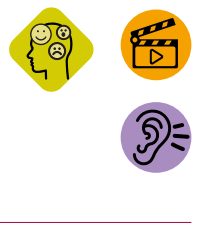


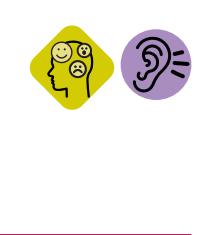


Theme: Christingle John 8:12 'I am the light of the world'



1 Snack idea	Biscuits, toast, Jammie Dodgers or Satsuma		
2 Craft or Game	Craft:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Christingles. • Colour in or add tissue paper to Christingle pictures – templates can be found online. 	
3 Lighting the candle	Use the same words as the local school when lighting the candle.		
4 Welcome	Song: Prayer:	You could use ' welcome everybody ' by Fischy music You could use this gathering prayer by Sam Hargreaves	
5 Collect	Say: A collect is a gathering prayer	The collect for the day can be found here: Join us in a service of Daily Prayer The Church of England , then select Morning Prayer and scroll to the end to find the collect.	
6 Bible passage	Say: We are learning about God in a different way today – through an orange!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Christingles are to be built you could watch this short animation first: How to make Christingle or Christingle Explanation then create the Christingles, recapping the importance of the different elements. • If the Christingles are already built ask the children to remind you about each element. 	
7 Biblical link	Why it matters	<p>The first Christingle as we know them now, which raise funds for The Children's Society was created in a service in 1968. Buy why do they matter? Our bible reading today is John 8:12 (I am the light of the world) The light of Christ comes into the world, into our lives, into the creation. That light is celebrated at the Christingle.</p> <p>In the darkness of winter days, it brings us together to celebrate the light, the light that always overcomes the darkness. We make Christingles to symbolise the world that God lovingly created. The sweets or fruits on the skewers show how God cares for us all and provides for our needs, yet how we as a world care for each other and Gods creation is not always what God would want it to be, in these ways we can add to the darkness of the world – so we need Jesus's light to help us. The red band, reminds us that Jesus came and died on the cross, a red band of love for all the world, for you and for me.</p>	
8 Take away response	Say: How will you respond to the message we have heard from God today?	How can we show Jesus light to others take responses and light (or child could light) a tea-light for each suggestion.	

<p>9 Prayer</p>	<p>Say: We say prayers to talk to God ...</p>	<p>We are going to light our candles now – the candles remind us of Christ's light that still shines and helps us today. As the candles are lit, pray: Dear God thank you for coming and shining your light in our darkness, help us and guide us to shine your light for others. Amen.</p>	
<p>10 Song</p>	<p>Say: We sing songs to praise God and thank God</p>	<p>Sing Christingle YouTube Light of the World – Tim Hughes This little light of mine Bing Videos</p>	
<p>11 The Lord's Prayer</p>	<p>Use the same version as the school.</p>	<p>Or ask people to pray using whichever version they know. Makaton Lord's Prayer The Lord's Prayer (bing.com)</p>	
<p>12 Blessing</p>	<p>Say: We are now to go out, empowered by Jesus' special presence with us, in communion with one another to share the Gospel with others.</p>	<p>Go into the world to walk in God's Light, to rejoice in God's love, and to reflect God's glory. Amen.</p>	

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