

**ACTIVITY BASED ENGAGEMENT 005**  
**MAY 2019**

## FIND THE TAONGA

*This activity demonstrates the importance of strategy and communication skills to achieve a team goal. Historically the people of the Pacific navigated the ocean on waka as effective teams. This activity is based on that journey and encourages rangatahi to think about their past and their future*

**What age group is this appropriate for?**

12 years and older

**Where should it be done?**

Indoor or outdoor

**What group size?**

Small teams of no more than 7

**How much time is needed?**

10 minutes to explain the purpose and rules

30 minutes to play the game (each round lasts 10-15 minutes)

**Resources required:**

8 hula hoops

7 dinner plate sized cardboard pieces per team

Whistle (for facilitator)

Treasure/treats to be placed in hoops and a large open space

**Directions:**

- 1) Each team (max 6-7 people per group) stands behind a starting line. The line represents the beach, everything after it is water. If they fall into the water they start again.
- 2) Hula hoops are placed randomly in the water to represent islands. Each island has treats representing taonga, or treasures.
- 3) Each team receives 7 cardboard pieces. These represent the waka which will be used by the team to travel over the water.
- 4) Once the facilitator blows the whistle, teams work together to travel over the water by laying down the cardboard pieces and stepping on them. However, teams can lose cardboard pieces if people are not standing on them. The teams must collect a taonga from each island and return to the beach. The first team to do this wins the game.
- 5) Multiple people can be standing on an island but the waka cannot go to another island without the full team. If a team is at an island, another team cannot go to that island.

**Outcomes:**

This is a fun way to tell the story of the Pacific migration, and celebrate the prowess and skills of ancestors who traversed the great Pacific Ocean. The islands and taonga represent goals and dreams, which the teams work together to succeed and achieve. Have a korero about what goals and dreams the rangatahi have, and what people they need in their team to achieve them.



**PURPOSE OF THE ACTIVITY:**

**NAVIGATORS OF THE FUTURE**

The Peoples of the Pacific were able to navigate the ocean using stars, clouds, currents and the wind. They travelled across massive spaces in small groups.

Tamariki and rangatahi should be reminded of the great taonga they are today, and as the descendants of their ancestors. To be reminded that they have the same capability to overcome challenges and reach their goals.

This activity empowers rangatahi to see themselves as the navigators and leaders of their families and peoples for the future. The activity demonstrates the importance of planning and connecting with good people.

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