



All We Can

The *Christingle* with the Empty Stick

Narrator Listen! In the beginning was the world,

Right ...and it was big

Left and whole

Right and fruitful

Left and juicy!

Narrator The world was bright and round,
And there was enough to go around.

Everyone [shouting] **But we wanted more!**

Right We wanted to chop

Left and peel

Right and divide

Narrator and squeeze the life out of it.

And God said this *was* good,
Or at least, it was meant to be,
So let me come down and see
If we can get past greed and be free –

But we cut him up too, and hung him on a tree.

Everyone It wasn't right, and it wasn't fair.

Narrator Let's take action!

Congregation wraps a red ribbon around their orange.

Narrator Talk to the person next to you.

Jesus came to show us an example of a better way of doing human relationships and what it means to be one, big, juicy orange-family, living and working together in partnership. Who has been a good example to you, in your life?

Narrator: [Cue to come back together] In the beginning was the world, (repeat as necessary until everyone is ready)

Right: And it was abundant

Left: and fresh

Right: and joyful

Left: and tasty.

Narrator: Speak out and take action! – What other words would you use to describe an orange?

Jesus came to show and to share,
How the world is healed when we all care,
But we turned our backs and left him there,

Everyone It wasn't right and it wasn't fair!

Narrator God made all things and through him, all things were made:

Everyone [Sing] All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small.

Narrator Exactly, and that's what the sweets are for,
Celebrating the gifts we've been given, and more,
But its bitter too – the bad taste of war,
The division between rich and poor:

Everyone It isn't right and it isn't fair.

Narrator No, it isn't, so put your sweets on the sticks
But leave one empty to show we know,

Everyone It isn't right and it isn't fair.

Narrator So sit for a minute and let's feel the pain,
While hoping that one day it could be equal again.

Congregation puts sweets on three of their four sticks and then inserts all four sticks into their orange.

Narrator [Cue to come back together] In the beginning was the world, (repeat as necessary until everyone is ready)

Narrator If you've made this before, it doesn't feel right,
But that's sort of the point because it really isn't right,
That some have rights while others don't,
And some eat dinner while others won't.

Narrator Hold your orange up and show us, that it isn't right and it isn't fair. Say it with me:

Everyone It isn't right and it isn't fair.

Narrator But it isn't over, not just yet,
Because there's one more thing we need to get,
A little candle, a symbol of light,
That shows us again the world – juicy and bright.

Congregation put the candle into the orange. Everyone lights their candles, the lights go out

Everyone Congregation sing a carol

Narrator In the beginning was the world,
And God saw that it was good,

And God knows that it could be good again,
With a little bit of light,
And a baby boy – born on a starry night.
Around the world, we are helping people be their best,
By listening and learning, and all the rest.
So let us pray and hope, once more,
That when you leave here through that door,
You can be part of a story where no-one has to be poor,

Everyone For God so loved this world, then, and now, and
forevermore.

Everyone Congregation sing a carol

Narrator *Closing remarks*

Narrator If we all do our bit, and get involved, perhaps we can make it
right and fair, so will you join me in saying:

Everyone Let's make it right, let's make it fair.

Narrator Once more?

Everyone Let's make it right, let's make it fair!

Narrator Thank you and God bless

Everyone and a very happy Christmas to you and yours.