

Starter:
**Why do Christians have an
advent wreath?**

Reception LO: To recognise a Christingle.

Must: Recognise that some people have different beliefs.

Should: Explain who celebrates Christingle.

Could: Explain the features of their church.

Year 1 LO: To know what Christingle symbolises for Christians.

Must: Explain when Christians celebrate Christingle.

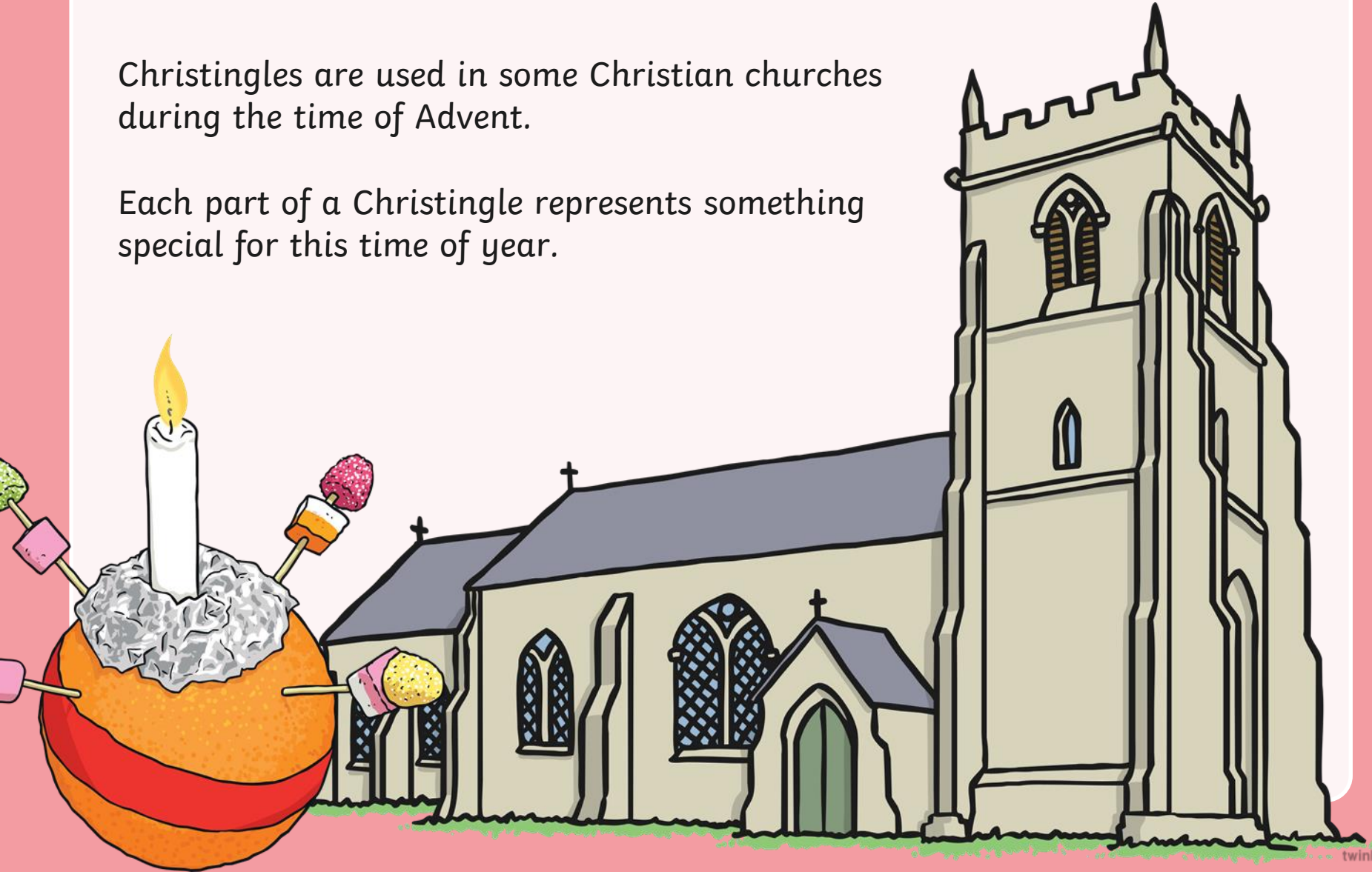
Should: Name what each part symbolises.

Could: Recognise experiences similar to their own from Christingle.

What is a Christingle?

Christingles are used in some Christian churches during the time of Advent.

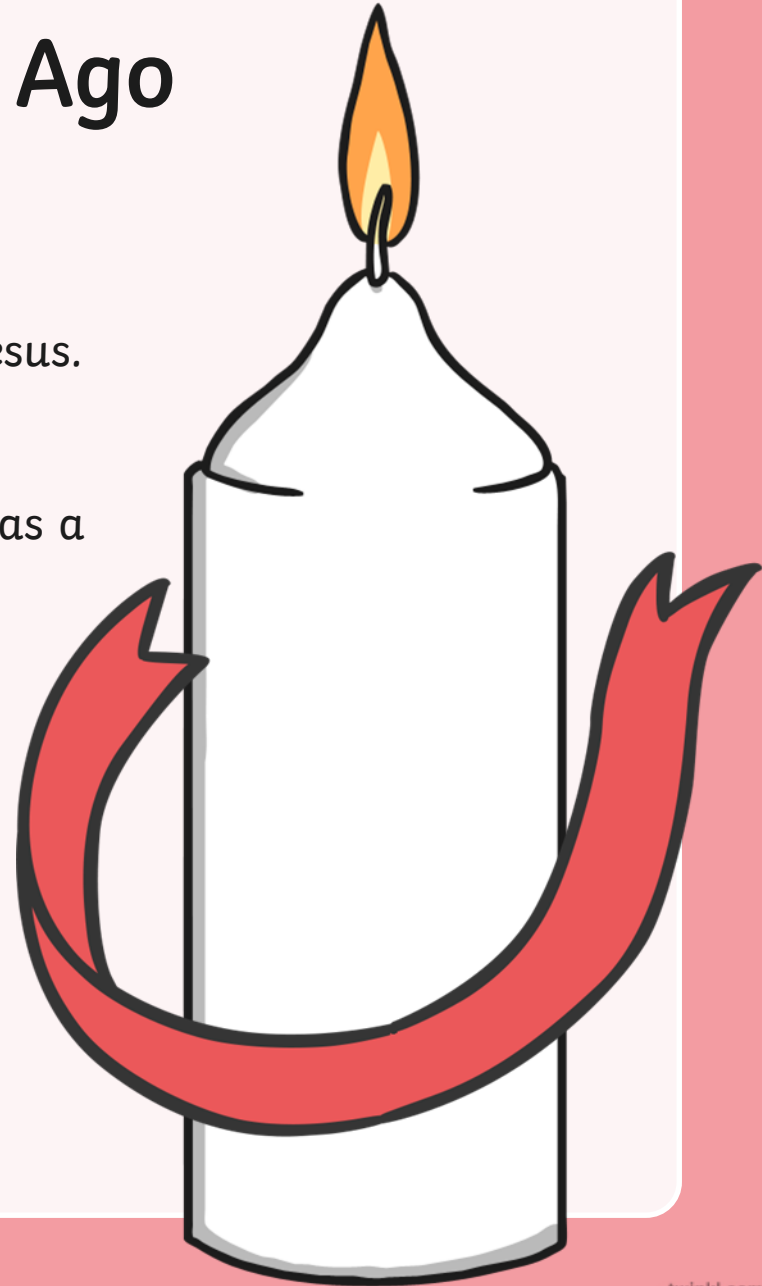
Each part of a Christingle represents something special for this time of year.



A Long Time Ago

Over three hundred years ago, a bishop in Germany wanted to explain to children the happiness that people feel through knowing Jesus.

At his Advent service, the bishop gave all the children a candle with a red ribbon around it as a symbol of this.



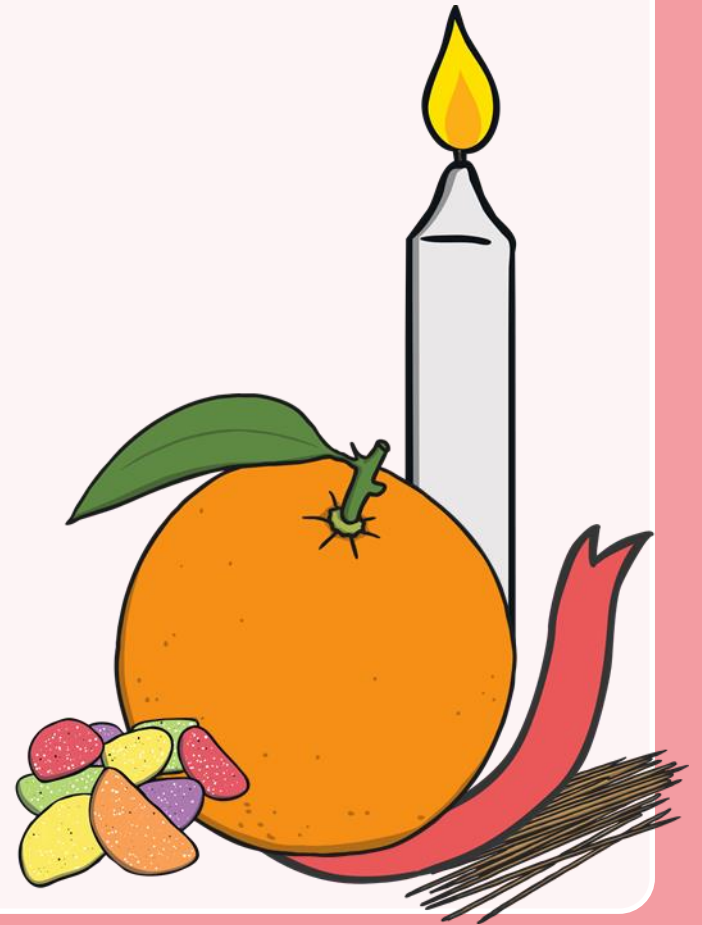
A Christingle

In 1968, the Children's Society charity used the idea of the Christingle and made their own version.

You need:

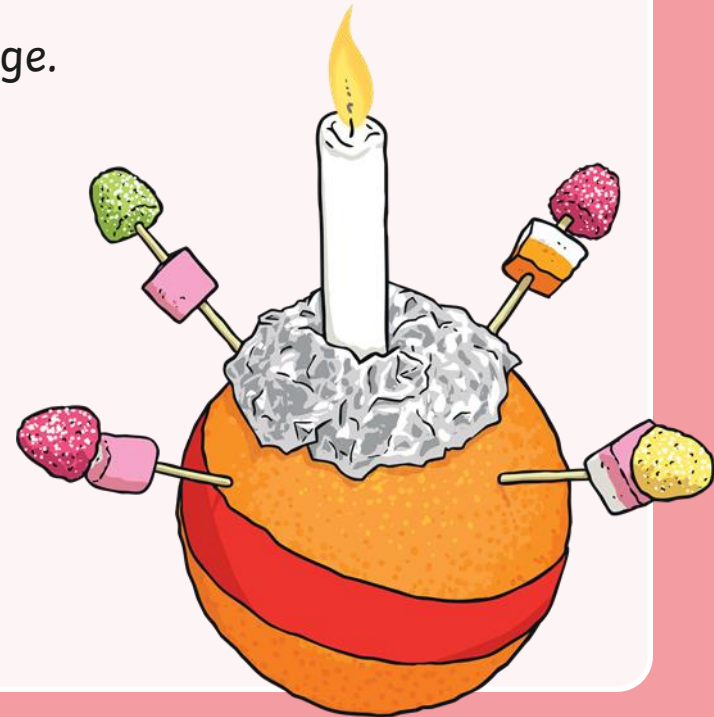
- 4 cocktail sticks
- an orange
- a red ribbon
- some sweets or dried fruit
- a candle

You may need some help from an adult to make your Christingle.



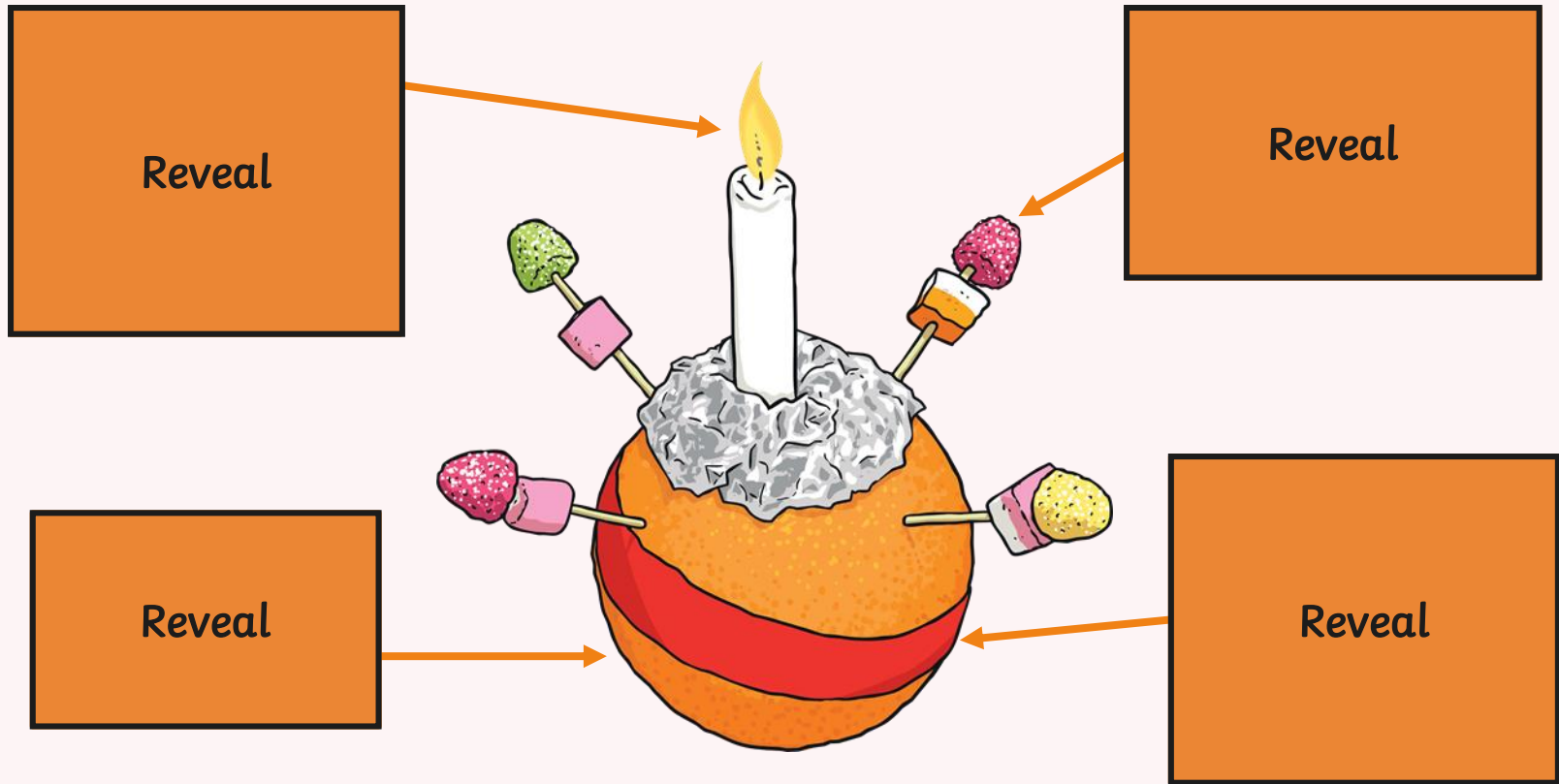
Making a Christingle

- The red ribbon goes around the middle of the orange.
- The sticks are pushed in around the edge of the orange.
- The sweets are put onto the top of each of the cocktail sticks.
- The candle is pushed into the top of the orange.



What Does It All Mean?

What do you think is the meaning of each part of the Christingle?



Christingle Services

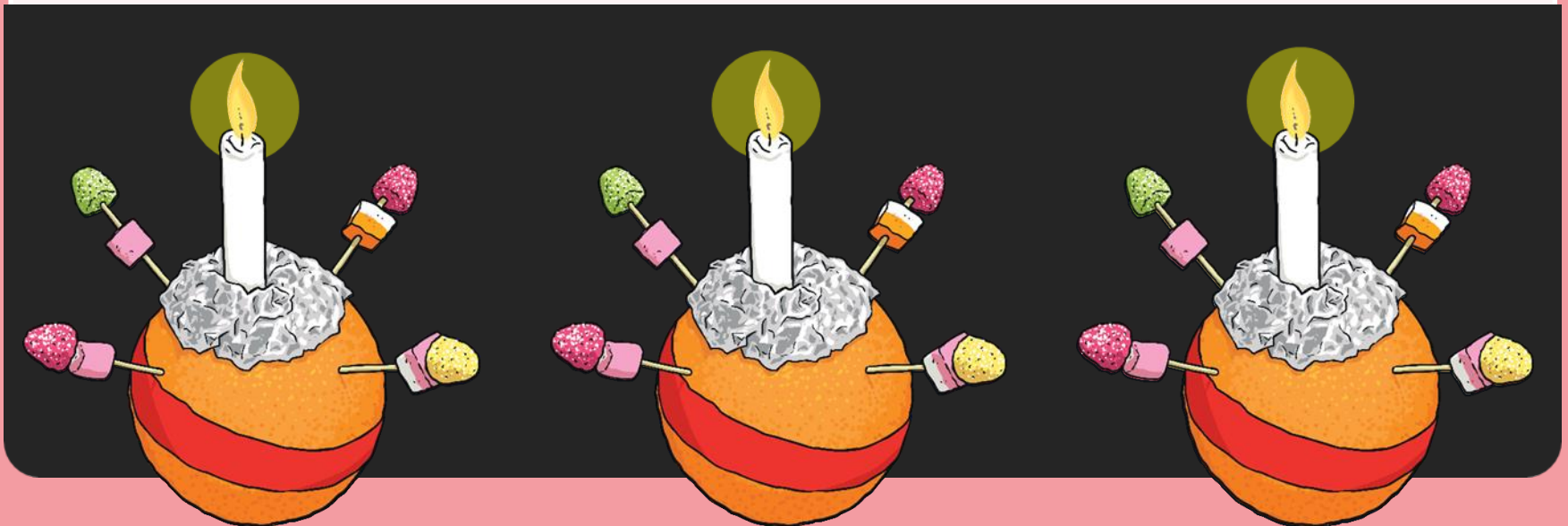
Click to
turn off
the lights!

Christingles are often used during Advent in Christingle services.

Prayers for people in need are said and songs are sung.

During the service, the candles on the Christingles are lit and all the lights are turned off.

Christians think about the hope that the light of Jesus brings to the world.



Task:

To make your own Christingle.

Year 1: To label a Christingle.

