

Lesson 1

God's Promise | Colors and Meanings

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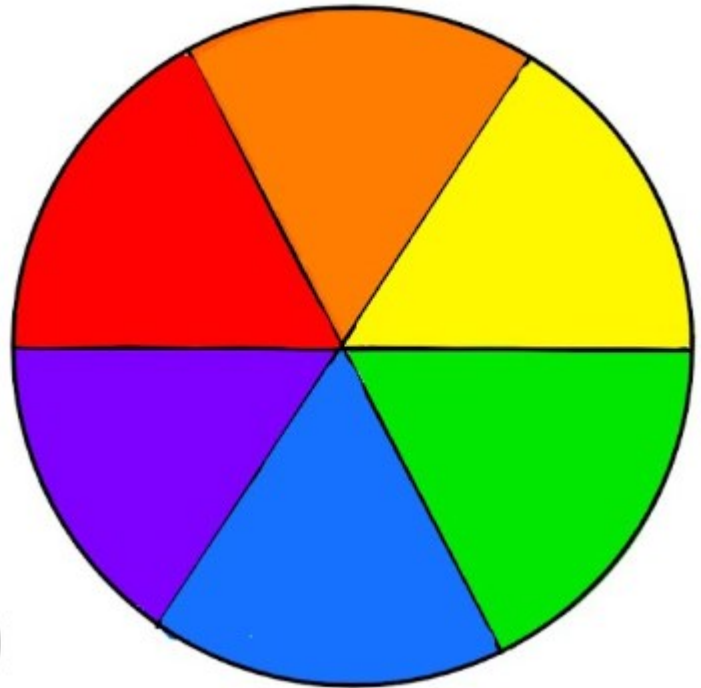
Color is all around us - look around - what colors do you see?

A color wheel is a standard method for artists and designers to define and understand color as a tool. Using this wheel of 6 colors, we'll name and talk about basic colors, the building blocks.

Primary colors: red, blue, yellow

Secondary colors: green, purple, orange

Red, yellow and blue are the building blocks for other colors. A Secondary Color is created by mixing two Primary colors. **Red + blue = purple.**
Red + yellow = orange. **Blue + yellow = green.**



In the Christian Church, colors have meaning. **Red** symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit and the sacrifice and passion of Jesus. **Blue** is the color we use in Advent, to represent hope and our time of waiting for Jesus' birth. **Yellow** is the presence of the Divine, and is used at Easter in our joy for the resurrection of Jesus. **Green** represents new life in Jesus, hope and growth. **Purple** is for penance and preparation, used during the season of Lent. **Orange** signifies wisdom, endurance and the presence of God.

When you put all these colors together, we get the happy ending of the story of Noah and his ark - the rainbow! In the Bible, Genesis 6 - 9 is the story of Noah following God's command to save two of each kind of creature before the divine flood sent by God. After the flood, God made a promise to Noah that He would never destroy the earth with a flood again, and sealed His promise with a rainbow. (Genesis 9:8-17).

Art

Supplies

Small watercolor sets
White paper | water

1. On the color wheel above, using a marker, write a "P" on the Primary colors. Write an "S" on the Secondary colors.
2. Using a watercolor set, paint squares of red, blue and yellow on a sheet of white paper.
3. Next step, mix the secondary colors: green, purple and orange. Paint squares of these on your white paper.
4. **Project:** Paint a rainbow, God's promise to all people and creatures. Add some creatures or flowers, if you like!