

The Legend of the Candy Cane

The "candy cane" is a traditional Christmas candy. It is said that long ago a candy maker created this candy to tell the meaning of Christmas.

First he made a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the sinless nature of God. Hard to symbolize the firmness of God's promises. Because we are sinful our relationship with God is broken, and our lives end in death then eternity in hell. But God promised from the world's creation to send a Savior.

The candy maker then bent the stick into the shape of "J" for the name "Jesus," the sinless Savior, God's Son, whose birth we celebrate on Christmas. The shape is also similar to a shepherd's staff. The night Jesus was born God chose to tell the good news first to shepherds. Jesus is the "Good Shepherd," leading us back to God and eternal life with Him.

Next he added red stripes. This symbolizes the blood of Jesus. Although He had power to prevent it, He allowed men to beat Him and hang Him on a cross.

Finally, the candy was given its mint flavor, symbolizing cleansing. Jesus gave up His life for us because it was God's way for our sins to be forgiven. After He died, He rose from the grave. Now all who believe can be cleansed from sin, have a relationship with God, and look forward to eternal