



Christingle

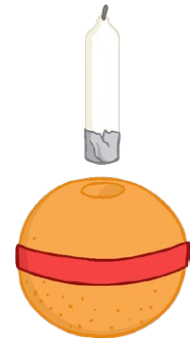
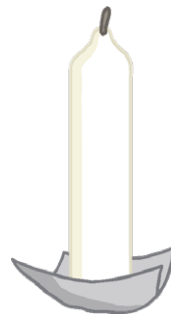
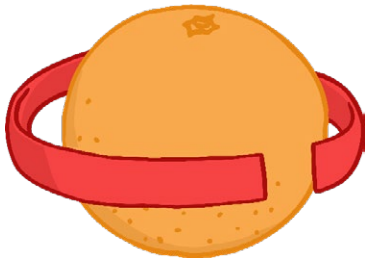
How to Make a Christingle Candle

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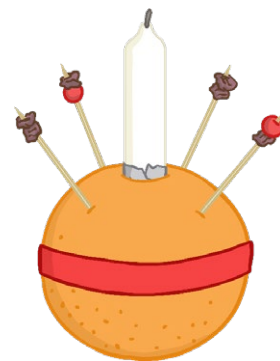
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- soft sweets or dried fruit (12 pieces per Christingle)



Instructions



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The orange represents the _____

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The sweets and dried fruits represent all of _____.

The lit candle represents Jesus' _____ in the world, bringing hope to people who are living in darkness.

Christingle is one of my favourite services of the year.



Explain why this Christian might say this.



Christingle Answers

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Example answer.

I think this person might like the Christingle service because it is a service where they are feeling excited about Christmas and the Christingle is an uplifting service with the focus on light as a symbol of Jesus giving hope in the darkness. I think they might also like the fact that the service is aimed at children and is a service of celebration. They might like having the Christingle to hold.



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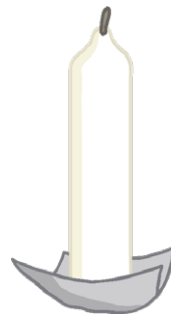
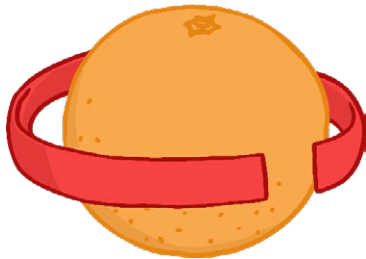
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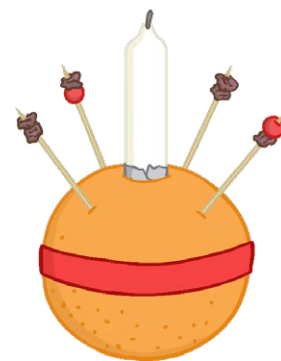
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When and where are Christingle services held?

How might a Christian feel during Advent and/or when at a Christingle service?

Can you explain why Christians might feel these feelings by filling in the second column?

The first one is done for you.

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thoughtful	
loved by God	
excited	



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Christingle services are held during Advent in churches.

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joyful	<i>Christmas is coming and Christians rejoice at the celebration of the birth of Christ.</i>
thoughtful	<i>As Christians prepare for Christmas, they think about their own lives and what Jesus means to them and how they can live better lives. They spend lots of time in prayer too during Advent.</i>
loved by God	<i>As candles are lit during Advent and at the Christingle service, Christians remember that Jesus is there for them.</i>
excited	<i>Christians feel excited about the big celebration on Christmas Day. There is lots of preparation and anticipation leading up to the birth of Jesus during Advent and in a Christingle service.</i>



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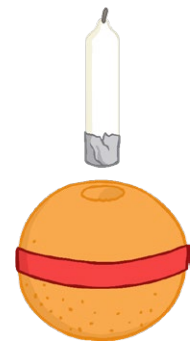
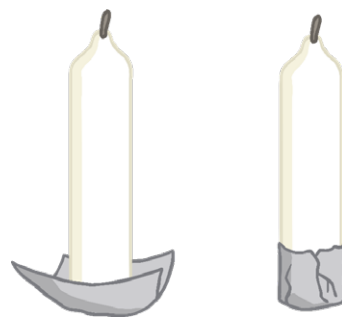
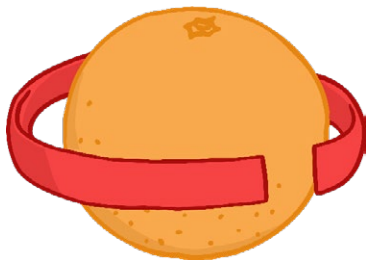
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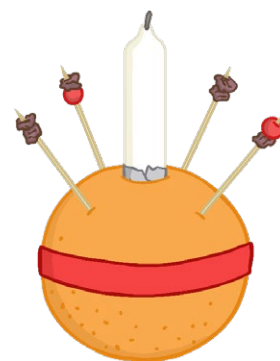
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Now produce a fact sheet to go with your Christingle.

Make sure you include the following information:

- what a Christingle is;
- what each part of the Christingle symbolises;
- when Christingle services take place;
- how the Christingle first originated;
- any other information about the history or message of Christingles;
- How a Christian might feel during Advent and/or when at a Christingle service and why they would feel this way.





Christingle Answers

The following information might be included in a fact sheet...

Christingle services are held during Advent in churches. The Christingle is made from an orange, red tape or ribbon, sweets and a candle. The symbol of light is central to a Christingle service. The word Christingle means 'Christ's light'.

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The first Christingle service was held in 1747. A bishop called Johannes de Watteville in Marienborn, Germany gave children a lighted candle with a red ribbon about it and talked to them about his message that following Jesus brings happiness.

In 1968 the Christingle was adapted to include the addition of the orange, sticks and sweets and was introduced to the Church of England. The new Christingle was first used by John Pensom in a service where he was raising money for a charity called The Children's Society.

Since 1968, Christingle services have been held every year. This service was very much designed with children in mind and, when Christingle services are held nowadays, a collection of money is taken so that people donate money to The Children's Society.

During Advent and at a Christingle service, Christians are thoughtful and reflective. As they prepare for the birth of Christ, they reflect on the birth of Jesus and what Jesus means to them and how they can live differently. They spend time praying as they prepare for Christmas. A Christingle service is also a time for Christians to rejoice. They are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus and they feel joyful and excited about this. They might feel hopeful at a Christingle service because light is a symbol that Jesus brings hope in darkness.