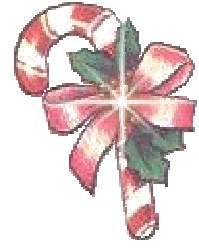


# The Legend of the Candy Cane



Look at the Candy Cane  
What do you see?  
Stripes that are red  
Like the blood shed for me  
White is for my Savior  
Who's sinless and pure!  
"J" is for Jesus, My Lord, that's for sure!  
Turn it around  
And a staff you will see  
Jesus my shepherd  
Was born for Me!



Many years ago, a candy maker wanted to make a candy at Christmas time that would serve as a witness to his Christian faith. He wanted to incorporate symbols for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus. He began with a stick of pure white hard candy. White to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus. Hard to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the Church, firmness to represent the promise of God.

The candy maker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. He thought it could also represent the staff of Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received, by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life.

The candy became known as a candy cane ó for some a simple decoration seen at Christmas time, but for Christians, a meaningful reminder of Jesusø love for all people.

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