



**The
Children's
Society**

**No child
should feel
alone**

A Christingle/Nativity Rhyming Mash-up!

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Christingle
50
YEARS



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This rhyme is designed for use in Christingle services that are combined with the nativity story, especially on Christmas Eve.

As the chorus is repeated throughout, you might wish to have this printed on a service sheet or projected on an overhead screen so all can join in.

Chorus:

*Like ribbons wrapped around the world,
Jesus makes God's love shine bright.
And every sweet thing that God made
is saved from darkness by that Light.*

*As candle, ribbon, orange, fruit
come together, merge and mingle,
God desires to make us one -
that's the meaning of Christingle.*

An angel comes to Mary's house
and tells her she will bear God's son,
Unmarried, pregnant, she might well
have been cast out by everyone.

And so the angel speaks to Joseph,
Mary's worried fiancé.
And when he hears the truth, he helps her,
marries her and saves the day!

And just like Mary, there are children
on the edges, on their own,
looking for someone to help them
so they don't face life alone.



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And when the time comes to be counted,
off they go to Bethlehem.
But there they find no place to rest
and no one there to welcome them

Until, at last, a kindly person
offers them a place to stay
in the room where sheep and cattle
Huddle warm among the hay

And just like Mary, just like Joseph,
many children are ignored,
overlooked, and looking for
acceptance and an open door.

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An angel tells a flock of shepherds:
Go to Bethlehem, for there
a babe is born, he's Christ your saviour!
Then their praises fill the air.

So when the angels finish singing
off the shepherds go to see,
and welcome mother, father, child
into their small community.

And just like Jesus there are children,
living close to me and you,
yearning to be part of something,
waiting for that welcome, too.

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And then some wise men come to visit,
guided by a star above,
come to show the newborn king
that he is treasured, valued, loved.

At his feet, they lay their presents -
frankincense and myrrh and gold.
For God's love reaches to all nations
right around the whole wide world.



And just like Jesus, there are children
everywhere, in every land
who need to know that they are treasures
valued, loved, held in God's hand.

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