

Uses for leftover Christmas paraphernalia

To save the planet and your bank balance, here are some ways to recycle and reuse Christmas gubbins in the coming year



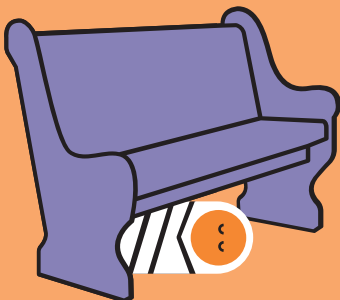
Keep your decorations up all year to save time putting them up next December. You. Are. Welcome.



Make leftover Christingle oranges into marmalade. (Chuck the sweets though. They've definitely been licked by multiple children.)



Encourage children to make paper chains out of used wrapping paper - praying for individuals represented by paper people as they do so.



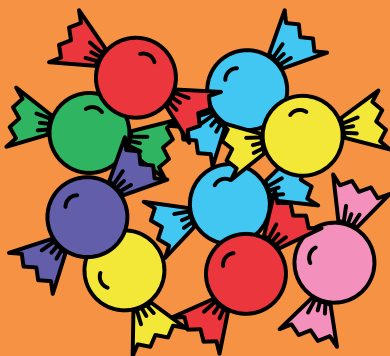
Hide baby Jesus somewhere in church to use as an illustration about losing sight of Jesus.



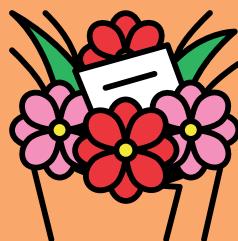
Later in the year use Christmas cards with biblical pictures (a puppy in a Santa hat won't work!) to talk about how Jesus came to live with his people all year round.



Encourage your children or young people to write a new goal or habit they'd like to focus on this year on a bauble and display them somewhere in your space.



Hoard excess chocolate for prizes throughout the year.



Dry any Christmassy bouquets and accompany your young people in taking them to lonely members of your community. Perhaps you could plan a group visit to an old people's home.



Gather unwanted presents and sell them at church to fund your next youth or children's weekend away or give the money to a charity suggested by your group.