



Christingles - Key Stage 1 Learning Plan

Learning Aims

To be able to describe the key features of a Christingle using some religious words.

To be able to describe some Christian symbols, including those on the Christingle.

To be able to think and make suggestions about the meaning and values of "light" as a symbol in Christianity.

To be able to think about how the ideas considered might apply to their own lives.

To Start

Children should be given a blank copy of "Jesus, Light of the World" to colour. Ask them to think about the colours they want to use and why they have chosen them to start them thinking about symbolism. After they have had time to complete their colouring, show them a copy of the original painting and why they think the artist chose the colours that he did.

Discuss with children why Christians often refer to Jesus as the light of the world - what does that mean? Use the PowerPoint (or your own images and examples of lights) to frame the discussion. They should then think about and identify anyone or anything who lights up their world and why. They should write this down on a paper strip that has been cut to the right size to wrap around the inside of a toilet roll.

Finding out about Christingles

Children should use the instruction sheet to create their own Christingle. Once they have done this they should cut out the labels and stick them on the right parts of the Christingle using blutack.

You can order many of the elements to make your Christingle here:

<https://shop.childrenssociety.org.uk/christingle.html>

The Children's Society do not charge for resources but do request that you make a donation towards the charity.

Service

Children should now participate in the livestream Christingle service from Ely Cathedral. You can join the service here: <https://youtu.be/lt5Cy6qj3xo>

Reflection

Children should reflect on how they can share their own light over Christmas. They should complete the flame part of the candle they started at the beginning of the session by writing down ways in which they can share the light and love of God on the red flames. Once they have done this they should complete the candle by wrapping the white strip of paper around the outside of the toilet roll inner and insert the flame on the top.

