

Christingle Challenge



Discover all the joy that a Christingle celebration has to give!

Christingle is a happy celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Christingle' board over on www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily

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Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



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Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

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Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

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Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

PAWPRINT TRUST

Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

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Craft

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- + Make a Christingle. Christingles are oranges wrapped in red tape or ribbon, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top.

Here's an Idea!

Why not use glow sticks instead of candles as a safer option smaller adventurers? Christingles are symbolic objects used in Advent, Christmas and Epiphany services of many Christian denominations. The word itself is believed to be from German origin and translates as *Little Christ Child* and they are now used in the UK as a symbol for The Children's Society. Each year, Christingle services reportedly raise more than £1.2 million to help vulnerable young people through the Children's Society's work.

- + Create a candle for your Christingle. There are 3 easy ways to make candles which you can find online, or check out our Pinterest board for some ideas. Research beeswax, melted wax and hand-dipping methods to see which you'd like to try.
- + Dried orange peel and cranberry garlands can be used to decorate your home or meeting place for your Christingle celebrations. They're super festive and the threading is perfect for developing fine motor skills.

How?

You can use small cookie cutters to cut shapes from orange peel, stars are a nice festive shape to start with. Use plastic craft needles and metallic thread or twine to construct your garland, and make sure to tie the end so they don't all fall off! You could add other natural materials like pine cones or berries too!

- + At a children's service in 1747, Bishop Johannes de Watteville created the Christingle as a simple way to explain the happiness that had come to people through Jesus. Design and create your own symbol that signifies happiness in your life.
- + Design and decorate your own cards by drawing, painting or collaging a Christingle. Christingles are used in Advent, Christmas and Epiphany services of many Christian denominations so you could send your cards then.
- + Make a model of a Christingle out of air dry clay. Stick in a candle and the skewers for your sweets/dried fruit before they dry. Once dry, paint and tie a red ribbon around to make a Christingle candle holder which can be reused year on year, just keep replacing the sweets!
- + Create a picture or pattern using the different elements of a Christingle, i.e. orange printing, drawing with a cocktail stick and paint, stamping with sweets, etc.



Food

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- ✚ Make orange juice whilst discussing the symbolism of each part of a Christingle.

How?

Use a juicer, a blender or a handheld juicer. If you're using a blender, you can add some water to help it blend, and if you don't like orange juice with pulp, you can sieve the juice or strain with a nut milk bag, however orange juice with the pulp has more nutrients. Orange pulp can also be frozen into an ice-cube tray for use later on in smoothies, broths, or baked goods. Alternatively, the pulp can be composted.

- ✚ Bake orange honey muffins. Made using the whole orange (including the skin) gives them a well-rounded orange taste and a fun bright yellow colour! You could make enough to sell at your Christingle service/celebration to fundraise for The Children's Society.
- ✚ Prepare a dish of your choice using oranges to enjoy with friends or family.
- ✚ Taste different varieties of orange and see if you can tell the difference. Which was your favourite and why?
- ✚ It is thought that the word Christingle could be an English version of the German word 'Christkindl', which translates as 'Little Christ child'. Try some traditional German foods or have a go at baking/cooking some traditional German treats!

What?

Some traditional German festive foods include: Christstollen (German Stollen is available in supermarkets during the festive season), Lebkuchen (similar but not the same as gingerbread), Weihnachtsgebäck (German Christmas Cookies), Kartoffelsalat mit Wurst (potato salad with sausage), Karpfen (carp), Bratapfel (baked/roasted candy apple) and Heisse Maronen (roasted chestnuts).

- ✚ Make some Christingle iced biscuits using digestive biscuits (or similar), icing sugar, food colouring, soft sweets or dried fruits and red laces.
- ✚ Find out how to make jelly oranges. These fruity snacks don't contain any artificial colours or flavours, plus they use the whole of the orange!
- ✚ Try creating a Christingle from a cupcake or cake pop. Why not make your cake orange flavoured and coloured too.
- ✚ Bake an orange drizzle celebration cake and decorate with sweets and candles like a Christingle.



Games

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- † Play pass the Christingle! Based on the party game Pass the Parcel, every time the music stops, the person left holding the Christingle gets to eat one of the sweets/dried fruit!
- † Do a scavenger hunt to find all the elements you need to make your Christingle. When you have found each one, discuss their meanings and build your Christingles together.

What?

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world.
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Jesus Christ.
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations, the 'fruits' of the earth.
- The 4 sticks represent the four seasons: winter, spring, summer and autumn.
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people in darkness.

- † The Christingle as a whole is a symbol of Jesus being the light of the world. Christingle translates to 'Christ Light.' Grab a pen and some paper and head off on a hunt to see who can find the most things that light up in your home/meeting place in 15 minutes. Write them down as you go!
- † Have a relay race to see who can build their Christingle the fastest!
- † Sit around a table and scatter sweets (like Dolly Mixtures) over the table in front of you. Using cocktail sticks, race to see who can skewer 4 sweets first! Make it more challenging by only using one hand or...no hands at all.
- † Go head to head at The Paper Plate Drawing Game and see who can draw the best Christingle without looking.

How?

Each player needs a pen/pencil and a paper plate. If you do not have paper plates you could use the inside of a cereal box. Each player holds their paper plate on top of their head and gets ready to draw on it. One player gives directions on how to draw a Christingle and the other players then get drawing. Obviously, because the plate is on top of your head you can't see what you're drawing so create a points system to decide whose is the best drawing at the end.

- † Play a Beetle Drive to build your Christingle; roll a 6 to collect your orange and from there gather your other elements and get building!
- † Get into 2 lines and play pass the orange. The first line to get the orange passed back to the start wins. Remember, no hands are allowed!



Other

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- † Christingle services usually raise money for children's charities and are part of The Children's Society's fundraising efforts. Host your own Christingle service or Christingle event to raise money for The Children's Society.
- † Write an acrostic poem using the letters of the word Christingle.
- † Have a go at drawing or painting a Christingle and use it to advertise your Christingle event.
- † Visit your nearest church and see if they're holding a Christingle service.
- † Christingles date back to 1747. Spend an evening by candle light and experience what it was like in a time before electric lights.
- † In this modern world, some people still don't have access to electricity. How can we work to improve this and spread some light, like the candles of Christingle? Do something to raise awareness or support an organisation working to improve living conditions around the world.
- † Watch a video of a Christingle service being held in different country.
- † Plan and hold your own Christingle event for friends, family or your local community.
- † Find out about Christingle traditions around the world, do Christingles look the same everywhere? Have they always looked the same?
- † Explore the meaning behind the Christingle and discuss it with friends and family or present your findings in a fun and interactive way.
- † Find out what conditions you need to make oranges grow and where the oranges in your local shops come from. Find the locations on a map and see how far your oranges have travelled.
- † Attend a Christingle service at a local Church or place of worship.
- † Every element in the Christingle has its own symbolism. Create a piece of artwork that represents. What objects will you choose to symbolise elements of your life, skills, hobbies and your personality?
- † Create your own short play about Christingle and share what you've discovered as part of your challenge.
- † Read a book about Christingle like *Celebrating Christingle* by Nick Fawcett.

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