

All About Christingle



What Are Christingles?

Christingles are used by some Christian people at church during Advent. They celebrate Jesus being the Light of the World. The word Christingle means 'Christ's light'.

What Does the Christingle Represent?

Christingles are made from different things and each part has a special meaning.

The sticks stand for the four seasons.

The candle stands for Jesus as a light in the darkness.

The fruits or sweets stand for the fruits of the Earth.

The orange stands for the world.

The red ribbon stands for the blood of Jesus and God's love.

Where Did Christingles Come From?

Christingles are believed to have first been used in Germany in 1747. A bishop called Johannes de Watteville was taking a service during Advent and he gave all of the children a candle with a red ribbon around it. He wanted to give them a simple symbol that would remind them that their happiness came from Jesus.

In 1968, Christingles were used in a church service to raise money for a charity. The money raised was given to disadvantaged children who did not have enough food, shelter or care.

Christingles changed to include oranges, sweets and cocktail sticks, as well as the ribbon and candle that the bishop had used before.

Some Christian people go to a Christingle service at church during Advent. During the service, the Christingle candles are lit and all of the lights are turned off. People think about how the birth of Jesus brought light to the darkness of the world.



Questions

1. In what year are Christingles thought to have first been used? Tick one.

- 1747
 1477
 1774

2. Find and copy the name of the fruit that is used to make a Christingle.

3. Draw **three** lines and complete the sentences.

The four seasons
are shown by...

the candle.

The blood of Jesus is
shown by...

the sticks.

Jesus being a light in the
darkness is shown by...

the red ribbon.

4. What does the word Christingle mean?

5. Fill in the missing word.

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6. How have Christingles changed?

Answers

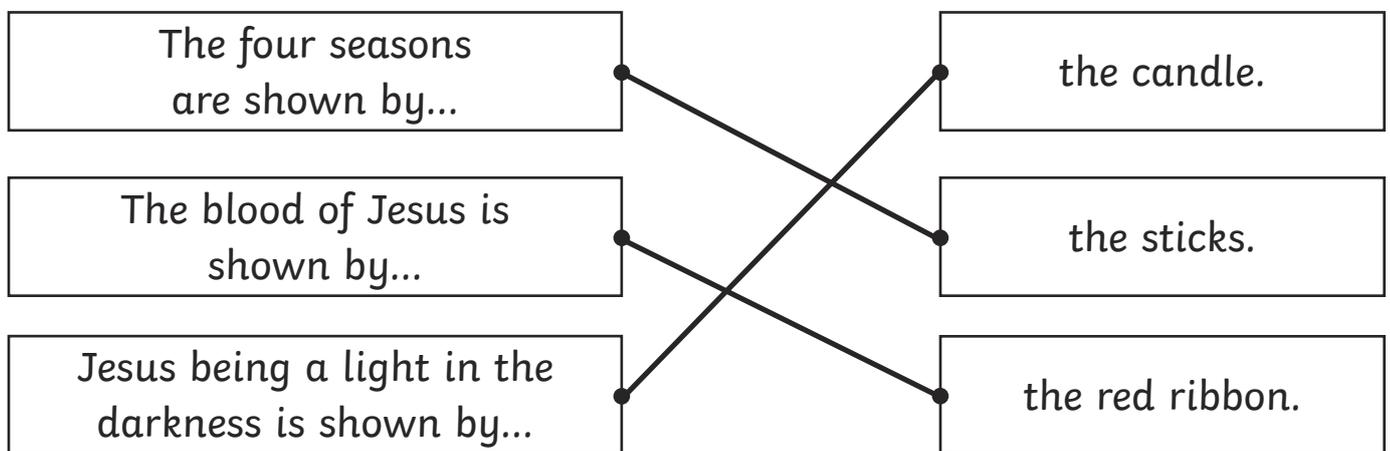
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Pupils' own responses, such as: At first, Christingles were a candle with a red ribbon. Now, Christingles include oranges, sweets and cocktail sticks.