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“THE CHRISTMAS CANDY CANE STORY”

A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would tell the story of Jesus so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a pure white, hard stick of candy. He used white to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus; and hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the church, and firmness of the promises of God.

He then shaped the candy into the form of a “J” to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. It could also represent the staff of the “Good Shepherd” with which He reaches down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, like all sheep, have gone astray.

Because it appeared 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.

Unfortunately, it became known as a candy cane—a hollow decoration seen at Christmas time. The meaning, however, is still there for those who “have eyes to see and ears to hear.” I hope that this symbol will again come to tell people of the wonder of Jesus and his great love which came to earth that first Christmas and remains the ultimate and dominant force in the universe today.

May every candy cane you see remind you of the joy that comes through Jesus Christ and the real meaning of Christmas.

Come—Worship; Stay—Learn; Go—Serve