

## How to make your Christingle

### You will need:

- An orange
- A small candle
- A piece of red tape to go around your orange
- 4 cocktail sticks
- A few sweets and some dried fruit
- A small piece of foil
- A pencil to make a hole in the orange



**IMPORTANT:** Children must be assisted with this activity, especially with cocktail sticks

1. First **fix** the **red tape** around the middle of your orange (around the fattest part)
2. Carefully **push a pencil** into the **top of the orange** to make a small hole
3. Put your **sweets** and **dried fruit** onto the **cocktail sticks**
4. **Push** the **cocktail sticks** into the **orange** in four different directions slightly above the fattest part of the orange and pointing slightly upwards
5. Take the **foil** and **wrap** it around the **candle** at the bottom, now put the candle **into the hole** that you have made
6. You now have **your finished Christingle!**

# Learn more about your **Christingle**

**It looks good, it smells good and it tastes good too...**

**...but what does your Christingle represent?**



The **orange** represents the world.



The **red tape** represents the love of Jesus, surrounding the world, also his blood.



The **dried fruits and sweets** are symbols of God's creations.



The **candle** represents Jesus, the light of the world.



## **Why do people make Christingles?**

**Christingle** is a **Christian festival of light**.

Many **different religions** celebrate how **light can chase away darkness**. **Hanukkah** is a Jewish festival of lights, **Diwali** is a festival of lights celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains, and the **Tazaungdine Festival** is a festival of light which is celebrated by Buddhists.

**Christingle focuses on Jesus, who said "I am the light of the world: those who follow me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life". (John 8.12). Jesus came to rid the world of dark things, such as hatred, jealousy, bitterness and replace them with love, forgiveness and life.**

Have you ever heard the expression that someone is a '**shining light**', '**the light of my life**' or that someone '**lights up the room**'? These expressions explain how some people **chase away darkness** for us.