

# Christingle



At Christmas time, many people all over the world make Christingles. The word “Christingle” comes from the German word, Christkindl, meaning "Little Christ Child". The tradition started in a church in Germany in 1747 when a minister gave each child a candle wrapped in a red ribbon. Since then, Christingle services have moved around the world and become a big part of Christmas.

Merry Christmas! You will need a Christingle kit for today’s service. They are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Please take one kit per family.

Throughout the worship service we will add a piece of the Christingle and light them together near the end of the service.

The symbols represent:

- Orange – the world
- Candle – the light that Jesus brings to the world
- Red ribbon – the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ
- Four cocktail sticks – the four seasons or the four directions of North, South, East, and West
- Sweets – God’s creations, the ‘fruits’ of the earth

To make a Christingle you need the following:

- Large orange

Small [candle](#)

Red [ribbon](#)

Four [cocktail sticks](#)

Small [sweets](#)

- Foil
- Scissors
- Small knife, paring knife, or potato peeler
- Kitchen paper

Matches or a [lighter](#)