

# muddy Church

QR Christingle





This pack has been put together, with agreement of the Children's Society to offer people a fun, interactive way to hold Christingle services this year.



The resources have all been made for free and offered for free use but we do ask that you please consider donating to the Children's Society if you use these resources. The work they do is so valuable and we are keen to support this work and the many children, young people and families that this will help.

The resources can be used in a variety of ways that we hope will make it adaptable for your needs. For further information or feedback please contact [Lucie@muddychurch.co.uk](mailto:Lucie@muddychurch.co.uk)



# HOW TO USE:

Sections have:

- QR Code
- Wandering questions
- Wondering questions
- Try at home
- Activity sheets

Print off the Element sheets

Print off the :What You Need sheet

Display around a site or in windows

Email the sheets or QR codes over a day or week leading up to your online or live service

PRINT off all the QR Codes

Distribute these around a site or community

Have a starting point where you give out Christingle bags with an orange, ribbon/tape, candle, sweets, cocktail sticks inside it

Use each sheet and activity set as part of activities or groups leading up to your Christingle service





# Christingle

The Children's Society have been leading us in Christingle services for over 50 years. A special service and celebration for all ages to think about our connection to the world, to others and to God.

*Click on the parts of the Christingle to go to our resources*

To register your Christingle or support the Children's Society click here [REGISTER](#)

# Taste and See

How does your tongue feel?

Grab an orange

Taste and See

As you wonder...

How many people can you find?

What different items can you identify?

What does the ground feel like to you walk?

Can you see the things that you've seen before?

Imagine what God would be like!

# praying for the world...

Taste and See

What is the world like to you? What are the things that you love to see but you don't have to see?

JOHN 3:16

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# I wonder if you are looking out or looking in?

There are some special places we can look out from. It's like a window, but it's not a window. It's a window into the heart of God.

I wonder where you sense being close to God?

At Muddy Church we enjoy seeing God around us in Creation - that might be trees and plants, people, animals, creatures or I or when Muddy Church is at times you have noticed God a

# TRUE LOVE

How does the ribbon feel?

How long is your ribbon?

The ribbon represents 'love' and its care for all the world.

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The Children's Society have been leading Christingle services for many years but this isn't all they do. They work very hard at creating resources, groups, research and information to raise awareness of the needs of children and young people. By donating from your Christingle Adventure you are helping to make a difference to children and young people today and tomorrow.

and the joy and excitement...

[Christingle News](#) [Full](#) [Muddy Church](#)

# So Sweet

What is your favourite treat?

What is the sweetest thing you have ever tasted?

Sweet and full of love we add things to our Christingle.

So sweet

As you wonder...

How many people can you find?

What different items can you identify?

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# What would you pick as something good? Or what would you add?

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As we pause in our Christingle journey let's take a moment to reflect and pray.

Is there something that you feel is needed like to say to God right now?

You can pray your own prayer or join with this one:

**HI**

Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are born again.

Christ, for whom the angels sang, give the song of the kingdom to all who sleep.

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.

Christ, before whom the wise men trail, give humility and wisdom to all who govern.

Christ, whose radiance filled a lovely manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who seek it.

Jesus, Son of God, you know us and you love us and you share our joy and our pain. Glory to you for ever.

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# See the light

What comes from a candle?

When the candle is lit can you feel it's warmth?

What does the candle smell of?

As you blow the candle out can you see the smoke and it rises and disappears?

See the light

As you wonder...

Where can you see light?

Where can you see darkness?

Can you think of something that you could see in the dark?

Below is a Christingle service you are invite to join in or find one at a church near you.

If you are able please make a donation to the Children's Society here.

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# Taste and See



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## As you wander....



How many things that are orange can you spot?



What different smells can you discover?

What does the ground feel like as you walk?



Can you see any things that you or animals could eat?



I wonder what God enjoyed making the most?

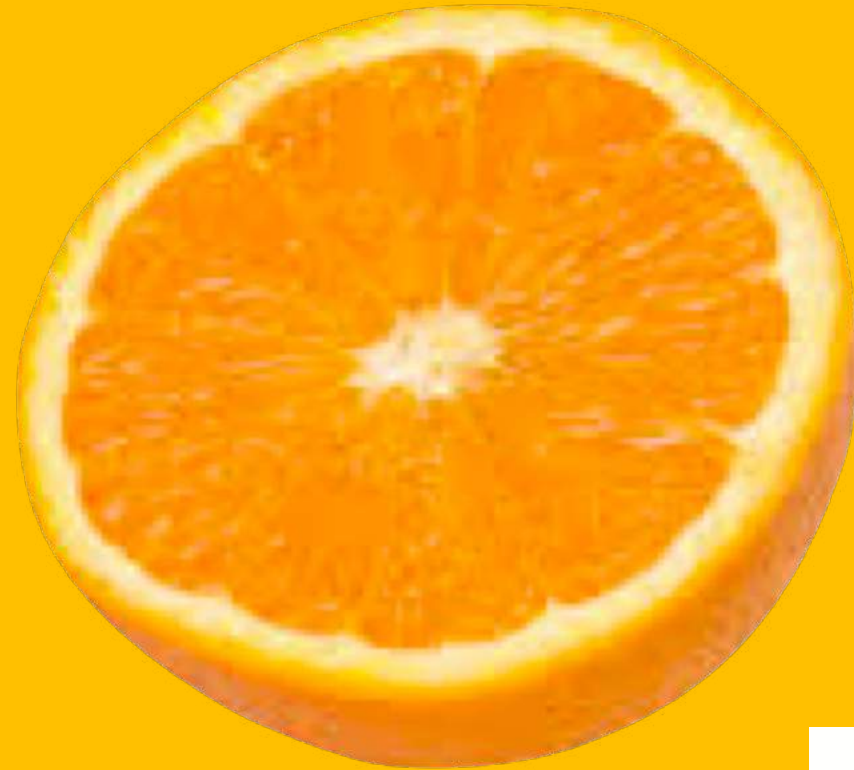


# Taste and See

How does your orange feel?



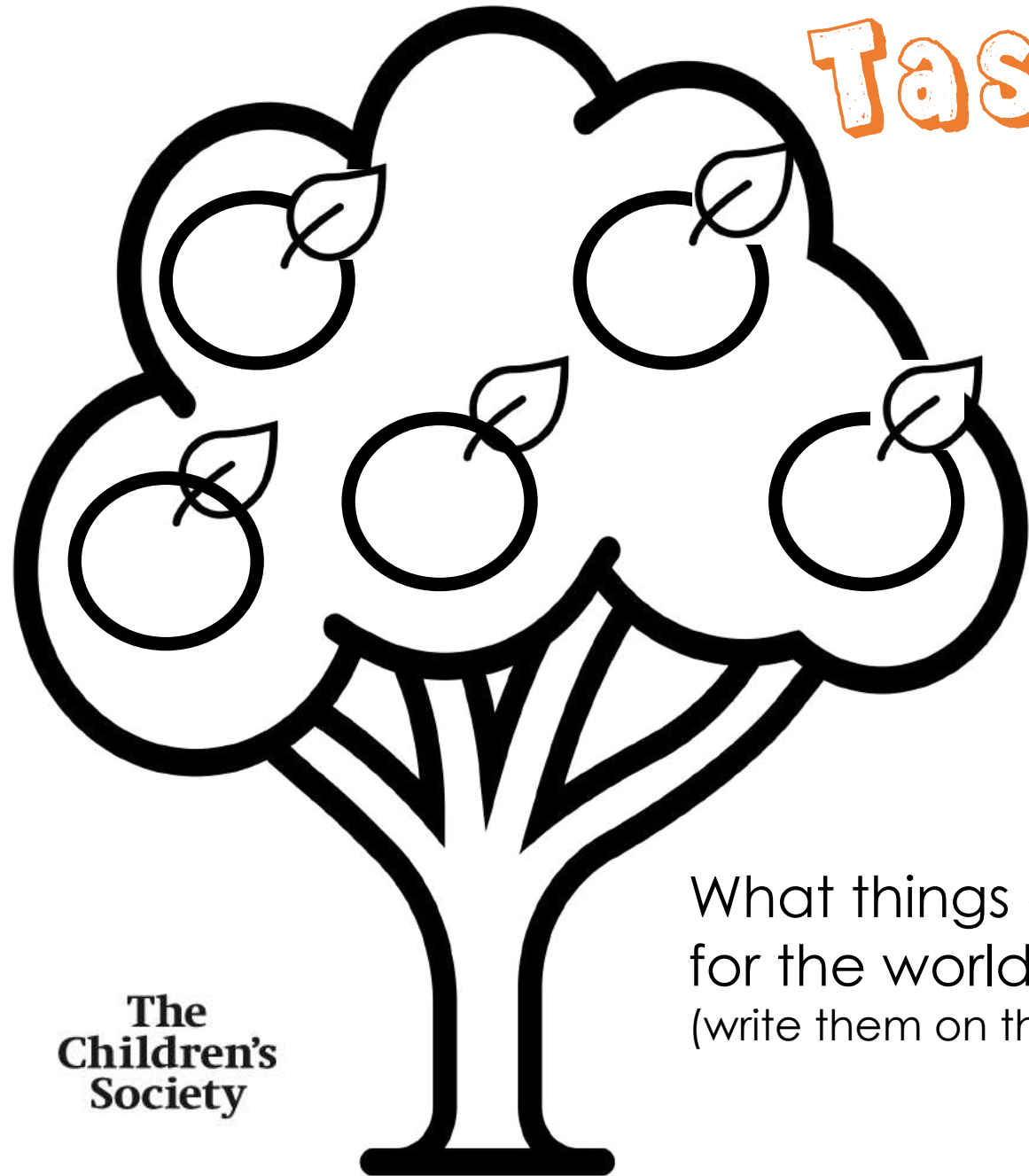
Where has your orange come from?



Does the orange smell the same outside as it does inside?



# Taste and See



What things in the world make you happy?  
(write them in the oranges)

What things can you pray for the world?  
(write them on the trunk)



# Taste and See.

## CAMPFIRE ORANGE CAKE

Make your choice of cake using a box mix or simple sponge recipe.

Cut the top off the orange and scoop out the flesh

Add your cake mix and then wrap your orange in foil, sealing it at the top

Cook your orange cake in the fire until it is ready (check every 10 minutes but it depends how hot the fire is)

ENJOY!



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# Taste



## ORANGE BIRD FEEDER

God cares about all the world – the land, people and the animals.

You can make a simple bird feeder by cutting your orange in half and scooping out the flesh.

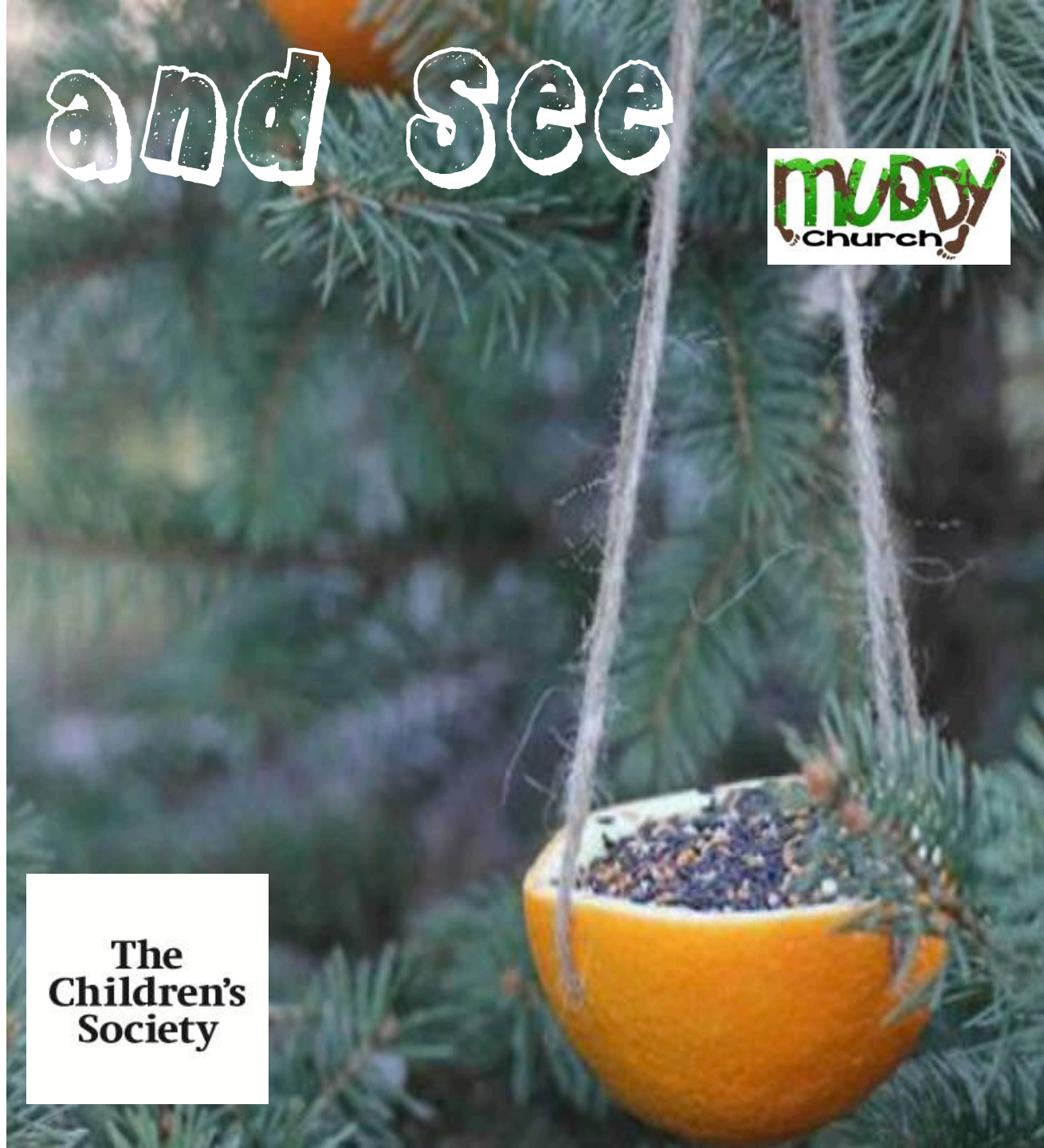
Add some string to hang the orange with

Fill with seed or bird food.

# and See



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# Praying for the world....



*Imagine you are a butterfly flying near to you -  
what might you pray for?*



*Imagine you are an astronaut looking down on  
earth - what might you pray for?*



# Taste and See

What emoji do you think God would put in the different places?



You could place your hand on the world and pray for the places you know about.

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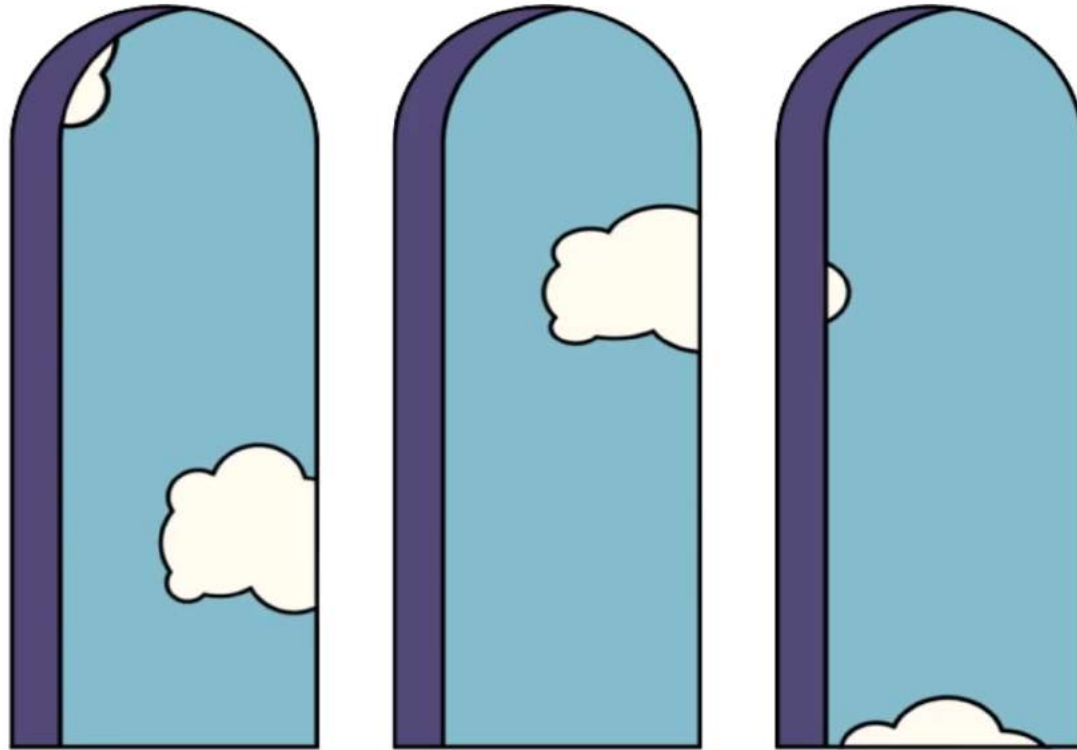


**JOHN 3:16**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. Whoever puts his trust in God's Son will not be lost but will have life that lasts forever. (NLV)



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# I wonder if you are looking out or looking in?

The bible tells us God is everywhere and we can see stories of Him being in the strangest of places and in the everyday spaces.

There are some special places we can feel God near to us - it may be a favourite chair or inside a church or somewhere very different.

I wonder where you sense being close to God?



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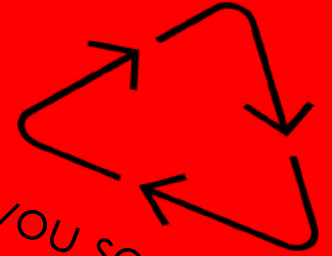


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As you wander....



How many things  
that are RED can  
you spot?



Can you see things  
wrapped around  
other things?



What can you hear –  
can you hear  
anything singing or  
talking?



How many heart  
shapes can you see?

I wonder if you can see God's fingerprints anywhere?

# TRUE LOVE

How does the ribbon feel?

How long is your ribbon?

The ribbon represents Jesus' blood and His love for all the world.



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# True Love

## YARN HEART

Cut out a heart shape from card

Take some wool or yarn and wrap this around until it is covered

As you wrap it think about the people who care about you.

Place this somewhere to remind you that

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What are the things you love?

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LOVE**

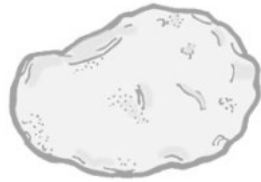
Can you fill in the hearts with all the things that you love?

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YOU!  
rock!



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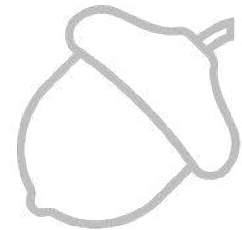


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NUTS

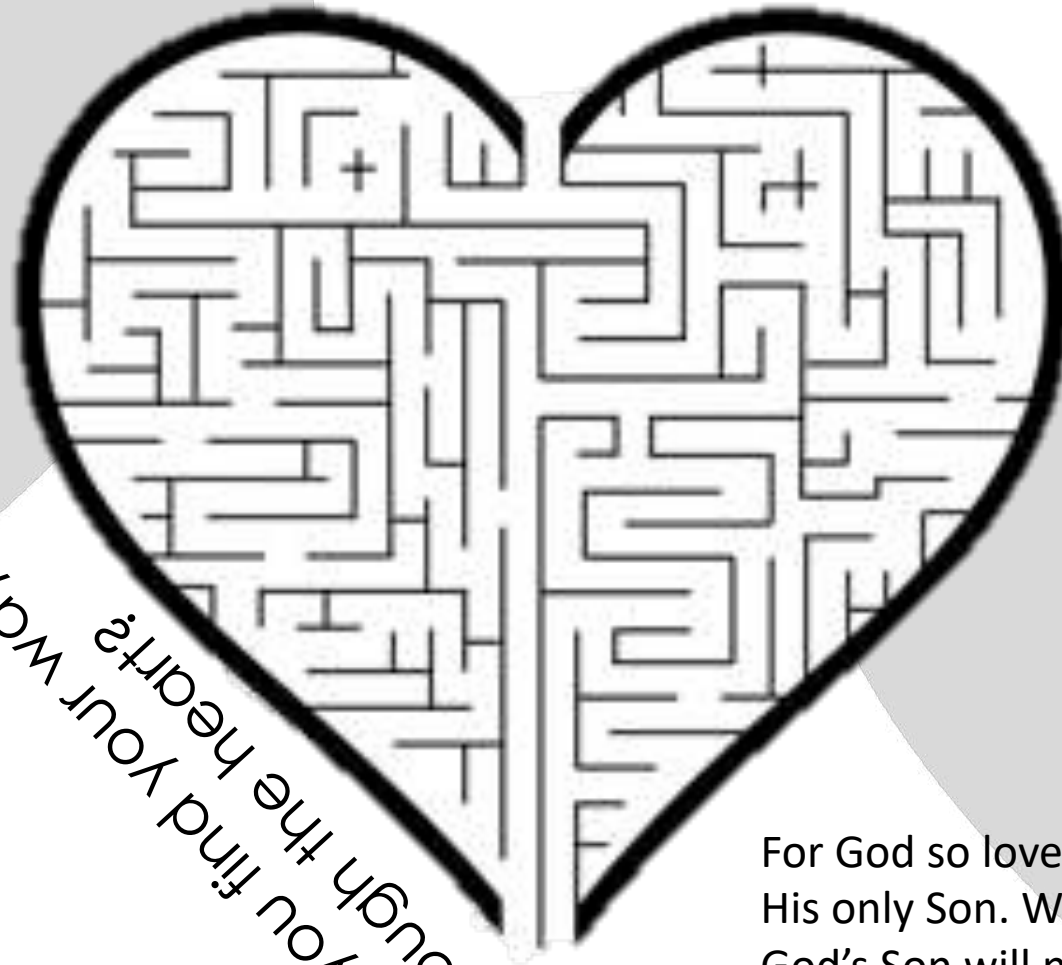
about you!



Can you find a rock, stick and acorn or nut to stick on the cards and pass them on to someone.

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I wonder what things make it  
hard to feel God's love?



Can you find your way  
through the hearts?

**True  
Love**

**JOHN 3:16**

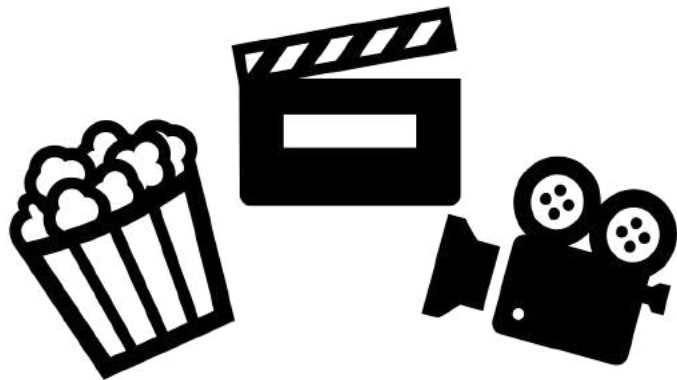
For God so loved the world that He gave  
His only Son. Whoever puts his trust in  
God's Son will not be lost but will have  
life that lasts forever. (NLV)

Can you trace  
the path with  
your finger and  
thank God for  
the times you  
have felt His  
love?



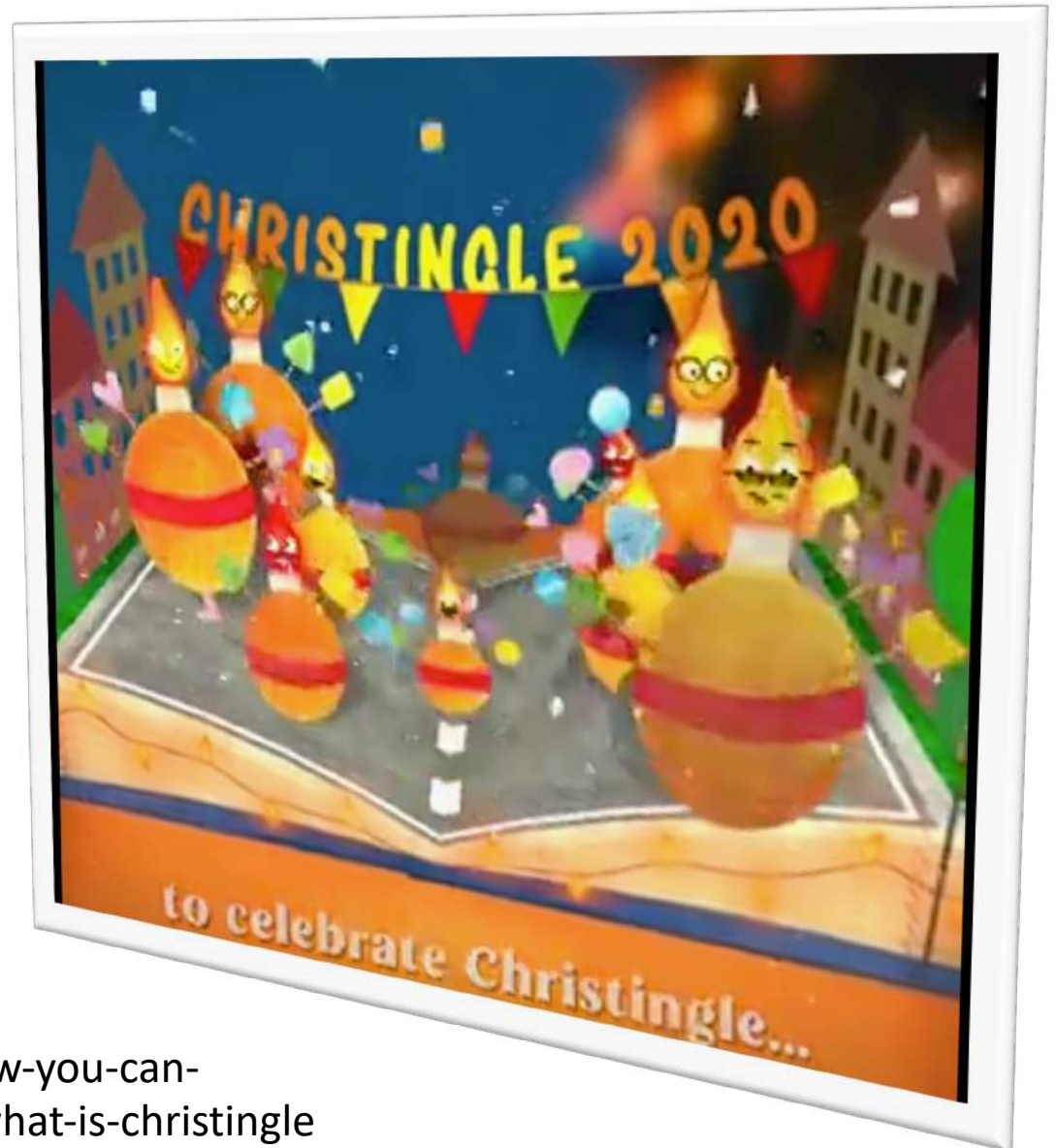
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Watch the video to find out  
more about Children's  
Society & the Christingle:

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/fundraise-and-events/christingle/what-is-christingle>







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# So sweet



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## As you wander.....



How many things that  
are **YELLOW** can you  
spot?



What things look like  
they were fun to create?



Can you see things  
that animals, birds or  
insects can enjoy?



Are there things that  
aren't good?

## I wonder what gifts God likes to receive?

# So Sweet

What is your favourite treat?



What is the sweetest thing you have ever tasted?

Have you ever grown any fruit?



Sweets and fruit that we add remind us of all of God's creations.



# So Sweet

## Growing Gummy Bears

Have you ever wanted to grow a gummy bear?

Well this is not a special plant but try putting a gummy bear in a bowl or cup of water.

Watch it over 2-3 days and see if you can notice any difference?

You can also try the same with a raisin!





Psalm 103:5 says God fills our life with good or sweet things.

What are the sweet things in your life? Write or draw them in the jar.

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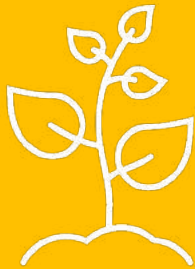
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What are the different things in each season that you enjoy?



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Spring



Summer



Autumn



Winter



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# SO SWEET

I wonder how God feels when we enjoy something in creation?

What would you choose from the picture as something good?  
Or what would you add?



## JAMES 1:17

Every good action and every perfect gift is from God. These good gifts come down from the Creator of the sun, moon, and stars, who does not change like their shifting shadows. (NCV)

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Is there something that you feel  
you would like to say to God  
right now?



Is there something in the  
stillness of this pause that  
you feel God is saying to  
you?



## You can pray your own prayer or join with this one:

Christ, born in a stable,  
give courage to all who are homeless.

Christ, for whom the angels sang,  
give the song of the kingdom to all who  
weep.

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds,  
give peace on earth to all who are  
oppressed.

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt,  
give humility and wisdom to all who  
govern.

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly  
manger,  
give the glory of your resurrection to all  
who rest in you.

Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary,  
you know us and love us,  
you share our lives  
and hear our prayer.  
Glory to you for ever. Amen

(taken from Church of England Seasonal Prayers)



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# See the light

What comes from a candle?

When the candle is lit can you feel it's warmth?

What does the candle smell of?

As you blow the candle out can you see the smoke as it travels out and everywhere?

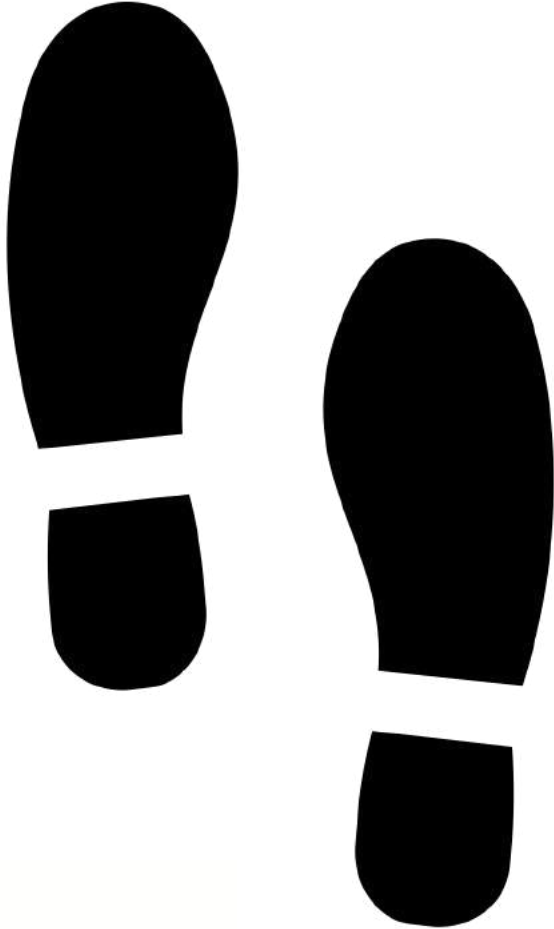
Remember to take extra care around lit candles and flames. Adults should ensure supervision



CHILDREN SHOULD BE SUPERVISED IF USING CANDLES



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As you wander....



Where can  
you see light?



Where are the  
dark spaces?

Can you move  
around to feel  
warmer?

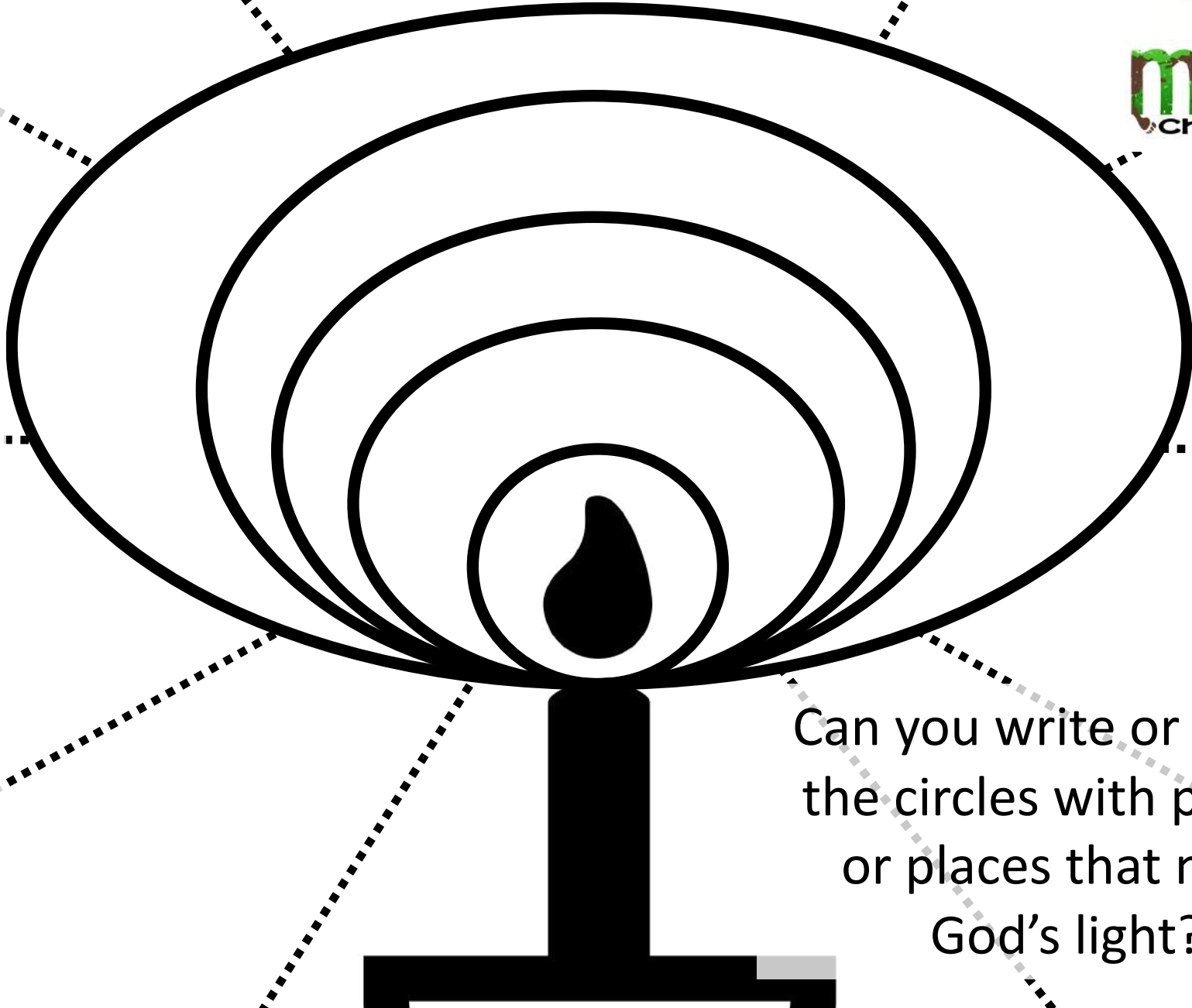
What could you do?



Can you see things  
that sparkle or glisten?

I wonder if there are places you can see  
God's light?

# See the Light



Can you write or colour  
the circles with people  
or places that need  
God's light?



# See the Light



## AMAZING, APPEARING PICTURE

If you take a piece of paper and draw a picture on it with your candle.

Then take some water paint or a felt tip and colour over the paper

Watch your picture appear!

You could try it with a word like LIGHT or HOPE.





The last slide takes people to a Songs of Praise Christingle service or link to Children's Society directory.

*This may not be representative of your Church or style of worship. Please feel free to not use this link.*

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If you are having a Christingle service you could link people to this or to a time for a Zoom Christingle.

Or you could get people to send in a photo or clip of them holding their own Christingle at home.

Or people could make these and leave them in a location where they are all lit and filmed for a reflection space.



Below is a Christingle service you are invited to join in or find one at a church near you.



If you are able please make a donation to the Children's Society here.

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To donate you can use the Muddy Church code or set up your own through the Children's Society

<https://dc.thyngs.net/>





wondering and wandering together

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