



STAINED GLASS CELEBRATION

BEFORE

Try out this activity before watching the video!

Stained-glass windows from medieval Europe often show Bible stories and stories from the lives of different saints. In some cases, these stories are of happy moments that are meant to be celebrated. The different colors in the windows add to the experience of the story.

However, stained-glass artists in the Middle Ages were often limited to these few colors: **blue, yellow, red, green, and purple.**

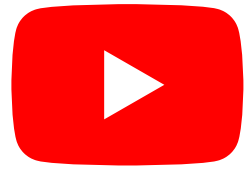
Think of a time when you celebrated something - it could be someone's birthday, a holiday, or a wedding! Using the colors of medieval stained glass (**blue, yellow, red, green, and purple**), draw a picture of that celebration! Feel free to use whatever color you need for skin tones.



DURING

Press play to watch the video and see if you can complete this activity during your viewing!

STAINED GLASS CELEBRATION Gallery Video



As you watch, you will hear one story from the Bible and one from the life of Saint Martin. Pause at the suggested times and click on the [blue links](#) to learn more about the places associated with these stories through the information and videos provided.



Pause at 3:25 - The story told in this window comes from the Book of Revelation. The author of this Bible story is known as John of Patmos. John is said to have experienced visions while in a cave on the Greek island of Patmos.

[Watch this clip about the chapel within the Cave of the Apocalypse on Patmos](#)



Chartres Cathedral, France



Limoges, France



Church of Sant Climent, Taüll, Spain

These are some examples of the same story in different artistic mediums - stone, enamel, and fresco. This imagery was common in Western Christianity during the Middle Ages. See if you can identify the elements discussed in the video!



Pause at 4:47 - The story of Saint Martin was very popular in France during the Middle Ages. That is because the story of Saint Martin took place in Amiens, a city north of Paris.

[The city of Amiens has the largest Gothic cathedral in France.](#)



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AFTER

After you've watched the video, using you're own smarts and some of what you learned, try matching each window below to its description. Some you might recognize from the video, and others will be new!



This window shows Jesus Christ in Heaven surrounded by an almond shaped halo called a mandorla.



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ANSWERS



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