

### **Fortune-Telling Stones: Omokaru-ishi**

These stones are called the Omokaru-ishi. They are used for fortune-telling, specifically to check if a wish or goal will come true.

To perform the ritual:

1. Facing the shrine, bow twice, clap twice, then bow a final time.
2. Choose any one of the three stones.
3. Lift the stone, feel its weight, then put it back down.
4. Make a wish or think about a personal goal.
5. Lift the same stone again.

Did the stone feel lighter or heavier the second time around? According to tradition, if it felt lighter, your wish will come true. If it felt heavier, keep working at it, and maybe your wish will come true in the future.