



# Christingles - Key Stage 2 Learning Plan

## Learning Aims

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

To be able to describe a range of Christian symbols, including those on the Christingle.

To be able to reflect and comment in the meaning and value 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

Hand out small copies of "Jesus, Light of the World". Without really telling them anything about it, ask them to look at the picture and write around/label/annotate what they think and notice about the painting. Share a large image of the painting on the board and discuss what they children thought. Discuss with the children why they think that Christians often refer to Jesus as a light - think about different sources of light using the PowerPoint and why Christians might see Jesus in the same way. Ask the children if they have any other sources of light in their lives - people who guide them etc? Ask them to create a picture to show their source of light using as much symbolism as they can (as in the painting).

## Finding out about Christingles

Children should now use the Christingle puzzle to create and label their own Christingle.

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

After the service, children should play the "Table Talk" game in small groups. You might prefer to play this as a whole class, depending on time and class context.

