

Children need to be supervised if lighting candles. Ensure hair is tied back. Cocktail sticks are sharp – adult supervision is required.



The Golden Glow of a Christmas Christingle

Children often make a Christingle at school and then take them to a church service - but a lot of children don't know what it symbolises

A Christingle service takes place in the winter, normally around Christmas time.

The church lights are switched off and the Christingle candles are lit.

It is a festival of light. Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

To make you will need:

A large orange

A small battery candle

Red ribbon (long enough to go around the orange)

4 cocktail sticks

Raisins, cherries, sultanas

Small knife to make a hole in the top of your orange

Instructions:

Measure the red ribbon around the middle of your orange and cut to the right length, allow a little overlap, tie and make a bow

Make a small hole in the top of the orange.

Skewer the dried fruit onto the four cocktail sticks (share them equally).

Put the cocktail sticks around the orange

Place the candle in the orange (I used a battery candle). If using a wax candle cover the hole at the top of the orange with a small piece of foil.

Light your candle when you are ready to use it.

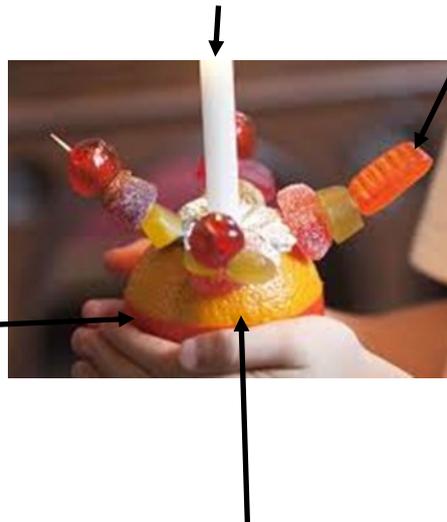




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Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness



The red ribbon indicates God's love wrapped around the world and the blood Christ shed on the cross

The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations – including the 4 seasons. The four sticks can also be seen as North, South, East and West – representing the whole world

The orange represents the world



Christingles prepared for a Moravian service