

## **The Christingle**

### **Story 1: The Creation of the World**

In the beginning there was God.

**(picture of creation)**

On the very first day God gave us the gift of light...  
and God said it is good.

**(picture of light)**

On the second day God gave us the gift of water  
and God said it is good

**(picture of water)**

On the third day God gave us the gift of the land  
and the gift of growing things  
and God said it is good.

**(picture of land and plants)**

On the fourth day God gave us the gift of day and night  
God gave us the sun for day.

**(picture of sun)**

God gave us the moon for the night,  
and God said it is good.

**(picture of moon)**

On the fifth day God gave us the gift  
of all the creatures that fly in the air  
and all the creatures that swim in the sea  
and God said it is good.

**(picture of birds)**

**(picture of fish)**

On the sixth day God gave us all the animals  
and God made people like you and me  
and God said it is very good

**(picture of animals)**

**(picture of humans)**

On the seventh day God rested  
and gave us the gift of a day of rest  
to remember the great gifts of all the other days  
and to marvel at his creation all around us.  
Let us thank God for his goodness.

**Place large Orange Christingle in the centre**

### **Story 2: The Garden**

When God made the world,  
he made a beautiful garden,  
a garden where everything was beautiful  
and where there was enough to eat  
and where everyone was happy.

**(Picture of paradise)**

We spoilt that Garden.  
We took fruits that were not ours to take.  
We did not remember God who gave us the fruits.

**(Picture of spoilt garden)**

God sent us out of that garden.  
and we had to work for our food.  
It was hard and people did not have enough.  
We did not share,  
and there was hunger and suffering

**(Picture of hunger and toil)**

So let us remember and give thanks  
for all the good things that God gives us.

**Place 'fruits' on cocktail sticks**

### **Story 3: God's love for His people**

God loved the world that he had made  
and God loved the people who he had made  
and when we did not love God as we should,  
God sent his Son Jesus  
to show us how much he loved us.

**(Picture of Baby Jesus)**

Jesus loved us so much that he was willing  
die for us and rise to new life  
to show us how much God loved us,  
and how much we should love each other.

**(Picture of the cross)**

**Attach red ribbon round the Christingle  
and put the cocktail sticks into the oranges**

### **Story 4: Light**

In the beginning was God  
and the Light of God shone in the darkness.

**(Picture of God in Light)**

A man named John came from God.  
He told the people  
that the Light was coming into the world  
and that Light came into the world.

**(Picture of John the Baptist)**

Jesus said 'I am the Light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the Light of life.'

**(Picture of Jesus)**

**We sing:** "Lord the light of your love is shining"

**We place a candle in the Christingle**

***When the Christingles are completed:***

**We light the Christingles**

Christingle means 'Christ Light'.

It reminds us of God who created the world.

It reminds us of the Garden of the World  
that we need to look after  
and to share the fruits of that Garden with everyone.

It reminds us of God's love.  
It reminds us of Jesus on the cross.

It reminds us of Jesus, the Light of the World and  
it reminds us that Jesus came into the world to bring us Gods light.

It reminds us that we also are to be God's Light in the world for him.

**We pray:**

Heavenly Father,  
We thank you that Jesus the Light  
was with you before creation.  
Jesus, light of the world,  
**We worship and adore you.**

We thank you that  
Jesus the Light shines in the darkness  
Jesus, light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you.**

We thank you that  
Jesus the Light came into the world.  
Jesus, light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you.**

We thank you that  
Jesus the Light shines in us, his Children.  
Jesus, light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you saying:**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come;  
to him be glory and honour for ever and ever. Amen.**

**We safely blow out our Christingles**