

# Paint the Town December

**Song:** *Paint the Town December*

*During Paint the Town December:*

**Claude:** Eleven months of the year, our town of Graysville is black and white.

**Pablo:** But in December, we paint the windows of every store.

**Georgia:** And the magic of the season explodes like the colors of a rainbow!

**Kincade:** Like the colors of a kaleidoscope!

**Wyeth:** ...the colors of Kwanzaa...red, black and green!

**Andrew:** ...the blue and white of Hanukkah!

**Salvador:** ...el rojo y verde de Las Posadas!

**Magritte:** ...The red and green of Christmas!

**All:** ...and so much more!

## Scene 1:

**Magritte:** The first store we come to is the toy store. It's run by our friend, Mr. Ladin. He's wise and friendly and always ready to tell us a story or two.

**Henri:** He calls his store the Driedl Cradle because his number one selling item is a tiny little top called a dreidl.

**Renoir:** Hello, Mr. Ladin! How's the dreidl business?

**Mr. Ladin:** Shalom, my young friends! I hope that you are here to paint my window. I always look forward to the way you brighten up my Hanukkah season. Oh, and by the way, The Dreidl Cradle is doing great!

**Wyeth:** What is so special about the dreidl?

**Mr. Ladin:** Well, look closely and what do you see?

**Dali:** Well, there are words on all four sides.

**Mr. Ladin:** Those words are Hebrew letters and when you put them all together, they become “Nes Gadol Haya Sham” which means “a great miracle happened there.”

**Claude:** What miracle is that?

**Mr. Ladin:** During the Hanukkah season, we are reminded of the ancient miracle when there was only enough lamp oil for one day, yet it burned for eight!

**Georgia:** So that’s why you light the eight candles on the Menorah during Hanukkah.

**Kincaide:** Then I know exactly what we should paint on your storefront window!

***Song 2: Nes Gadol Haya Sham***

## **Scene 2:**

**Andrew:** I can’t wait to see our friend Ms. Abraham at the World Import Store.

**Salvador:** Me too. She always tells the greatest stories about the Kwanzaa celebration.

**Dali:** Hi, Ms. Abraham. We've come to paint your window!

**Ms. Abraham:** Oh, that's wonderful! I can already feel the spirit of Kwanzaa moving in on me. Your window paint is always the final touch.

**Claude:** We learned a new Kwanzaa song in school this year, Ms. Abraham. Maybe you know it.

**Ms. Abraham:** What's it called?

**All:** Siyahamba!

*Ms. Abraham Laughs*

**Henri:** What's so funny, Ms. Abraham?

**Ms. Abraham:** Oh, I'm not laughing at you. I'm just laughing because, although Siyahamba is not a Kwanzaa song, it certainly does go right along with the Kwanzaa tradition.

**Magritte:** What do you mean?

**Ms. Abraham:** Siyahamba is an old freedom march song that comes from South Africa. Kwanzaa is a holiday that began right here in America but which celebrates African heritage.

**Renior:** This year, we thought that we would paint half of the window with the seven African words that we celebrate during Kwanzaa.

**Pablo:** And on the other half, the English words that mean the same!

**Ms. Abraham:** That sounds wonderful! Do you know the seven words and what they mean?

**Dali:** Imani. That means faith!

**Pablo:** Kuumba. Creativity!

**Diego:** Ujamaa! Cooperation!

**Georgia:** Umoja! Unity!

**Kincaide:** Ujima! Responsibility!

**Andrew:** Nia! Purpose!

**Salvador:** Kujichagulia! Self-determination!

**Pablo:** We may need another window for that one!

***Song 3: The Light of Kwanzaa***

**Scene 3:**

**Mr. Scrooge:** Hey! Hey! What's all that racket out there?!?!? Don't you people know this is a business zone!

**Georgia:** Sorry, Mr. Scrooge! We were just celebrating the sounds of Kwanzaa.

**Mr. Scrooge:** Kwanzaa! Hanukkah! Christmas! Bah, Humbug!! I say!

**Kincaide:**(To Audience) That's Mr. Scrooge! He runs the bank. Don't worry, his bark is worse than his bite!

**Mr. Scrooge:** I heard that!

**Wyeth:** Excuse me. We're here to paint the bank's window to brighten Graysville up for the holiday season. What do you say, Mr. Scrooge?

**Mr. Scrooge:** I say, Bah! Humbug! What's it gonna cost me?!

**Andrew:** Nothing! We're just doing it as a volunteer project to try and spread the holiday spirit all over town.

**Mr. Scrooge:** Oh, a bunch of do-gooders, are ya? Well, don't spill any paint on the carpet. I just had it replaced 32 years ago and that stuff's not cheap, you know.

**Diego:** Come on, everyone. Let's paint the bank windows with Santa and his elves. That ought to cheer Mr. Scrooge up.

**Mr. Scrooge:** Oh, and by the way, I hope you aren't going to put any of those elves on there this year. Those little guys give me the creeps!

**Dali:** Maybe we'll just stick with Santa.

#### ***Song 4: Rockin' on the Housetop***

During Rockin' on the Housetop:

**Mr. Scrooge:** I'm starting to like this holiday thing! Happy holidays, one and all!

#### **Scene 4:**

**Magritte:** Hey, Luke! That looks really great! Your mom's store might end up being one of the best in town.

**Luke:** Thanks, guys! But I'm having a little trouble painting this camel. What do you think? One hump or two?

**Henri:** Say, Luke. I didn't know there was a boy at the manger that night. What child is this?

**Luke:** I'm not sure if there was, or there wasn't.

**Renior:** Then, why did you paint one on your nativity window?

**Luke:** I just thought that if there was a little boy, I'd like to know exactly what he saw. I'd like to know what he thought about the miracle of the baby's birth.

### ***Song 5: Shepherd Boy***

### **Scene 5:**

**Henri:** Hey, this store is closed, but there is a sign- "Closed for Ramadan."

**Wyeth:** I didn't know that Ramadan was celebrated in December too.

**Rajih:** It isn't necessarily. It's the ninth month of the Muslim calendar, so sometimes it just works out that way.

**Claude:** How long does it last?

**Rajih:** Ramadan lasts for one month. During that time, it is the tradition to fast every day from sunrise to sunset. This helps to purify the body, teach patience, and make hearts and souls receptive to the teachings of Allah.

**Diego:** December is the most colorful time of the year in so many ways!

**Claude:** It seems like almost everyone has something wonderful to celebrate during December.

**Pablo:** We still have one more window to paint, so we'd better hurry up. Senora Frida will be waiting for us at her Inn.

**Senora Frida:** Feliz Navidad, mis amigos!

**All:** Feliz Navidad, Senora Frida!

**Georgia:** We're here to paint your window.

**Senora Frida:** Oh, I've been waiting for you to show up! All of the guests of my Inn look forward to the colorful windows every year.

**Kincaide:** Oh, dear. We were planning on painting a little burro on the window this year in honor of the journey of Mary and Joseph. But all we have left is brown paint.

**Senora Frida:** Don't worry about that. I have all sorts of paint and streamers and more. We have the most festive burro in the world and make this Las Posadas as colorful as a meadow in spring!

### ***Song 6: The Colors of Las Posadas***

#### **Scene 6:**

**Wyeth:** Just look at all those wonderful windows!

### ***Song 7: Hearts Around the World***

During Hearts Around the World:

**Andrew:** It seems that Graysville is not so gray after all.

**Salvador:** December is a time of color and celebration for people in our town and all around the world.

**Mr. Ladin:** From the blue and white of Hanukkah,

**Ms. Abraham:** to the green, red and black of Kwanzaa,

**Mr. Scrooge:** From Santa Claus and his elves,

**Luke:** To the beautiful story of miraculous birth,

**Rajih:** And sometimes even the spirit of Ramadan,

**Dali:** We all come together in our hearts, at this most wonderful time of the year!

**Magritte:** Red and green, yellow and white,

**Henri:** Purple and pink and everything in between

**Renoir:** We paint the town December with peace on Earth, goodwill toward men!