

Christingle in the

Classroom

Key Stage 2



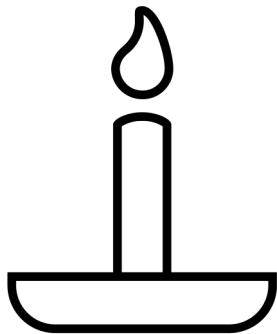
Advent

Welcome to worship

Christ the light of the world is here

Lord Jesus shine on us

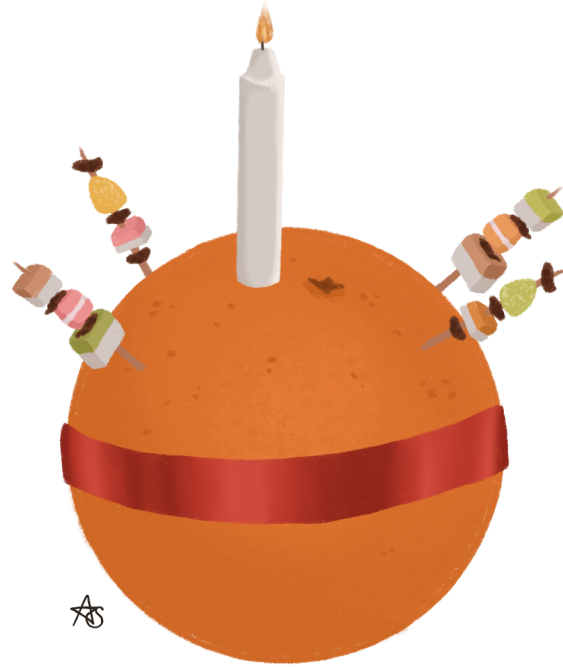
Amen



Advent



Our act of worship is going to help us think more deeply about the Christingle



Someone should say:

The Christingle tells a wonderful story - the greatest story ever told. It started when God made the world and everything in it, out of nothing.

God made it all out of love.



Advent



Someone should say:

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12



Advent



Now we do and think:

Hold the orange in your hand, and imagine that, like God, you are holding the world in your hands, and loving it so much.



Advent



Someone should say:

God poured every good gift into the world –
the changing seasons, the plants and trees,
the animal world, and human beings, with
their variety and beauty, and imagination,
and potential.





Now we do and think:

Push the dried fruit and sweets onto the cocktail sticks, and then push the sticks into the orange.

As you do so, think about all the good things God has given his people.



Now we think:

What would you like to thank God for today?

What good things are you thankful for in your life?



Advent

Someone should say:

But even though God had blessed the world so richly, it was not the bright and light place that God intended it to be.

Human beings have never really taken proper care of the world, or of each other, and we have often made the world a dark place.



Advent





Now we think:

What makes the world a dark place?
What stops it being the place God wants it to be?

Think of some of those things that bring darkness into the world: war, famine, bullying, pollution...?





Someone should say:

So God sent his Son into the world to be the light of the world - not a light to shine on the world from heaven, but a light to shine from the earth itself.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, God's Son becoming a human being like us, to bring God's light to a world in darkness.



Now we do and think:

Push your candle into the orange.
When would you switch on a light, or
light a candle?
Why do we need light?



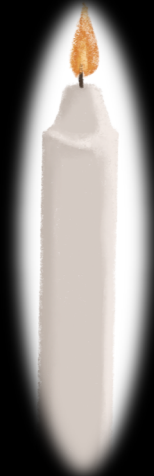
Advent



Switch off the lights in the room where you
are.

Light your candle
Watch how the light of a single candle flame
takes the darkness out of a whole room.

How does the light
in the darkness
make you feel?





Someone should say:

But the world didn't like the light.

Jesus' light showed up all the wrong things and injustices that had been hidden in the dark.

He lived a life that showed how we should treat people everyone, even those we find difficult. Jesus talked about how the leaders hadn't been caring properly for everyone, and how people had forgotten what really matters.





But God still loved the world.

God's love has always encircled the whole world and that love was shown most deeply when Jesus died on the cross, so the ribbon is red, for Jesus' blood.





Now we do and think:

Add the red ribbon to your orange.

How do we see God's love for the world and for us?





Now we think:

How do we know that people love us?

How do we know we love other people?

Where can you see God's love be breaking
into the world.



Someone should say:

But even though Jesus died, the candle flame still burns brightly, because Jesus came alive again, showing that the love of God was deeper than all the hatred of the world, and the peace of God was stronger than the violence of the world, and the light of God was brighter than all the darkness of the world.



That's the story that the Christingle tells. The story of the light and love of God.

Jesus came to bring the light and love of God to every dark corner of the world.



Advent

Now we think:

Where do you see the light and love of God in your school and community?

Where in the world, and in what situations, needs the light and love of God?



Advent



Let us be still and quiet so we can think

Think about these situations.

Pray that light will come into these dark places.



Advent



Someone should say:

Jesus said, 'You are the light of the world'.

But how does that light get from Jesus to people, and into the world?





Advent

Christingles are best lit from one another: when our own flame has been lit with the light of God's love. Christians believe their job is to pass it on – that is how the light and love of God will spread through the world.



As we leave:

How will you share the light and love of God today, tomorrow and in the next few weeks?

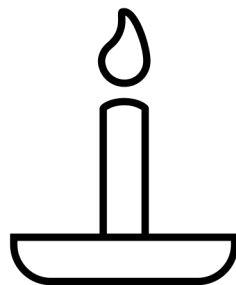


AS



Go in peace, joy and love, sharing God's light
and love with each other.

Amen



Advent

