

Aim

• I can explain why light can be important at Christmas.

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Success Criteria

- I can name two kinds of lights you might see at Christmas.
- I can tell you what light at Christmas represents for Christians.

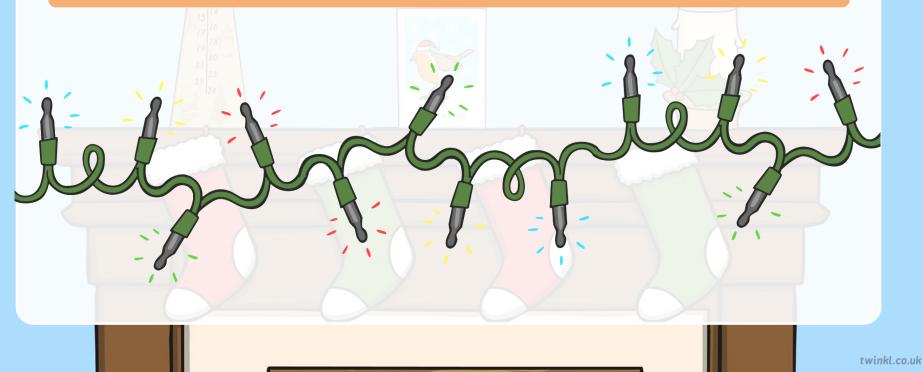
How Many Lights?

Think about all the different types of lights you see at Christmas.

How many can you think of?

Why do you think lights are important to Christians at Christmas?

What do you think the lights could represent?





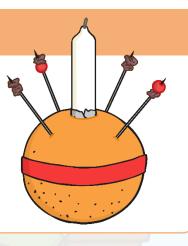
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Candles and Tree Lights

The first trees to be decorated for Christmas came from Germany. Candles used to be used to light up the tree. This was very dangerous and so now Christmas trees are usually decorated with electric or LED lights. Sometimes these are called fairy lights.

Christingles

Over Christmas time, many churches and schools hold Christingle services. Christingles are oranges which have been decorated with a candle, red ribbon and sweets. The lit candle represents Jesus as 'The Light of the World.'



Lights

Christmas Lights in Public Places

Many villages, towns and cities have their own Christmas lights which are often switched on by a celebrity. Special landmarks around the world are also lit up and many people put lights on their houses too.



Stars

Stars are a symbol of Christmas and remind Christians of the Star of Bethlehem, which guided the Three Wise Men to Baby Jesus. Stars are sometimes put at the top of the Christmas tree and are also a popular shape for decorations.

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Why Is Light Important at Christmas?

Light is important at Christmas as Christians believe Jesus to be 'The Light of the World'. Christians believe Jesus brings light and hope to the world, even in really dark times.



Designing a Light Decoration

Have a think about all the different kinds of lights there are around at Christmas.

You are going to design your own light decoration. Have a think about:

What shape would it be?

What would it be made from?

What would the different parts represent?

Which kinds of lights would you like to use?

What colours would they be? Why?

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