



# CHRISTINGLE



**Christingle** is a service that is held during advent when Christians are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The service is enjoyed by children who get given a Christingle each.

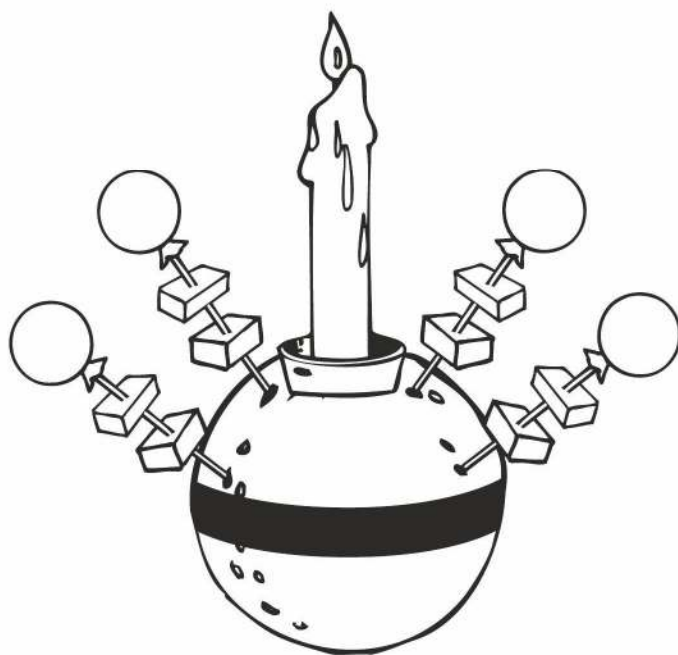
The service is usually held by candlelight. This is because Jesus is sometimes called **the light of the world**. Light and darkness are powerful symbols in Christian religions.

Christingles represent different parts of the story of Jesus and his message to his followers.

The **orange** represents the world.

The **red ribbon** represents the blood of Jesus that was shed to save mankind. The **four cocktail sticks decorated with different fruits or sweets** represent the four corners of the world or the four seasons.

The **candle** at the centre of the orange represents Jesus as the light of the world.



A Christingle.

## Things to Do:

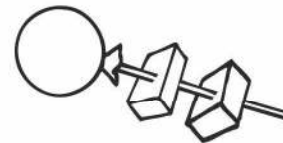
To make your own Christingle you will need the following:

an orange, a red ribbon, 4 cocktail sticks, dried fruit or soft sweets and a birthday candleholder and candle.

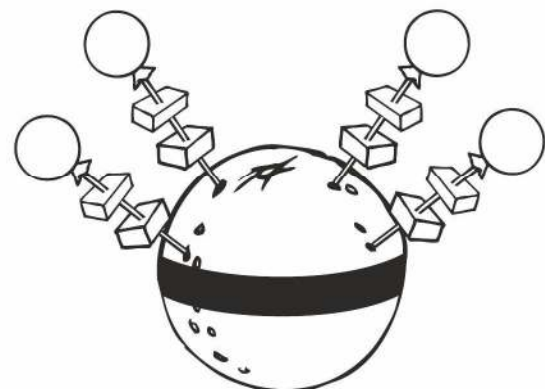
- 1) Tie or tape the ribbon around middle of the orange.



- 2) Place a few sweets or pieces of dried fruit onto each cocktail stick.



- 3) Insert the cocktail sticks into the orange around the top.



- 4) Insert your candleholder and candle into the middle of the top of your orange. Your finished Christingle should look like the one opposite which you can colour in to match.