

Light, Life and Love – For All the World

A Family Christingle Talk Based on John 1:1–5

This Christingle talk is designed for use in churches, schools, and family services. It is warm, inclusive, and rooted in the opening verses of John's Gospel.

John 1:1–5 (NIV)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Opening

Before lighting the Christingle, explain that Christians around the world read these words at Christmas. Pause after reading and reflect that although the words are deep, the message is simple: Light, Life and Love – for all.

Light – "In the beginning was the Word"

Hold up the unlit candle. Explain that Jesus is called 'the Word' because God wanted to be known and understood. God did not just send rules or messages – He came Himself, so ordinary people could see, hear, and know Him. Light the candle and invite everyone to say together: LIGHT.

Life – "Through him all things were made"

Hold up the orange and explain that it represents the world and all of life. Families, homes, schools, and everyday experiences all matter to God. The One in the manger is the One who made the world, and therefore every life matters.

Life Shared – "In him was life"

Acknowledge that life can be joyful and difficult, even at Christmas. This verse reminds us that God does not just give life – He shares life with us. Jesus is Immanuel: God with us.

Love – "The light shines in the darkness"

Point to the red ribbon and explain that it holds everything together. God's love is stronger than darkness. Jesus showed this love by giving His life on the cross so that forgiveness and new life could be offered to all.

For All

Point to the sweets and explain that they represent people of all kinds. Different shapes, different colours – for everyone. God's light, life, and love are for children, adults, families, and people from every background.

A Simple Prayer

Invite people to pray as they light their Christingle: "God, thank You for loving us. Thank You for sending Jesus, the light of the world. Help us walk in Your light, this Christmas and forever. Amen."