

## The Colors of Christmas

Narrator: "Christmas is a time for color. Red and green. Silver and white. Blue and gold. The colors of Christmas are everywhere. God loves color! He made every color in the rainbow. We enjoy the colors of this world and receive them as a gift from God. Thank God for colors. And thank God for Christmas!"

*Play and sing: Song #1 "The Colors of Christmas"*

*The Christmas tree is green, the Christmas snow is white  
The Christmas Star is yellow and it shines throughout the night*

*Chorus:*

*Oh the colors of Christmas are beautiful to see  
Oh the colors of Christmas that God gave me*

*Our Christmas lights are red, our Christmas lights are blue  
Our Christmas lights are orange, they're pink and purple too*

*Chorus:*

*Oh the colors of Christmas are beautiful to see  
Oh the colors of Christmas that God gave me*

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Narrator: "Green and red are the colors of Christmas. Of course, we enjoy these two colors especially at Christmas time. But you might be wondering just how green and red became the official colors of Christmas. You'll be happy to know we have the answer.

The reason green is a Christmas color is that green signifies life. For instance, evergreen trees stay alive and green all year long. That is why we use these trees as Christmas trees. They stay alive even in the depths of winter. Christmas is the perfect time to celebrate life. For at Christmas time, we celebrate the fact that Jesus came to offer us eternal life.

The color red also has deep roots in the tradition of Christmas. Red symbolizes the blood of Jesus. At Christmas time, we see red everywhere. Santa sports red with his popular costume. Christmas presents are wrapped in red paper. Most Christmas decorations contain red too. This is because at Christmas we remember that Jesus came to pay for our sins with his blood.

Yes, the Christmas colors green and red are here to stay. We instantly associate these colors with Christmas. It is difficult to imagine any other colors associated with Christmas. So this year, get out your red and green clothes and decorations, and celebrate the life that Jesus gives to us at Christmas.”

*Play and sing: Song #2 “Green and Red, Did You Hear What I Said?”*

*Chorus*

*Green and red are the colors of Christmas,  
The colors of Christmas are green and red.  
Green and red, did you hear what I said?  
The colors of Christmas are green and red.*

*Green is for life.  
The life that God gives to me.  
Just like with the Christmas tree,  
Jesus gives me life.*

*Chorus*

*Green and red are the colors of Christmas,  
The colors of Christmas are green and red.  
Green and red, did you hear what I said?  
The colors of Christmas are green and red.*

*Red is for the blood  
The blood that Jesus gave for me  
Just like Christmas presents  
Jesus gives me life.*

*Chorus  
Green and red are the colors of Christmas,  
The colors of Christmas are green and red.  
Green and red, did you hear what I said?  
The colors of Christmas are green and red.*

*Green and red, did you hear what I said?  
The colors of Christmas are green and red.*

Narrator: "Black and blue. Can these be colors of Christmas too? Black and Blue? Yes, like blue, as in—the blues. As in "I am feeling blue." Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas season. In fact, sometimes at Christmas we can really feel the blues. Sometimes at Christmas we miss loved ones sorely. Sometimes we have to cope with the loss of a job. Sometimes cancer or some other disease puts a big question mark over our future. In fact, a number of situations may make parties and celebrations at Christmas painful for many people."

(Mary and Joseph enter the stage dressed in blue. They look very sad—perhaps even pretending to cry. Mary and Joseph walk to the center of the stage where a manger has been placed beforehand. They stand near the manger for the remainder of the play).

"Look, its Mary and Joseph. They look very sad too. They had to leave their home and were forced to travel far away even though Mary was pregnant and just about to give birth. When they reached Bethlehem, where they were going, there was no place to stay. So their baby had to be born in a barn.

Mary and Joseph faced big problems at Christmas. Maybe black and blue are good Christmas colors after all."