



CHRISTMAS SUNDAY KIDS

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Have you had a candy cane recently? Can you remember what it looked like?

Draw a big one here:



Candy canes are **Christmas** candy, because there are many things about them that point to **Jesus**, and we celebrate Jesus' birthday on Christmas!

Can you list some ways candy canes point to Jesus?

Here are some ideas:

First, Shepherds use a "cane" like this. It's called a shepherd's crook and it helps them keep the sheep together with the shepherd. Do you remember what Jesus said about himself? If you can, look in your Bible at John 10:14-15.

(He said he is the good shepherd. He knows his sheep and his sheep know him, and He lays down His life for his sheep.

If you turn a candy cane upside down, what letter is it?

(If you guessed a "J", you're right!)

And the colors on the candy cane mean a lot, too.



The red on the candy cane stands for

And the white stands for

The red: Jesus' blood that he shed to pay the price for what we've done wrong.

The white: Jesus is pure and holy. Though our sins are red, He makes us white as snow.

Now, here's a question for you. Who were the first ones to see baby Jesus besides his parents, Joseph and Mary, and the animals around them?

You're right again if you guessed the shepherds! You'll find the details in your Bible in Luke 2:10-14.

If you like to watch "Charlie Brown's Christmas", near the end of the show you'll hear Linus tell Charlie Brown and the other children that this is what Christmas is all about:

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around



them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

We get to have that peace when we receive the gift of Jesus and let Him lead us like sheep.

God loves to point to things He wants us to know in many ways – like that Jesus said He is the good shepherd. Even through a really yummy Christmas candy! Merry Christmas everyone!

Love,
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