



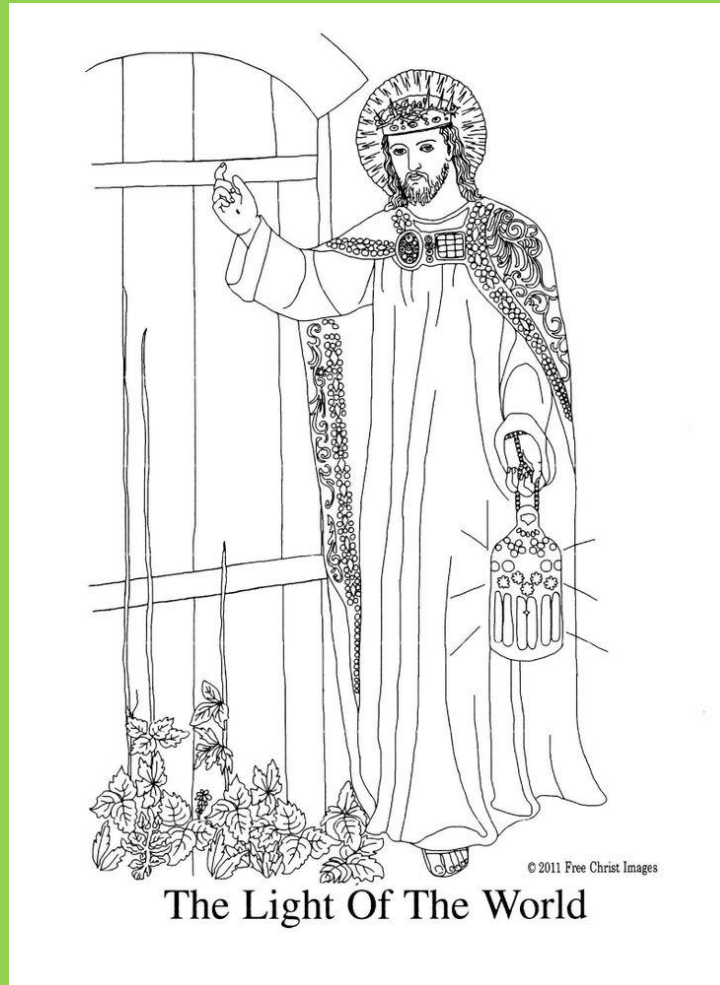
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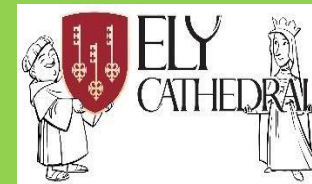


This picture is called “The Light of the World”. It is a very famous painting that hangs in St Paul’s Cathedral, London.

The painter used lots of symbols and chose his colours very carefully. What colours would you choose? Colour in your picture using the colours that you think are best, think about why you have chosen the colours that you have.



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Pair up – tell your partner why you chose to use the colours that you did and ask them to explain their choices too!

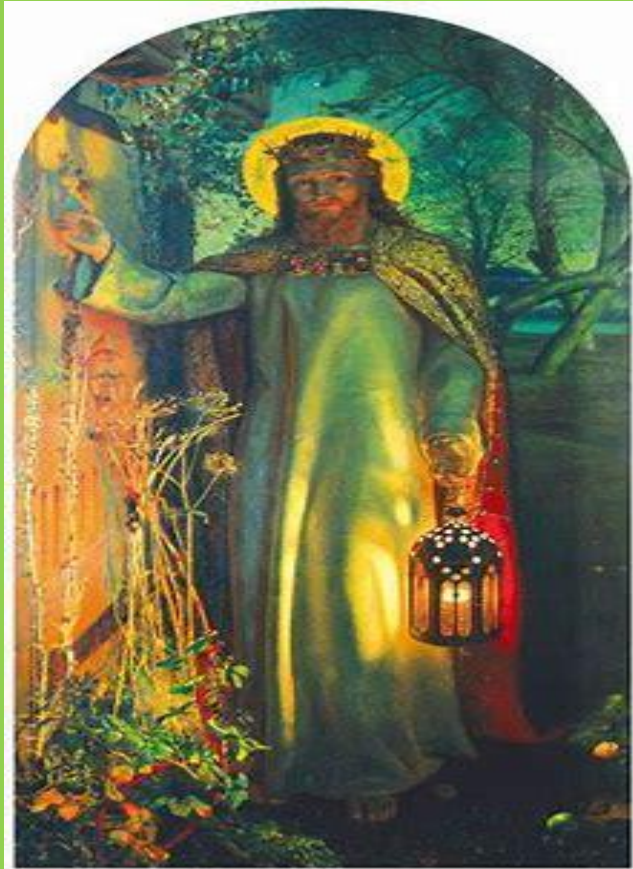


Share – explain why your partner chose the colours that they did to the whole class.



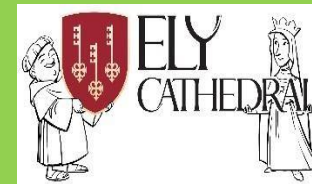
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- Where does the light come from in the painting? Is it only coming from the lamp?
- What sorts of colours has the artist used? Where else in the world do we see them?
- Do you notice anything else in the painting?

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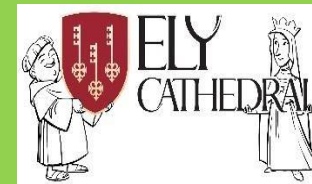
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What do all these things have in common?

In what ways might Christians say that they are like Jesus?

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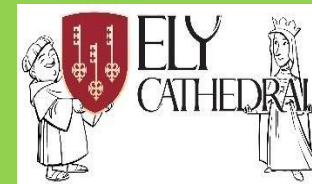
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All of these things are sources of light. They can also help us find our way.

For Christians, Jesus does exactly the same thing. He lights up their lives and guides them. That is why they call him “The Light of the World”

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# Who guides you and lights up your life?

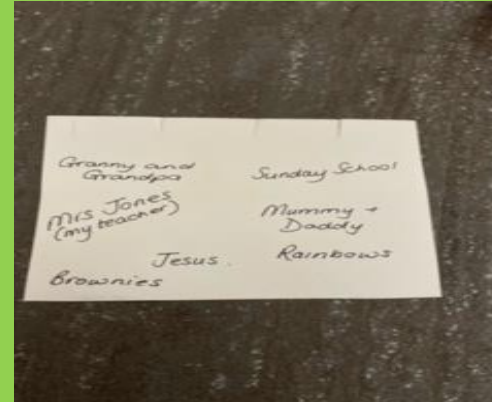
Think about the people in your life who act as “lights”, who gives you hope and helps you to find your way? It might be a parent, relative, friend or teacher. It might be all of these people!

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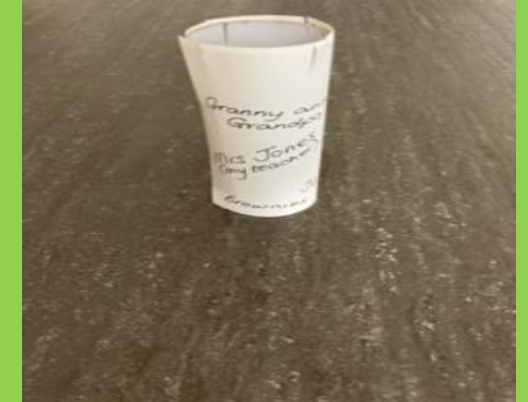
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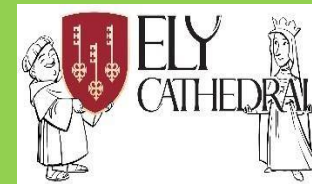
You will need the inside of a loo roll and a piece of paper the will wrap all the way around it.



On the paper, write down the names or all the sources of light in your life.

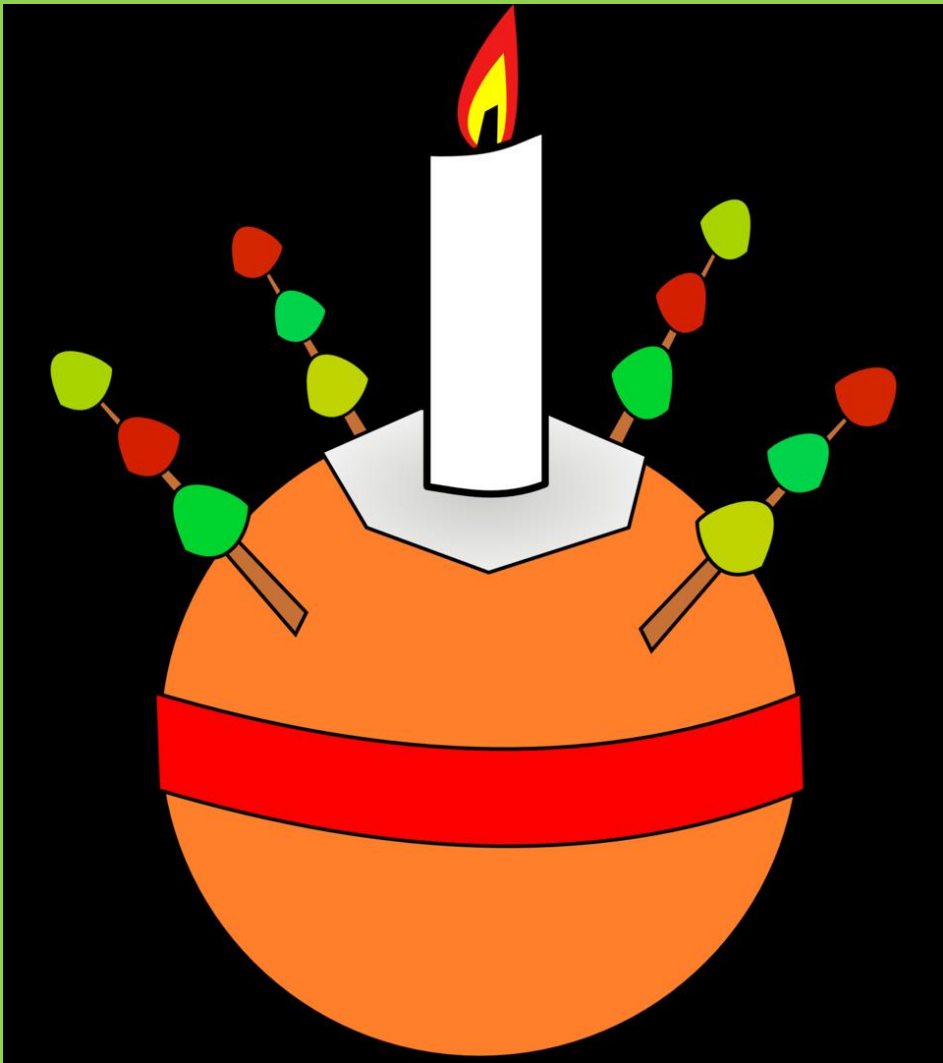


Now, wrap your paper around the loo roll and secure it with tape or glue. This is you candle stick.



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## Make your Christingle

- Tie the ribbon around the centre of the orange (or wrap the red tape around if that is what you are using).
- Place a few sweets on each of your cocktail sticks.
- Push the cocktail sticks into the orange, just above the ribbon. Make sure you space them out evenly.
- Make a hole in the top of your orange (your teacher might have already done this for you).
- Push the foil square into the hole on top of the orange.
- Now push your candle or glow stick into the foil lined hole you have made.

Your Christingle is now ready!

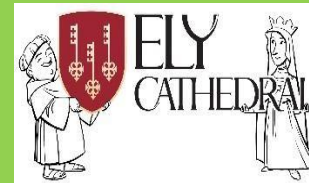
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## What does it mean?

- The orange represent the world.
- The red ribbon represents God's love wrapped all around the world and Jesus' blood on the cross.
- The sweets on the cocktail sticks represent creation and how God provides for Christians in all 4 seasons.
- The candle represents Jesus – The Light of the World.

You are now ready to join in with our live service! We are so excited to welcome you into the Cathedral at this very special time and we hope you enjoy being a part of this huge service.

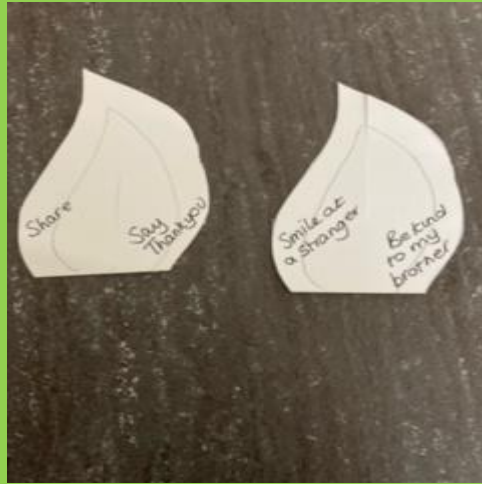


## How can you be a source of light this Christmas?

You have already thought about how other people act as a guiding light for you – but how can you be a guiding light for others? Perhaps you could show kindness to someone, share your sweets with your brother or remember to say thank you. Write down your ideas on your flame and use that to finish off your candle.

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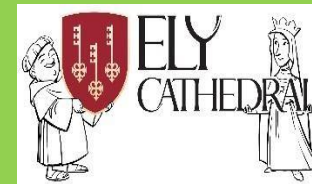
Write down some ways that you can be a guiding light.



Colour in your flame!



Attach your flame to your candle stick.



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