



December 2020

Hi again everyone,

Welcome back to another JAM - at- home!

We are on the countdown to Christmas now! In church we call the 4 weeks before Christmas – Advent – a time of waiting and getting ready. One of the ways we sometimes get ready for Christmas is to go to a Christingle Service – lots of you have probably been to one of these in one of our churches before. This year we are having to do things a bit differently because of Covid. Soon you will be receiving a special bag through your school with a DIY Christingle kit in it – or maybe you have had it already! In this JAM session we will be thinking a bit more about the Christingles

To remind ourselves about Christingle and how to make one and what it is all about there will be a video of Rev Sian explaining all about it on our mashamparishes YouTube channel & also available through the website www.mashamparishes.org

Wow – so do you think you could make yours now?

If you haven't got one of our kits you could make your own Christingle using things you have at home...maybe making it a bit different this year.. you could draw one or here are some ideas for a **Christingle Scavenger Hunt...**

- **The world:** Either find or draw something round, or find something that represents God's creation to you, e.g. a picture of a beautiful landscape, a collection of stones or shells or feathers.
- **The candle:** either use any decorative candles you have or find a source of light, e.g. a torch, a lamp.
- **The red tape or ribbon:** Do you have any red string or wool? What other red items do you have in our home? The red ribbon or tape represents the love of Jesus. What do you have in your home that symbolises love? (e.g. a heart shape, a ring, a special present)
- **The cocktail sticks and sweets or fruits:** These represent the goodness of God's creation, and the four seasons. What can you find that means this to you – it could be other foodstuffs or something else entirely, for example your favourite soft toy animal, or a cutting from your favourite plant.

Once you've made your Christingle or your representation of a Christingle put it in a safe position where you can see it or hold it in your hand and light the candle (or illuminate your light source) and think about all the many good things God gives us and that we need to share them not only with our family and friends but with the whole world.

In the booklet which came in your Christingle bag there are some more ideas to think about on pages 4-5..

We usually do lots of different **crafts at JAM** whilst we think a bit more about the story.... Well here are some suggestions for you to try at home!

Edible candles

You will need: mini rolls; buttercream icing (icing sugar, a little butter or spread and a little water) or fondant icing; yellow food colouring; cups or bowls; spoons; knives; paper plates

Keep back a small blob of your icing and then cover the mini roll with your icing and stand it up on the plate (if you are using fondant icing you will have to roll it out!) Work yellow food colouring into the small blob of icing and shape it into a candle flame. Attach the 'flame' to the iced mini roll candle.



Talk about what you like about the Christingle candle and what it makes you think about. How can the light of the Christingle candle last forever?

Christingle Game (a bit like Beetle!) to play with your family or friends

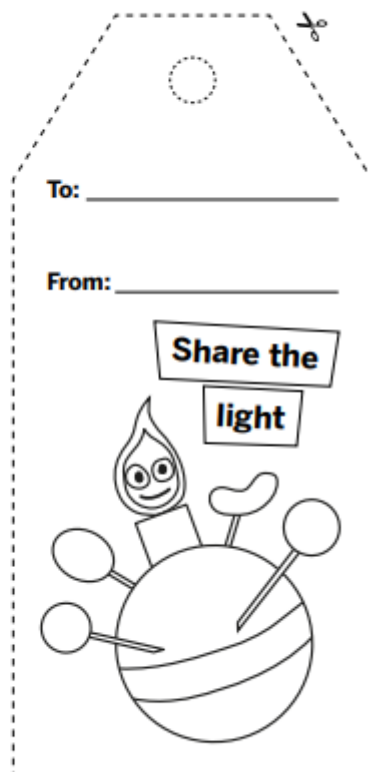
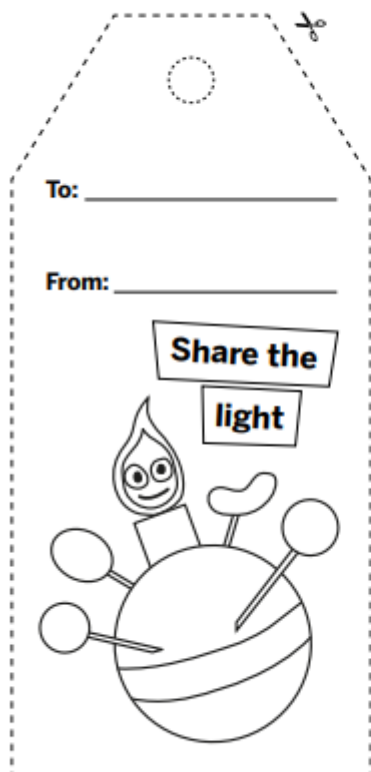
Everyone needs a dice, some crayons/felt pens and a copy of the Christingle sheet (on the last page)

Throw the dice and colour in one of the Christingle parts that matches the number thrown. You must throw a six so that you can colour in the orange before you can colour in any of the other parts of the Christingle. The winner is the first person to colour in the whole Christingle.

Gift tags

You might like to decorate these gift tags to give to your friends and family. Colour them in and decorate them and then punch a hole in the top of the tag and thread a string through it.

Sharing the light colouring gift tags





If you have been to our last few JAM sessions, you will be getting really good at singing our “My Lighthouse” song .This song fits really well with our Christingle theme of shining in the darkness and sharing the light of Jesus! Can you sing along with it on here and do all the actions – and maybe teach other people in your house?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeJvKkBV6rY>

And now, let’s finish with a **prayer** and then our special JAM prayer,

We go in peace:

To share the peace of God with all we meet.

We go in love:

To share God’s gift of love with the world.

We go in the light of Christ:

To shine as lights in the world.

To the glory of God the Father. Amen.

May God bless ME (point to yourself),

God bless YOU (point to other people),

God bless EVERYONE (open your arms out wide),

All over the world (draw a big world shape circle with your hands). Amen

Have a great Christmas and we look forward to our next JAM time together!

Love from All the JAM Team

Christingle drive game

Throw the dice and colour in one of the Christingle parts that matches the number thrown. You must throw a six so that you can colour in the orange before you can colour in any of the other parts of the Christingle. The winner is the first person to colour in the whole Christingle.

1 Ribbon

2 Square sweet

3 Round sweet

4 Candle

5 Flame

6 Orange

