are the colours of the rainbow
These are the colours of the rainbow
UENUKU

