



**LET'S LIGHT THE
CHRISTMAS TREE**

*A Preschool/Kindergarten
Christmas Program*

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to **Let's Light the Christmas Tree**. 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 by lighting various strands of colored lights on the Christmas tree. Red is the color of sin, blue is the color of the Bethlehem sky, and white is the color of our sins forgiven. At the end of the program we put the lights together and they remind us of the Christmas story.

THE TREE

To produce this program you will need a Christmas tree and some lights. The tree can be any size tree – real or artificial. It should be given a place of prominence in front of the assembly. You will also need three strands of colored lights, each in a different color. You will need to use RED, BLUE, and WHITE strands of lights which will be lit at different times throughout the program.

THE NARRATION

The narration throughout the program may be done by the teacher 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

The following songs are included:

O TANNENBAUM (Sheet music included) Children may sing first verse in German if possible and assembly sings the remaining stanzas.

LIGHT, LIGHT, LIGHT THE TREE Sung by children to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.”

FROM HEAVEN ABOVE Sung by the assembly. No music included.

AWAY IN THE MANGER Sung by all. No music included.

CHRISTMAS TREE Sung by children. Music and accompaniment included.

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

SNACK IDEA

Have the children decorate tree-shaped cut out cookies decorated with red. Blue and white candies.

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Teacher: Welcome to our Christmas presentation. Your children have prepared their recitations and songs for you today.

You will notice a Christmas tree in the center spot of our room. Unfortunately this tree is dark and there are no lights shining. Our children will help us light our tree today, as they share with us the story of Christmas.

To begin our Christmas tree lighting celebration, we will sing the old carol "O Tannenbaum." The children will sing the first stanza in German. We ask everyone to join in the remainder of the song.

Children and assembly: "O Christmas Tree" ("O Tannenbaum")

(If possible, children could learn stanza one.)

1. O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, Wie treu sind deine Blätter!
O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, Wie true sind deine Blätter!
Du grunst nicht nur zur Sommerzeit, Nein, auch im Winter, wenn es schneit.
O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, Wie true sind deine Blätter!
2. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You set my heart a-singing.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You set my heart a-singing.
Like little stars, your candles bright Send to the world a wondrous light.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You set my heart a-singing.
3. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You come from God, eternal.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You come from God, eternal.
A symbol of the Lord of Love Whom God to man sent from above.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You come from God, eternal.

PART ONE: LET'S LIGHT THE TREE RED

(Turn on the RED tree lights)

Children: *Let's light the tree.
With RED begin.
It shows our hearts
Are filled with sin.*

Teacher: Our children know that we celebrate Christmas for a reason. Jesus came to live with us because there was a problem. That problem began in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned against God. And that sin was passed down to all of us.

Children: Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned."

Teacher: The red lights on our tree remind us of the sins we have done. The Bible says our sins are red, like crimson.

Children: Isaiah 1:18 says, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

Children: "*Light, Light, Light the Tree*" (To the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Light, light, light the tree
On this Christmas morn,
Tell the people everywhere
Jesus Christ is born!

Assembly Song: "*From Heaven Above*"

1. From heaven above to earth I come
To bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing.
2. To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child, of lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all the earth.
3. This is the Christ, our God and Lord,
Who in all need shall aid afford;
He will himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.

(Turn off the RED tree lights)

PART 2: LET'S LIGHT THE TREE BLUE

(Turn on the BLUE tree lights)

Children: *Let's light the tree
Now BLUE'S the light
It makes us think
Of Christmas night.*

Teacher: Because of God's great love, he planned to send his Son, Jesus, to rescue us from all our sins.

Children: John 3:16 says "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son."

Teacher: The next color on our tree takes us to the wonderful night very long ago. It all began in the Bethlehem manger when God sent Jesus as a baby born to Mary and Joseph. The blue lights on the tree remind us of the dark blue sky that covered the tiny village of Bethlehem.

Children: Please tell us the Christmas story again. (Children sit on the floor to listen.)

Assembly: *"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.*

"So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 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 of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ 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, and on earth peace to men 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.'