The school might be interested in having a Christingle session/assembly/service.

This session could be done in school or at church with the school/a few classes visiting.

The school may have prepared some carols which could be included.

Depending on numbers, you could start with a ‘make your own Christingle’ workshop at the beginning. The school would have to provide the resources to make the Christingle.

You could send the headteacher the session plan beforehand, if you’re worried about whether it’s appropriate for a non-church school.

**Hello/welcome**

**Song (carol)**

**Readings (could be read by two children)**

John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Matthew 5:13–16

[Jesus said,] ‘You are the salt of the earth. But suppose the salt loses its saltiness. How can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything. It will be thrown out. People will walk all over it. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill can’t be hidden. Also, people do not light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand. Then it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine so others can see it. Then they will see the good things you do. And they will bring glory to your Father who is in heaven.’

**Song (carol)**

**Talk:**

Go through each part of the Christingle (orange – Earth, cocktail sticks – 4 seasons, sweets/raisins – fruits of the Earth, red tape/ribbon – Jesus blood and forgiveness offered to everyone, candle – Jesus light in the world)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Light the Christingle from a bigger candle. (Bigger candle represents Jesus light) which can be in us.

You are the light of the world. People don’t light a candle and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone. In the same way, let your light shine.

Jesus is the ultimate light of the world, but we can be lights too. By helping others, cheering people up and doing our best. This is how we can shine.

**Children light the Christingles?**

**Bless the Christingles:**

Jesus said: ‘I am the light of the world’ With light comes the power to see, the power to grow, the power to live. May these Christingles help to bring the light of Christ into our lives so that we may see Him more clearly.

**Song (carol)**

**Final prayer:**

Lord Jesus,

You are the light of the world.

Help us to remember this when we light our Christingle candles

and when we see the Christmas lights around us.

Help us to share in the hope that you bring,

So that we can shine as Lights for Christ in the world today.

Amen

**Christingle in Church**

Adrian lead the service

I’m involved in the Nativity bit, Adrian has the sketch, correcting the mistakes

Dress kids up before, ask parents to dress own kids

Our role: dress kids, share the narration, usher children from the back to the front (Kathryn)

Give out Christingles: light the ones on the end of the rows

**Joseph:** Christingle talk? What does the Christingle mean? Adrian email