

# Resource Supplement for God's Colorful Story of Love

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My article, *God's Colorful Story of Love*, was written as an object lesson for children. I have also used it with adults as a tool for teaching girls how to witness. I created the following pages as tools to supplement that object lesson and hope you find them helpful.


Here's a breakdown of the three different resources and how to use them:

1. **Crayon Box Witnessing Tool** (page 2)  
This is the master page for creating six (6) crayon boxes with the colors and scriptures for telling the story of God's love. Follow the instructions at the top of the page for attaching the text onto the box of 8 crayons. Or, laminate the whole page then cut them out to create a bookmark.
2. **Colors Tell the Story** (page 3, song)  
I wrote the words of this song based on the colors used in *God's Colorful Story of Love*. Use them with your younger children and sing to the tune of London Bridge.
3. **Colorful Details** (pages 4-6, Scriptures related to color meanings)  
Pages 3-5 of this resource document are meant to give more scriptures that tie into the message of each color. You can use this as a personal devotion time, as an old-fashioned sword drill (who can find it first?) with your older girls, or to help you as you teach the object lesson.


# Witnessing Tool—for Crayon Box

Purchase a box of 8 crayons for each girl. Print this master on WHITE paper since there's no white crayon. Print enough copies to provide one guide for each girl. If possible, cut them apart on a paper cutter beforehand since the cut will be close. As part of your meeting (and after you have presented your lesson), let each girl tape a copy of this guide onto her own box of crayons. Use the wide packaging tape to give more of a laminated effect and to increase the life of the witnessing tool. Encourage the girls to use this as a reminder to testify to God's love. Print this page on WHITE card stock and individually laminate the cards for your girls to use as a bookmark inside their Bibles. They'll always be ready to "spring into action" and to share God's plan of salvation.


**"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8 NIV).**




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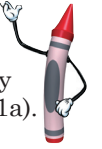
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# Colors Tell the Story

(Sing to the tune of London Bridge)

Blue is for the heavenly home, heavenly home, heavenly home.  
Blue is for the heavenly home,  
For those who know Christ Jesus.

Yellow is for light and faith, light and faith, light and faith.  
Yellow is for light and faith,  
Our God gives so freely.

Black is for the sinful heart, sinful heart, sinful heart,  
Black is for the sinful heart,  
That keeps man in bondage.

Red is for the blood He shed, blood He shed, blood He shed.  
Red is for the blood He shed,  
When Christ died for my sins.

Brown is for the crown of thorns, crown of thorns, crown of thorns,  
Brown is for the crown of thorns,  
And the cross of Calvary.

White is for my clean pure heart, clean pure heart, clean pure heart.  
White is for my clean pure heart.  
When I am forgiven.

Orange says to stop and pray, stop and pray, stop and pray.  
Orange says to stop and pray.  
To thank God for His goodness.

Green is for my growth in Christ, growth in Christ, growth in Christ.  
Green is for my growth in Christ.  
As I walk with Him.

Purple says I'm a child of God, child of God, child of God.  
Purple says I'm a child of God,  
Because He's King of Kings!!

## **NOTE TO COORDINATOR:**

Use this song for younger children to teach the colors.  
Consider using the older girls to teach it to the younger girls (reinforces it in both).

Try your hand at putting words to other simple tunes to reinforce the colors to your girls.  
Or, let the girls do it themselves as a learning experience!  
Have fun with it. Add motions or objects of specific colors.

# Colorful Details

These pages provide information on each of the eight colors in the smallest box of crayons, plus white. It includes information on what each color represents, some of its characteristics, and scriptures to tie it in with what it represents. Pick and choose from these scriptures as time and age dictate, but concentrate on the scriptures listed on the Witnessing Tool provided in this kit.

Several websites that I used in my research can shed more light on colors: [www.homestore.com](http://www.homestore.com); [crayola.com](http://crayola.com); [enchantedlearning.com](http://enchantedlearning.com); [pantone.com](http://pantone.com); [globalmms.com](http://globalmms.com); [colormatters.com](http://colormatters.com) or do your own color search at [google.com](http://google.com). [BibleGateway.com](http://BibleGateway.com) is a great site to search for Bible verses.

## Blue

- \* **Represents promise of heaven;** calm, relaxed, loyal, tranquility, peace, truth, honor, healing, strength, gentleness
- \* “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Gen. 1:1).
- \* “In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you...that where I am there ye may be also” (John 14:2-3).
- \* “For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven” (Ps. 119:89).
- \* “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea” (Rev. 21:1).
- \* Ephesians 1:3; Revelation 21:4

## Yellow

- \* **Represents light and faith;** warm, cheerful, jovial, sunny, bright, radiant, spiritual, creative, imaginative, original

### Light:

- \* “And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also” (Genesis 1:16).
- \* “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1).
- \* “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105).
- \* “Then spake Jesus unto them again, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (John 8:12).
- \* “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).
- \* “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

### Faith (use mustard seeds and/or seed packet as visual aid for faith)

- \* “He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, Be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it will obey you” (Luke 17:6 NIV).
- \* “He told them another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches” (Matthew 13:31-32 NIV).
- \* “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1).
- \* “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17 NIV).
- \* “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).
- \* “When Jesus saw their faith, he said, Friend, your sins are forgiven” (Luke 5:20 NIV).
- \* “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong” (1 Corinthians 16:13 NIV).

## Black

- \* ***Represents sin;*** ugly, depressing, dramatic
- \* “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).
- \* “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).
- \* “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17).
- \* “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).
- \* “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins” (1 John 1:9).

## Red

- \* ***Represents the blood of Christ;*** hot, energetic, powerful, fire, heat, passion
- \* “In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” (Hebrews 9:22 NIV).
- \* “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8 NIV).
- \* “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16 NIV).
- \* “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace” (Ephesians 1:7 NIV).
- \* “John 1:12; Revelation 1:5; Colossians 1:14

## Brown

- \* ***Represents the crown of thorns & the tree (cross) on which He died;*** earthy, dependable, simplicity, home, down to earth, sense of belonging; Man’s sin began with eating fruit from a tree. Isn’t it interesting that we can be free from sin because Christ was nailed to a tree.
- \* “And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!” (Matt. 27:29).
- \* “And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8).
- \* “Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle” (John 19:17-18).
- \* John 19:2-3; Hebrews 12:2; Colossians 1:20; Galatians 2:20; Matthew 16:24

## White

- \* ***Represents the clean, pure heart;*** clean, crisp, blank canvas; sometimes boring and cold
- \* “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).
- \* “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10).
- \* “Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow” (Psalm 51:7).
- \* “For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved” (Romans 10:10 NIV).
- \* “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12 NIV).

## Orange

- \* ***Represents the sunset, the end of a day; a time to reflect;*** only color on the spectrum whose name comes from an object, the orange fruit; vibrant, warm, autumn leaves, adventurous, enthusiastic, good-natured. To the human eye, orange is viewed as the hottest color both in temperature and appearance. Mosquitoes hate orange. Orange is used as a sign of warning.
- \* “From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised” (Psalm 113:3 NIV).
- \* “...So that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other” (Isaiah 45:6 NIV).
- \* “Be angry and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath” (Ephesians 4:26).
- \* “Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the son of man cometh” (Matthew 25:13).
- \* Other warning type scriptures: John 9:4; 2 Peter 3:10; John 11:10; 2 Peter 3:10

## Green

- \* ***Represents growth and nature;*** cool, crisp, close to nature, clean, positive, nature, life, balance, stability, finances, energy, regeneration, hope, youth (The word green comes from the Latin root for grow).
- \* “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).
- \* “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2).
- \* “In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord” (Eph. 2:21).
- \* “And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God” (Colossians 1:10 NIV).
- \* “That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:17-19).
- \* Galatians 5:16; Romans 6:4; Ephesians 4:15

## Purple

- \* ***Represents royalty, but also sorrow and pain;*** majestic, visionary, royalty, intrigue, highly creative, power, wisdom, introspection—A purple heart is an award given to soldiers who were wounded or who died in battle. Cleopatra loved the color purple and had her servants soak 20,000 Purpura snails for more than a week to get an ounce of purple dye.
- \* “...We are the children of God: and if children, then heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together” (Romans 8:16-17).
- \* “Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.’” (Matthew. 25:34).
- \* “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9 NIV).
- \* “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom” (Luke 12:32).
- \* “Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21 NIV).
- \* “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:19 NIV).
- \* “Jesus answered, my kingdom is not of this world...” (John 18:36).
- \* “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17 NIV).
- \* “2 Peter 1:11; Luke 19:38; Matthew 6:33; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Luke 12:32; Psalm 145:13