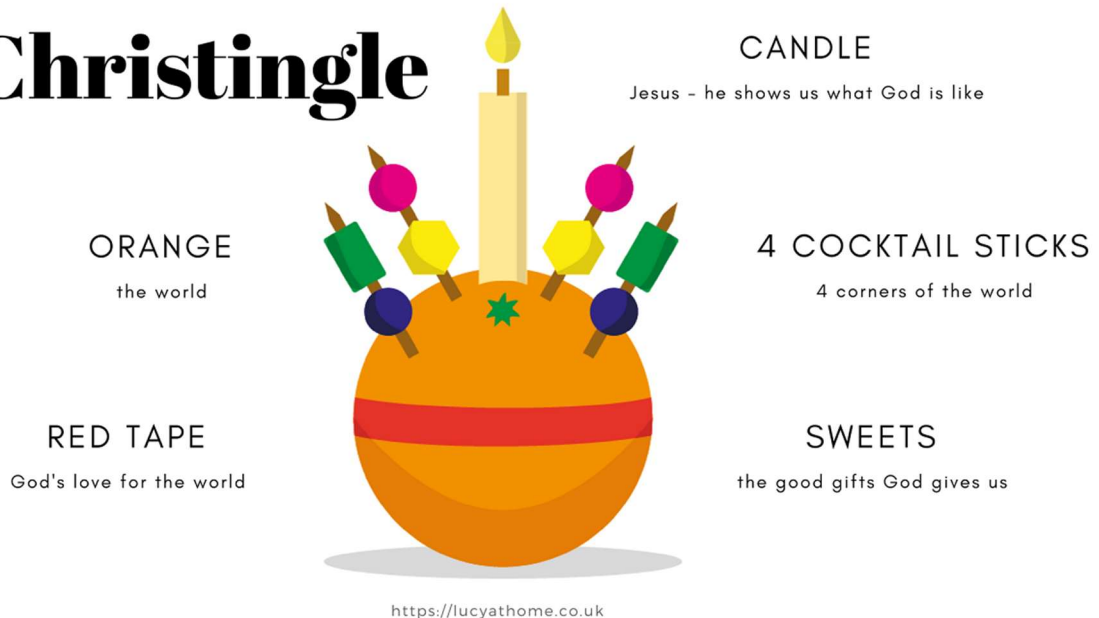


Christingle Service – An All Age Christmas Experience

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Christingle



Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.

This is a photo of when I did it at South West Baptist on the 22nd of December 2019, as part of an all age-service.

We had some carols and a humorous video clip, then I spoke for 8-10 minutes using a large "Christingle", explaining what the different parts mean. (See the photo below of the one I used up the front. It is made from a large polystyrene ball and smaller ones and square ones - from Lincraft).



Because of the size of SWBC, we then took the children out for 10 mins while someone spoke to the adults and the children all made their own Christingle with an orange, lollies on toothpicks and a birthday cake candle. We had pre-taped red tape around the oranges. With a smaller number, I would prefer that everyone got to make one - all ages. They could either make it as you are talking, or before the service starts.

The children then lined up, with their lit Christingles and quietly filed up the aisle of the auditorium, to the front. The auditorium lights were dimmed and the congregation was singing "O Holy Night"! It was a truly sacred space - everyone experiencing the presence of God!

Here is a helpful explanation from UK that explains the elements well:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise-and-events/christingle/what-is-christingle>

Here is a video example of a church doing a Christingle Service:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAXJA9ePa-I>