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Colors Have Meaning—
Teacher’s Notes

You and your students probably know that the Olympic rings are symbolic. Use this page to teach your students the meanings of these same colors as they appear in the Bible?

The colors according to the IOC

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Colors in the Bible

Colors in the Bible are associated with great teachings about salvation.

1 Black—Outer darkness

Usually people say that black is the color of sin. However, the color red (scarlet) is more accurate (Isaiah 1:18). However, black is associated with death, disease, famine, and sorrow which come as a result of sin. The ultimate consequence for sin isn’t found in this world, but in eternity in Hell.

Matthew 22:13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

2 Red—Blood of Christ

Red can remind us of blood or war. In the story of our salvation, nothing is more important than the blood of Christ.

Hebrews 9:22 without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

1 John 1:7 the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

3 Green—New life

Green is associated with new life. When God saves a person, He gives the persona a new destination, new desires and a new direction through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

4 Gold—Purification

Gold could be used for the streets of gold in heaven, but it also refers many times to the process of purification through pressure or suffering. After the day of salvation, God takes us the rest of the way through life in the process of maturing, growing in the fruit of the spirit and losing the influence of sin and the flesh. Sometimes this is called sanctification. God can use the suffering of difficult experiences to make us better people.

Zechariah 13:9 And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'They are my people'; and they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

Hebrews 12:11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

5 Blue—Heaven

There are several things associated with blue in the Bible including many of the items in the tabernacle including hangings, curtains, coverings (Exodus 26:1;36; 27:16; 28:8, 2 Chronicles 3:14). However, the very color of the floor at the throne of God is sapphire blue (Exodus 24:10, Ezekiel 1:26).

Exodus 24:10 and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness.

How to teach this lesson:

Using the page with the colored rings titled “Colors of salvation” and lead a discussion about what these colors mean in relation to salvation.

Give each student a worksheet (colored or black and white version). Each student must identify the color that matches each description.

About this lesson

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1. ________ es el color de las tinieblas de afuera de la separación eterna de Dios (Mateo 22:13). La explicación de la salvación debe empezar aquí. Cristo sufrió la ira de Dios. Los que no son salvos están en peligro del castigo eterno (Juan 3:36).
2. ________ es el color de la sangre. La sangre de Jesucristo nos limpia de todo pecado (1 Juan 1:7). Sin la sangre, no hay salvación de los pecados (Hebreos 9:22).
3. ________ es el color de la vida nueva. Cuando una persona pone su fe en Cristo se convierte en una creación nueva (2 Corintios 5:17). La vida nueva proviene del espíritu santo que mora adentro (Efesios 1:13).
4. ________ es el color del metal purificado. Las situaciones difíciles nos pueden hacer una persona mas madura por quitar las impurificaciones de nuestra ser (Zacarías 13:9; Hebreos 12:11).
5. ________ es el color del cielo donde el color de zafiro (Éxodo 24:10).