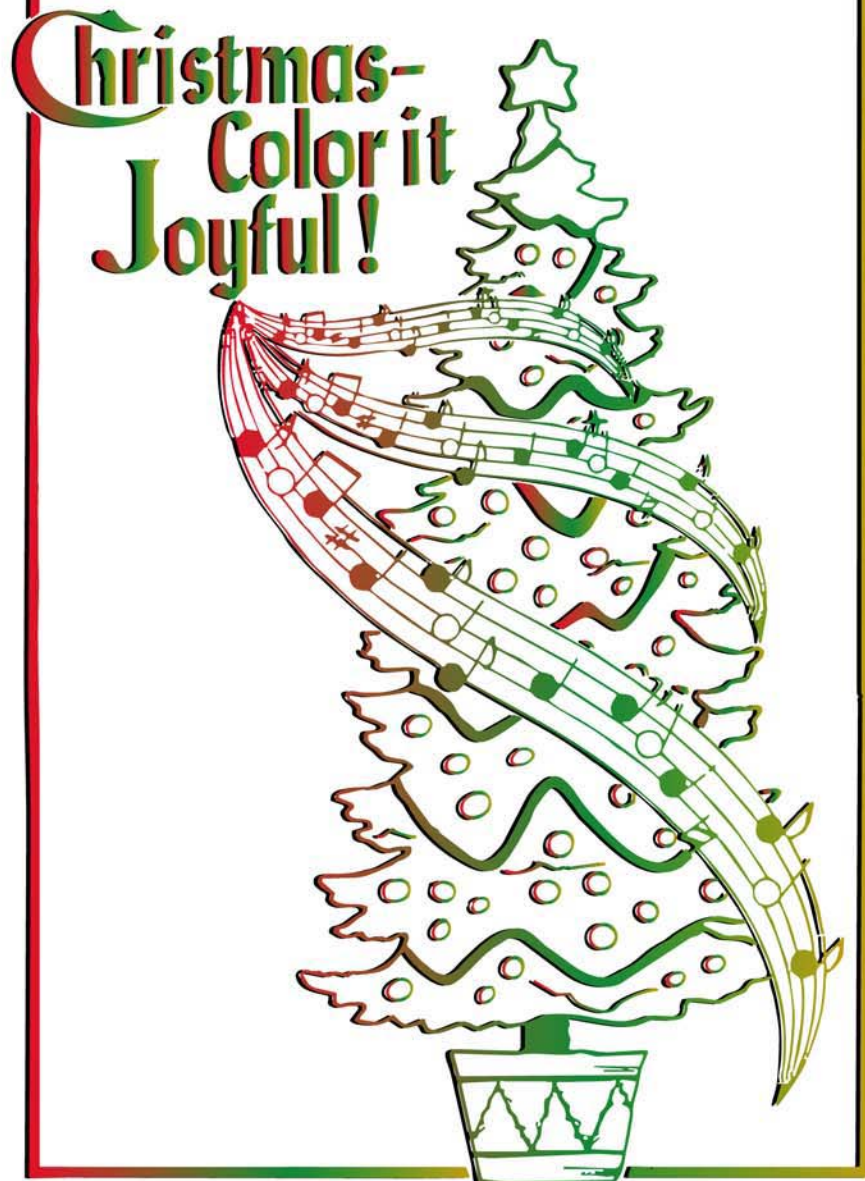


CHRISTMAS - COLOR IT JOYFUL



**A WORSHIP PROGRAM
FOR PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**

Christmas - Color It Joyful!

INTRODUCTION

This worship service is intended for preschool and kindergarten children and may be presented as part of a regular worship service or as a stand alone program for parents and grandparents.

Theme: The colors of Christmas

Time: Approximately 20 minutes

Parts: Children
Teacher
Pastor (Reader)
Assembly

About the CD: This CD is to be used in your computer for the print materials and in your CD player for the song.

About the song: IMPORTANT! The theme song "Christmas - Color It Joyful" is sung several times during the program. The disk includes two tracks that are playable on your CD player: Track 1 is the sing-along song with ONLY the words to the first time through (verse one). This will give the children an accurate idea of the melody. Track 2 is the accompaniment to be used each time the song is sung. **NOTE that there is a one verse introduction on the accompaniment before the children join in singing.**

What You Get with This Program:

Full printed program in PDF and Word (Reproducible)

Child's Text Sheet in PDF and Word (You may send this sheet home with the children to get parent's help with memorizing. This way you need not let the parents see the entire service.)

Program Cover Art sized for 5½" x 8½" folders.

Ornament Template for you to print on transparency and enlarge on your overhead projector. Make one red, one green, one gold and one white ornament.

Coloring Booklet for you to reproduce and give to the children.

Songs: This CD includes sing-along and instrumental music for "Christmas-Color It Joyful".

Sheet Music is also provided for the song.

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Christmas-Color it Joyful

Opening Song by Parents: "O Come Little Children"

Teacher: Today we come to you as children have for many, many years. The time of year is the same. The anticipation is the same. The joy is the same. And above all, the message is the same. We are here to share with you the wonderful story about the Messiah, whom we know as:

1 Child Jesus
1 Child Immanuel
1 Child The Bread of Life
1 Child The Good Shepherd
1 Child Our Friend
1 Child Our Brother
All Children Our Savior!

Teacher: We'd like to take you on a colorful journey through the Christmas story. Our message is called **Christmas-Color it Joyful!** Because colors are important to us, we will tell the Christmas story in the most colorful way we know.

Christmas is by far the most colorful time of year. When we look around we see all the wonderful Christmas colors. They're in the clothes we wear, the decorations we display, and the Christmas tree we decorate.

Today we be taking a close look at four of these colors and we will see the great meaning they have for us.

PART ONE

Child (Holding red ornament shape): *Part one is "SIN-Color It Red"*

All children sing: Christmas - Color It Joyful

*Christmas is here-a time of cheer,
We'll paint it joyfully;
A rainbow bright of heavenly light,
What colors do we see?*

*First color's red-one we should dread,
It shows the mark of sin.
But crimson stain will not remain,
A new life can begin.
Red, red, red.*

All Children: *"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."*

Narrator: When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they became stained with sin. This stain meant that they would die and forever be separated from God. And this stain would be passed down to everyone - including us. Psalm 53:3 says, "Everyone has turned away, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one."

Pastor's Prayer: Lord, show me my crimson sins. Let the color red cause me to remember how

hopeless I am to stand before your throne covered with sin. Show me how you have removed this stain so that I might stand pure and clean before you. Amen.

PART TWO

Child (Holding white ornament shape): *Part two is GRACE-Color It White*

All children sing: Christmas - Color It Joyful

*Christmas is here - a time of cheer,
We'll paint it joyfully;
A rainbow bright of heavenly light,
What colors do we see?*

*Now in God's sight the color's white,
A full atonement made.
By grace I'm free eternally,
The ransom has been paid.
White, white, white.*

Children: *"They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy."* Revelation 3:4

Teacher: Now we see the joy that Christmas is all about. God did not want us to keep wearing the dirty stain of sin. He sent Jesus to wash us so we would be sparkling clean and as white as snow. Please join with me in the Christmas story from Luke 2:

Assembly: And this is how it happened: St. Luke wrote in chapter 2, "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."

Everyone Sings: "Silent Night"

Pastor's Prayer: Dearest Jesus, thank you for washing the stain of sin from us that we can stand before God's throne dressed whiter than snow. Help us to cherish the cleansing we received when you died for us on the cross. We are so anxious to see the dream come true that we read about in St. John's book of Revelation when he says, "Then I saw a great white throne and Him seated upon it." Only you can make a wonderful dream like that come true. Amen.

PART THREE

Child (Holding a green ornament shape): *Part three is LIFE - Color it green.*

All children sing: Christmas - Color It Joyful

*Christmas is here - a time of cheer,
We'll paint it joyfully;
A rainbow bright of heavenly light,
What colors do we see?*

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Charles Cushinery

Christmas: Color It Joyful!

Words by
Reynold R. Kremer
Music by
Clarence A. Kremer

Refrain

Christ - mas Is here. a time of cheer. We'll paint it joy - ful - ly.

A rain-bow bright of heav'n - ly light. What col-ors do we see?

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see? Red, red, red.

1) First color's red - one we should dread,
It shows the mark of sin.
But crimson stain will not remain,
A new life can begin.

Refrain

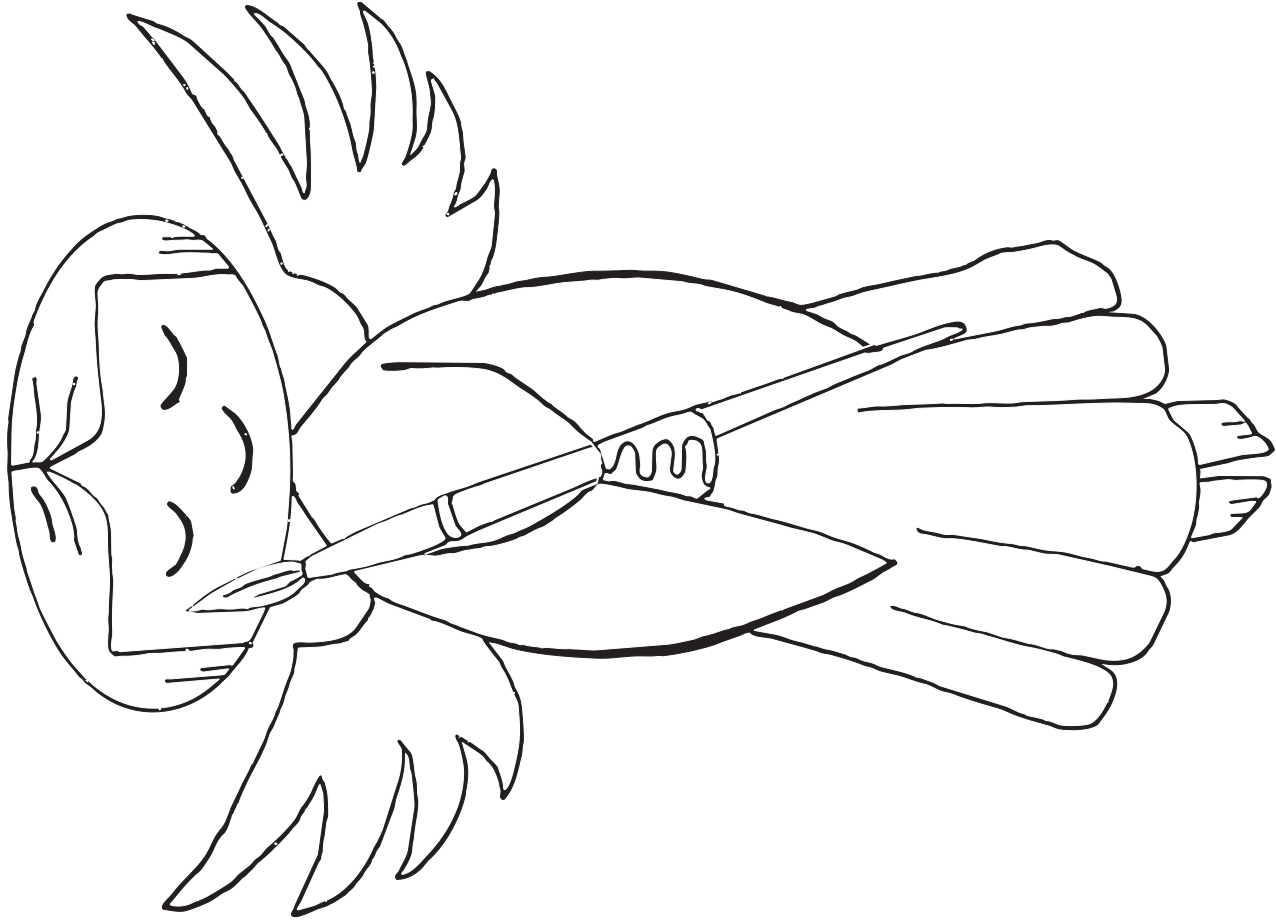
2) Now in God's sight the color's white,
A full atonement made.
By grace I'm free eternally,
The ransom has been paid.

Refrain

3) It's life that's seen - so paint it green,
I've wakened fresh and new.
Now I must tell this story well,
That you can feel it too.

Refrain

4) Last color's gold - great wealth untold,
Because of love divine.
I now can see God cared for me,
The crown of life is mine.



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Christ - mas is here. — a time of cheer. — We'll paint it joy - ful - ly —

A rain-bow bright of heav'n - ly light. — What col - ors do — we see? —

see? — red. —

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