

The Legend of the Candy Cane

According to legend there was a candy maker who wanted to invent a candy that would be a witness to Christ.

The candy maker used a hard candy to remind us that Jesus is the rock of our salvation.

2 Samuel 22:1-2, 32, 47 (NKJV)

1 Then David spoke to the Lord the words of this song, on the day when the Lord had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.

2 And he said: "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;"

32 "For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?"

47 "The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, the Rock of my salvation!"

The candy cane is shaped like a shepherd's staff because Jesus is our good Shepherd.

Psalms 23:1 (NLT)

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

John 10:11, 14 (NKJV)

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

14 "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own."

When held upside down, the candy cane has a "J" shape, which stands for Jesus.

Luke 1:30-31 (NKJV)

30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus."

The Candy Cane is white to represent Jesus' virgin birth and His sinless life.

Luke 1:35 (NKJV)

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

1 Peter 2:21-22 (GNT)

21 It was to this that God called you, for Christ himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in his steps.

22 He committed no sin, and no one ever heard a lie come from his lips.

The thick red stripes on the candy cane represent the blood Jesus shed on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and so we could be reconciled to God.

Ephesians 2:13 (NKJV)

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Colossians 1:14 (NKJV)

In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

The thinner red stripes on the candy cane symbolize the stripes Jesus received when He was whipped by the Roman soldiers (by His stripes we were healed).

Matthew 27:26 (NKJV)

Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

The flavor of the candy cane is peppermint, which is similar to hyssop. Hyssop is of the mint family and was used in Old Testament times for purification and sacrifice.

Psalms 51:7 (NKJV)

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

The candy cane was also made to be given as a gift, representing the love of God when He gave us the gifts of salvation and eternal life.

2 Corinthians 9:15 (NKJV)

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

So, every time you see a candy cane, remember the message of the candy maker: Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the promised Messiah!