

How To *M*ake Christingles



Your complete guide on
how to make Christingles
with your family



What are Christingles

During the weeks leading up to Christmas many people from around the world make Christingles with their families. Making Christingles is a great way of learning about Jesus' reason for coming to earth in a fun and family friendly way.

Christingles started in a church in Germany in 1747 when the priest gave each child a candle wrapped in a red ribbon. Since then it has moved around the world and has become a big part of Christmas.

Dried Fruit or Sweets

The dried fruit or sweets show God provides food for His world

The Candle

The candle represents Christ the light of the world

The Four Sticks

The four sticks represent the four seasons along with the points of a compass

The Ribbon

The ribbon symbolises Jesus' blood, from when he died for us






The Orange

The orange represents the world






What you will need

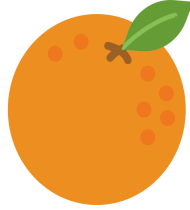
From the store

-  An Orange
-  A Candle (the right size to fit an Orange)
-  Red ribbon (enough to get around the orange)
-  Four tooth picks
-  Sweets or fruits

From home

-  Tin foil
-  A tool to make a hole in the top of the orange
-  Sticky tape or double sided tape

Step 1



Instructions:

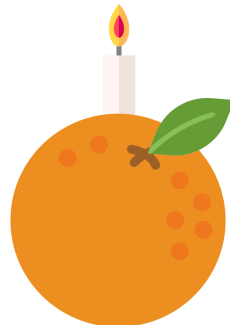
Take your orange and using your thumb or a tool make a hole in the top of the orange. Place tin foil around the base of the candle and push it firmly into the orange.

Reason:

The candle represents Christ, who is the light of the world. Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness. The light that cannot be put out.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father we ask that the light that we search for may light our way in love, this night, this Christmas and in the days to come.
Amen



Step 2



Instructions:

Take your orange (with the candle in it) and ribbon. Wrap your ribbon around the centre of the Orange horizontally and tape it to itself.

Reason:

The red ribbon around the orange represents the blood of Jesus Christ who was crucified. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we see God loving the world.

Prayer:

Loving God, we thank you for making the whole world of which we are just a little part. Help us to love the world as you loved the world, because you made us to be like you.

Amen



Step 3



Instructions:

Take your orange and carefully put the four toothpicks into the orange opposite each other like the points of a compass.

Reason:

The four toothpicks represent the four directions of the compass and the four seasons. Both parts of our world which was and is created by God.

Prayer:

Lord God as we gather together in this season of summer, we thank you for the warmth of the sun and the long days. We ask that you will bless us in all seasons that we find ourselves in.

Amen



Step 4



Instructions:

Take your fruits or sweets and carefully put them onto the toothpicks

Reason:

Through bread and wine made from the fruits of the earth, Jesus showed us how he would save us. Through food and drink God has always provided for all of creation.

Prayer:

Dear Father in heaven, I do bless and glorify your name for your graciousness towards me and your day by day provision you have faithfully provided for me and my family all our lives. Thank you that you are always faithful to your promises of provision. Amen





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