



*A Preschool/Kindergarten
Christmas Program*

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to **The Colors of Christmas**. This short Christmas presentation is intended for children in preschool and kindergarten and may be enjoyed by any number of children. The children tell the Christmas story through the colors of red, white, green, and gold. Red is the color of sin, white is the color of our sins forgiven, green is the color of new life in Christ, and gold represents the crown of righteousness we will receive in heaven. Each color is shown by hanging colored ornaments on the Christmas tree.

THE TREE

Items you will need for this service are a Christmas tree and clear plastic ornaments that can be filled with colored paper. The tree can be any size tree – real or artificial. It should be given a place of prominence in front of the assembly. The ornaments are clear plastic ornaments that can be filled with colored tissue paper or ribbon. They may be purchased from Kremer Resources or Oriental Trading Company.

THE NARRATION

The narration throughout the program may be done by the teacher and/or pastor.

THE RECITATIONS

Throughout the presentation the children will be reciting some short Scripture passages. This may be done by the entire class or by individuals.

THE SONGS

Please be aware that the sheet music for some of these songs is found at cyberhymnal.org and therefore are public domain arrangements. Consequently some songs will have different lyrics from the ones in this program. The following songs are included:

WE'RE SO HAPPY This simple song is sung by the children to the tune of *Jesus Loves Me*. Sheet music has been provided although different lyrics.

LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE This song is sung by the assembly. Sheet music has been provided.

SILENT NIGHT Sung by all. Sheet music has been provided.

AWAY IN THE MANGER Sung by all. Sheet music has been provided.

WHAT SHALL THE LITTLE CHILDREN BRING Sung by the children to the tune of *I Saw Three Ships A-Sailing In*. Sheet music has been provided.

THIS LITTLE CHRISTMAS TREE OF MINE Sung by the children to the tune of *This Little Light of Mine*.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL SONG – CHRISTMAS BELLS Sung by children. Sheet music, sing-along MP3 and accompaniment MP3 are provided

SNACK IDEA

Have the children frost ornament-shaped cut out cookies with red, white, green and gold icing.

THE COLORS OF CHRISTMAS

(The service begins with the children waiting in the hallway or back room dressed in clothing that matches the color of their ornaments. Children enter carrying their homemade ornament.)

OPTIONAL SONG (Children may begin program with singing of Christmas Bells.)

1. The bells of Christmas morning are ringing loud and clear.
The bells will keep on telling good news throughout the year.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Be happy in the Lord.
Remember that our Savior was born on Christmas morn.

2. The bells of Christmas morning are ringing out with joy.
The happy bells are ringing for every girl and boy.
It's time to tell the story of his birth,
And sing a "Happy Birthday" to Jesus Christ on earth.

3. The bells on Christmas morning will never cease to ring
Because they tell the story of Jesus Christ our King.
For God is love, and in our hearts he dwells!
One day we'll go to heaven and ring those Christmas bells!

Teacher: Welcome to our Christmas presentation titled THE COLORS OF CHRISTMAS. What would Christmas be without color? All our wrapped gifts would look the same. The bright colors we love to wear and the decorations we hang around the house would be drab and uninteresting. Even our Christmas trees would be dull and colorless like the one you see in front of our classroom. Christmas would not seem quite like Christmas without any color. Today our children would like to show you how meaningful colors can be at Christmas.

(Children enter the room ready to be seated on a row of chairs facing the assembly.)

(Children remain standing.)

Children: Welcome to *The Colors of Christmas*.

Child 1: Every day in school we have fun with colors.

Child 2: We paint and crayon and glue colorful papers together.

Child 3: Sometimes we learn new colors too.

Child 4: Like CHARTREUSE

Child 5: And AQUAMARINE

Child 6: And INDIGO

Teacher: In 1903, the Crayola Company introduced a box of eight colored wax crayons for children to enjoy. Today you can buy their gigantic box of one hundred twenty colors, and they

still have a long way to go before they run out of colors. Scientists believe there may be as many as ten million colors in all! Today we won't go through all the colors, but we have chosen a few of them that can teach us about Christmas.

Children Song: *We're So Happy*

(To the tune of "Jesus Loves Me")

We're so happy we can see
Colors red and white and green.
And the best one we've been told
Is the precious color gold.
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
He came at Christmas time.

We're so happy we can say
Christ was born on Christmas Day
He came down from heav'n above,
Bringing with him all God's love.
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
He came at Christmas time.

PART ONE — RED

(Children with red ornaments remain standing. Others are seated.)

Standing Children: First we see the color RED,
It's a color we should dread,
See the hue of guilt and sin,
That stains our precious souls within.

Recitation The Bible says: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18).

Pastor: The Bible tells us that a long time ago God made a perfect home for two perfect people. He called the home Eden, and the people were named Adam and Eve. They lived a wonderful life in the garden until they listened to the lies of Satan and ate from the fruit that was forbidden. At that moment their perfect world became stained with sin. And that stain would be with them throughout their lives and the lives of all their descendants. That is why we speak of the scarlet color of sin.

(Children with red ornaments hang them on the tree.)

Assembly Song: *Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*

Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son hath given.

To this vale of tears He comes,
Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heav'ns fair home
We may reign in gladness.

We are rich, for He was poor;
Is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore
Here on earth and yonder.

PART TWO HAS BEEN DELETED IN THIS SAMPLE COPY

PART THREE GREEN

(Children with green ornaments remain standing. Others are seated.)

Standing children: New life is seen, so paint it GREEN
God made us fresh and new!
Now we must tell this story well
That you can love it too.

Recitation: The Bible says: "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night" (Luke 2:8).

Assembly: "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

"Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

"When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'"

Pastor: As we look over the fields of Bethlehem we begin to see the third color. The green hillsides surrounding that town were used for a special purpose. They provided nourishment for the lambs and sheep that grazed there. Green is the color of life. Just as the sheep and lambs were given life through the green grass they enjoyed, so we receive life, everlasting life, through the blood of Jesus. We place a green Christmas tree in our homes to remind us of our new life.

(Children with green ornaments hang them on the tree.)

Children song: *What Shall the Little Children Bring?*

(To the tune of "I Saw Three Ships A-Sailing In". Sheet music is included in this file.)

What shall the little children bring
On Christmas day, on Christmas day?
What shall the little children bring

On Christmas Day in the morning?
This shall the little children bring
On Christmas day, on Christmas day,
Love, joy and praise to Christ the King,
On Christmas day in the morning.

PART FOUR GOLD

(Children with gold ornaments remain standing. Others are seated.)

Standing children: Last color's GOLD – great wealth untold,
Because of love divine.
I now can see God's love for me,
The crown of life is mine!

Recitation: The Bible says, "Having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12).

Teacher: God blesses his children with many good things. We enjoy the blessing of sins forgiven, and the blessing of knowing that God is in control. We have also been given the blessing of angels to protect us, and the privilege of coming to God in prayer. But the best blessing is yet to come. It's the blessing of spending eternity in heaven. The Bible uses beautiful picture language when it tells us that when we arrive in heaven we will all be given crowns that show that we have won the battle. The gold ornaments today represent those golden crowns. What a joy for us to look forward to.

Recitation: The Bible also says, "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown" (Revelation 2:10).

(Children with gold ornaments hang them on the tree.)

Assembly Song: *Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to Heaven to live with Thee there.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we are gathered here today to remember when you showed your great love for us by sending your Son Jesus to be our Savior. Our children have taught us to think of that love through your blessing of colors. Help the color red remind us of our sins, for which we are so sorry. Let the color white remind us of having our sins washed away at the cross. The color green so aptly reminds us of the new life we can enjoy as your children. And, the beautiful rich color of gold brings to mind the crowns we will be given in heaven. We thank you, in the name of Jesus, your precious Son who was born in the Bethlehem manger. Amen.

Children: *This Little Christmas Tree of Mine*

(To the tune of "This Little Gospel Light of Mine". Sheet music is provided.)

This little Christmas tree of mine,
I'm going to let it shine.
This little Christmas tree of mine,
I'm going to let it shine.
This little Christmas tree of mine,
I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Decorate with colors bright,
I'm going to let it shine.
Red and green and gold and white,
I'm going to let it shine.
It will be a glorious sight,
I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

(Optional: repeat both stanzas again with assembly joining in while children exit.)