

All about Christingle

What are Christingles?

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Did You Know...?

The word Christingle means Christ's light.

Each part of a Christingle has a special meaning.

The candle reminds people of Jesus being like a light in the darkness, bringing hope to people.

The sweets/fruits represent God's creations in the four seasons.



The red ribbon makes people think of God's love and Jesus' blood when he died on the cross.

An orange is used to remind people about the world.

Where Did Christingles Come From?

Christingles were first used over three hundred years ago in Germany. A minister gave all the children who came to his Advent service, a candle with a red ribbon around it. He wanted to give them a symbol that would remind them that their happiness came from Jesus.

In 1968, Christingles were used in a church service to raise money for a charity called the Children's Society.

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- An orange is used to represent the world.
- The red ribbon represents God's love and Jesus' blood when he died on the cross.
- The sweets/fruits represent God's creations in the four seasons.
- The candle represents Jesus being the light of the world and how he made the dark world brighter with his love for everyone.



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In 1968, Christingles were used in a church service to raise money for a charity called the Children's Society. The Children's Society give money to children who are in need and do not have enough food, shelter or care. Christingles changed to include oranges, sweets and cocktail sticks, as well as the ribbon and candle the bishop had used before.

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What Does the Christingle Represent?

They are made using different objects and each one represents something special.

It begins with an orange which is used to represent the whole world. A red ribbon is placed around the outside of the orange and this represents God's love and Jesus' blood when he died on the cross.

The sweets or pieces of dried fruit on the cocktail sticks, represent God's creations in the four seasons.



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Many people go to a Christingle service in church at Advent. During the service, the Christingle candles are lit and all the lights are turned off. People think about how the birth of Jesus brought light in the darkness of the world.

