The Science and Symbolism of the Winter Season

Learning objective: I can identify and illustrate the historical and natural symbols of the winter season and Christmas.

About 45 minutes. Grown-up tip: Encourage your child to look at the symmetry of the holly leaves and the geometric shapes found in the Christingle.

Follow the steps below to create a detailed annotated drawing. First, sketch your scene lightly in pencil before adding detail. For example, if drawing a robin, use small, overlapping 'U' shapes to represent feathers. Ensure your labels clearly point to the specific features requested.

Draw: Create a detailed composition on A4 paper. Use a landscape orientation. Start by sketching a rustic wooden stable in the middle-ground. In the foreground, place a detailed holly plant with distinct, spiky leaves. Include a small robin with a bright red breast. Add a Christingle on a small wooden table to the side. Use fine-liner pens for labels and coloured pencils for the final illustration to show the contrast between the dark winter sky and the warm light of the candles.



Label words: Evergreen · Advent · Nativity · Solstice · Holly · Ivy · Christingle

Steps:

1. Step 1: In the centre of your page, draw a traditional Nativity scene including a stable, and label the key

figures present.

2. Step 2: Draw a sprig of holly near the corner of your scene. Label the berries and the leaves. Why is holly traditionally associated with winter?

3. Step 3: Add a 'Christingle' to your drawing. Label the orange, the red ribbon, the four cocktail sticks, and the candle.

4. Step 4: Draw a robin perched on a branch. Use the word bank to label one 'evergreen' plant near the robin.

5. Step 5: Explain how the 'Winter Solstice' relates to the traditions of light and warmth during the darkest month of the year.



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