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Māui and his brothers were fishing in Hawaiki. Māui looked up and saw the magical waka, Tūwhakarara, and its crew flying south.



Two giant sharks called Mako-horopekapeka and Mako-tipua were tethered to the waka. No one dared to follow them!



They flew on the wind and followed the stars until they reached a new and fantastical land, Poutini ki te Toka.

Words to share with children

Hawaiki ancient homeland of Māori

Mahunui Māui's voyaging waka

Mako-horopekapeka supernatural shark

Mako-tipua supernatural shark

marakai/marangai storm

Māui superhero of the Pacific

moana sea, ocean

piopio NZ native thrush (extinct)

Poutini ki te Toka South Westland

Tūwhakarara magical flying waka

tuākana older brothers (of a male)



Strange creatures called māeroero and patupaiarehe greeted the crew of Tūwhakarara.

They untied Mako-tipua and Mako-horopekapeka so they could guard the bay.



They loaded Tūwhakarara with new found treasures and returned to Hawaiki.



Māui met them on the beach. The little bird, Piopio, was Māui's special gift.



Māui went to bed each night and dreamed of a new land across the ocean.



Te Hehe gave Māui a magnificent waka called Mahunui for sailing the vast ocean.



Māui and his crew left Hawaiki in search of Poutini ki te Toka.