

All About Christingle



What is a Christingle?

A Christingle is used in Christian churches during Advent.

Advent starts four Sundays before Christmas.

A Christingle is made from different objects.

Each of the objects has a special meaning.

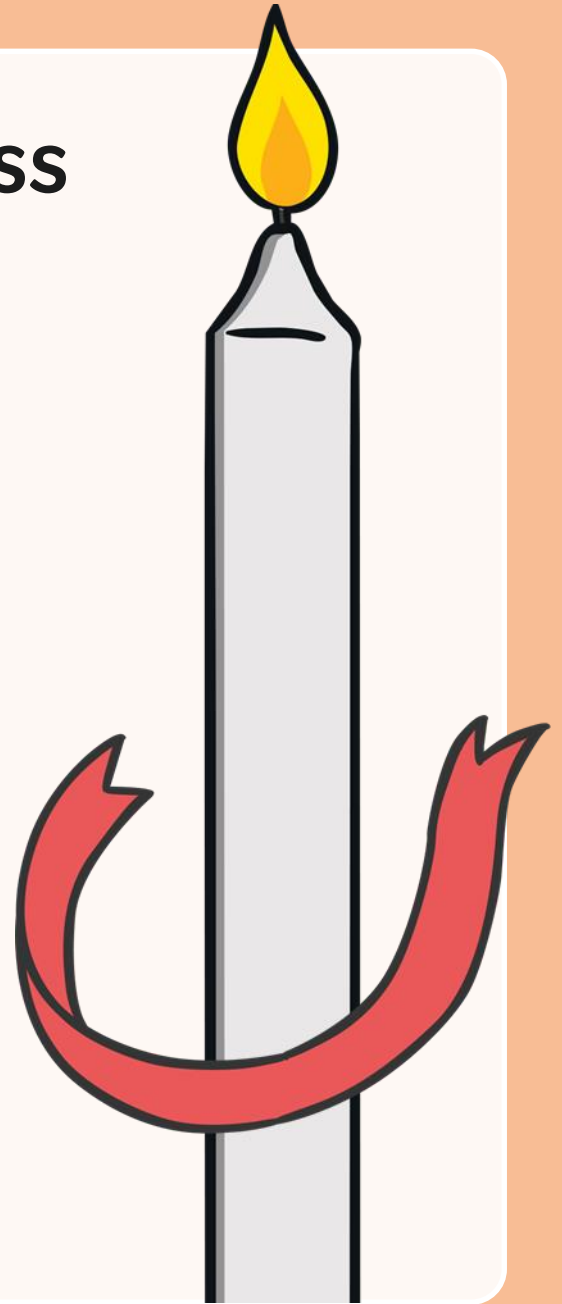


A Sign of Happiness

Over three hundred years ago, a bishop in Germany gave all the children in his church a gift.

The gift was a candle with a red ribbon around it.

He wanted to give the children something to remind them that their happiness came from God.



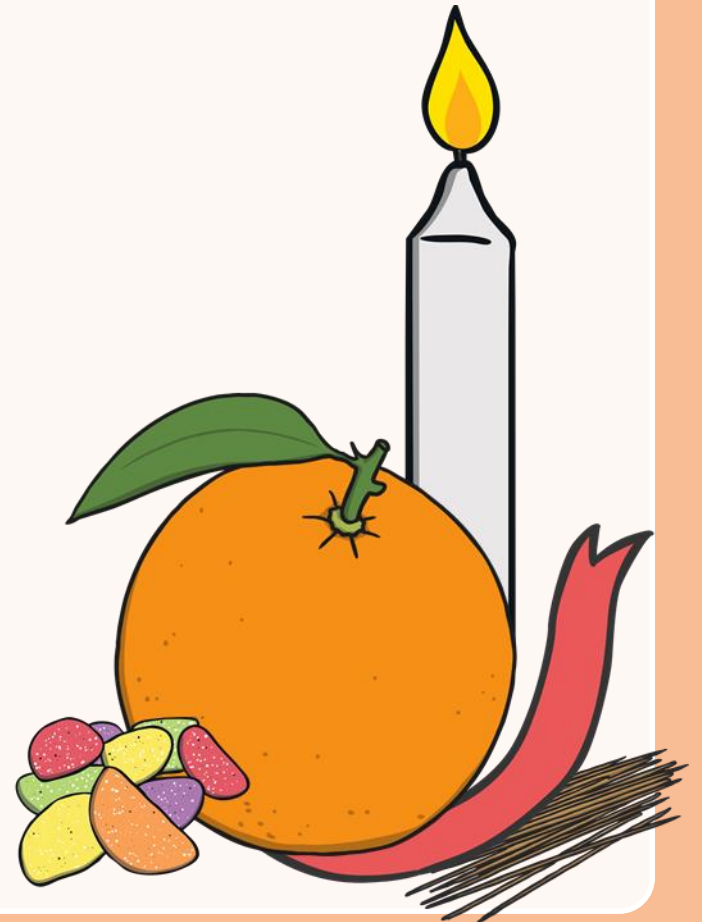
Making a Christingle

In 1968, the Children's Society charity used the idea of the Christingle and made their own version.

You need:

- 4 cocktail sticks
- an orange
- a red ribbon
- some sweets or dried fruit
- a candle

You may need some help from an adult to make your Christingle.



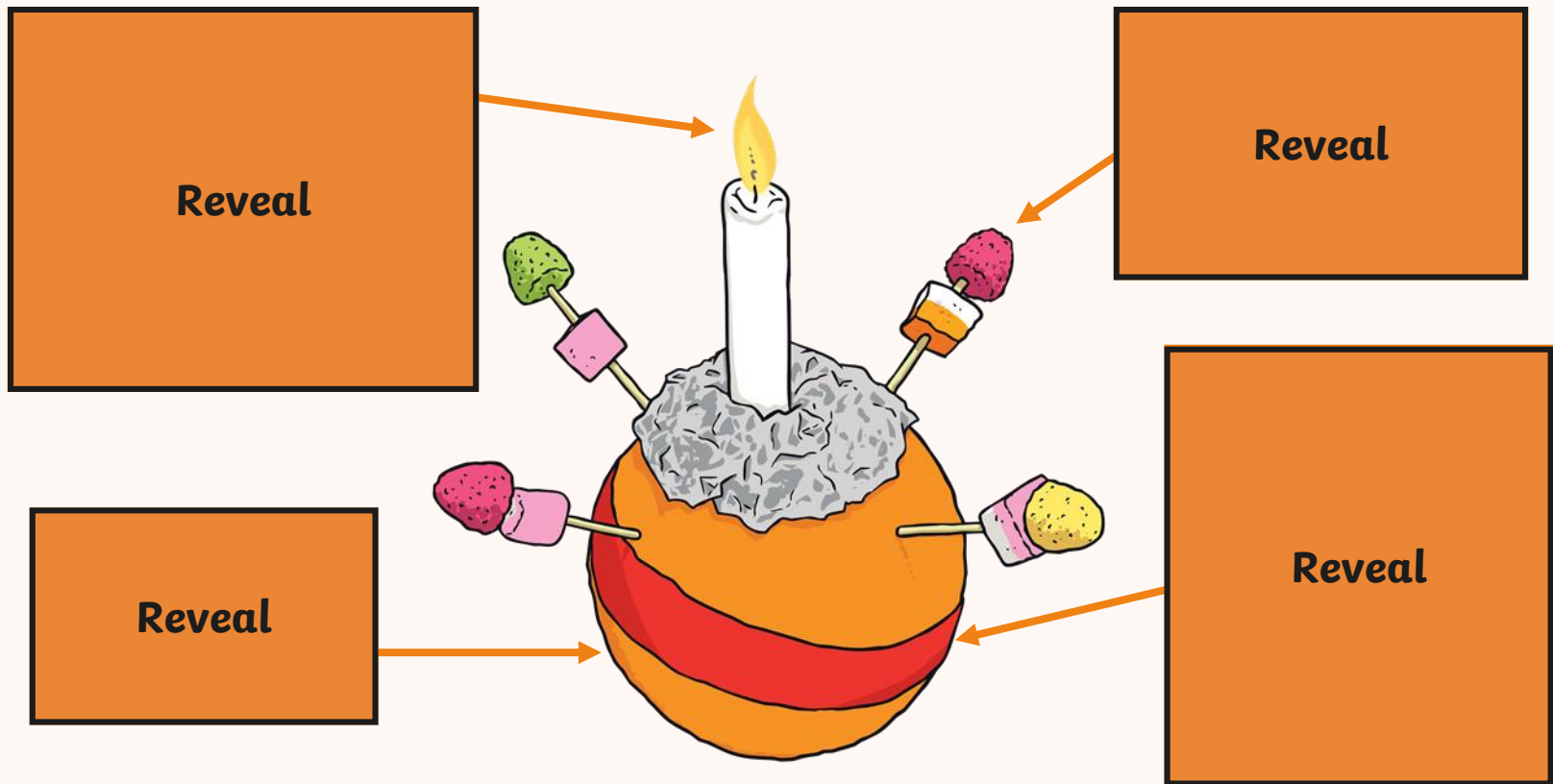
Instructions

1. Tie the red ribbon around the middle of the orange.
2. Push the four cocktail sticks into the orange.
3. Carefully, put the sweets or dried fruit on the ends of the cocktail sticks.
4. Push the candle into the orange. You might need an adult to make a small hole at the top of the orange first.



What Does It All Mean?

What do you think is the meaning of each part of the Christingle?



Christingle Services

Click to
turn off
the lights!

Christingles are often used during Advent in Christingle services.

Prayers for people in need are said and songs are sung.

During the service, the candles on the Christingles are lit and all the lights are turned off.

Christians think about the hope that the light of Jesus brings to the world.



