

Christingle Service

These are the words we used for our Christingle Service. You are welcome to use them or adapt them.

(This service would work best sitting in the round)

Story 1: The Creation

(start in near darkness)

In the beginning there was God

(place creation on a table)

On the very first day God gave us the gift of light... *(lights up)*

And God said it is good

On the second day God gave us the gift of water *(pour water into bowl)*

And God said it is good

On the third day God gave us the gift of the land *(plant and fruit)*

and the gift of growing things

And God said it is good

On the fourth day God gave us the gift of day and night

God gave us the sun for day,

God gave us the moon for the night,

(sun and moon)

And God said it is good

On the fifth day

God gave us the gift of all the creatures that fly in the air

And all the creatures that swim in the sea

(birds and fish)

And God said it is good

On the sixth day God gave us all the animals

(animals)

And God made people like you and me

(humans)

And God said it is very good

On the seventh day God rested

And gave us the gift of a day of rest

to remember the great gifts of all the other days.

Place large Orange Christingle in the centre

We Sing: "Who made the world so round"

Story 2: The Garden

When God made the World
He made a beautiful garden
A garden where everything was beautiful
Where there was enough to eat.
And where everyone was happy

(Picture of Paradise)

But we spoilt that Garden
We took fruits that were not ours to take
We did not remember God who gave us the fruits.
And God sent us out of that garden.
And we had to work for our food
And it was hard
And people did not have enough
And we did not share.
And there was hunger and suffering

(Picture of hunger and toil)

Place fruits on cocktail sticks on the Christingle

We sing: “When God made the garden of Creation”

Story 3: Gods love for His people

God loved the world that he had made
God loved the people who he had made
God sent his Son Jesus
To show us how much he loved us
Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross
To show us how much God loved us
To show us how to love each other.

Place red ribbon round the Christingle

We sing: “God’s love is like a circle”

Story 4: Light

In the beginning was God
And in the beginning was the Light
And the Light shone in the darkness

A man named John came from God
He told the people
that the Light was coming into the World
And that Light came into the world

Jesus said I am the Light of the World
Who ever follows me will never walk in darkness
But will have the Light of life

We sing: “Lord the light of your love is shining”

We place a candle in the Christingle

We give out the Christingles

Christingle means Christ Light

It reminds us of God who created the world

It reminds us of the Garden of the World
that we need to look after
and to share the fruits of that Garden with everyone

It reminds us of God’s love
It reminds us of Jesus on the cross

It reminds us of Jesus the Light of the World
It reminds us that Jesus came into the world to bring us Gods light

It reminds us that we are to be Gods Light in the world

We light the Christingles

We pray:

Father God,
We thank you that Jesus the Light
was with you before creation.

Jesus, light of the world,
We worship and adore you.

We thank you that
Jesus the Light shines in the darkness

Jesus, light of the world,
we worship and adore you.

We thank you that
Jesus the Light came into the world.

Jesus, light of the world,
we worship and adore you.

We thank you that
Jesus the Light shines in us, his Children.

Jesus, light of the world,
we worship and adore you saying:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come;
to him be glory and honour for ever and ever. Amen.**

We sing: “The Christingle begins with an orange”

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