

# CANDY CANE CRAFT & LESSON



## A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT TELLS THE STORY OF JESUS

We believe it's important to be intentional about teaching kids the true meaning of Christmas. With this simple craft and lesson, your kids will be able to give a meaningful gift to their friends this Christmas season that points directly to Jesus!

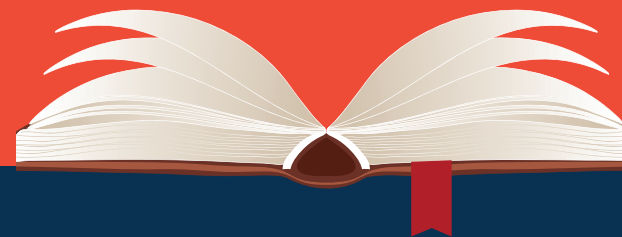
Sure, all kids know what a candy cane is. But, what if they can use it to help share Jesus with others? Help them make these candy canes, then encourage them to use the gifts to share the story of Jesus' birth and death with their friends.

### MATERIALS NEEDED FOR 1 CANDY CANE:

- A candy cane, for reference
- 1 red pipe cleaner
- 1 white pipe cleaner
- 12" green ribbon
- "The Meaning of the Candy Cane" card cut out with a hole punched in the corner (See page 3)

*"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*

— MATTHEW 1:21



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## INSTRUCTIONS:



### Introduce the Candy Cane

Show your child the candy cane and ask what it is.

Explain that the candy cane can be used to help us remember some very important things about Jesus and can also help your child teach friends about the story of Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas!

### Make the Candy Cane

Twist both pipe cleaners around each other. Bend into a candy cane shape. Slide the green ribbon through the hole in the Candy Cane card and double knot it. Tie the card to the candy cane with a bow.

### Sharing the Candy Cane and the True Meaning of Christmas

Brainstorm with your child how the candy cane shape and colors could be used to tell others about Jesus and Christmas. If you get stuck, here are some ideas:

- The hook shape reminds us of a “J” for Jesus and a shepherd’s hook when held in different ways. In the Bible, shepherds lead their sheep by walking in front of them. Jesus, as our Good Shepherd, leads the way and asks us to follow him. Read Psalm 23
- White reminds us of Jesus’ purity, the cleanliness of His heart. Read Hebrews 4:15
- Red reminds us that Jesus came to die and bled for our sins so that we would be forgiven. Read 1 John 1:7

Together, think of a few of friends your child could give one of these candy canes to and share the true meaning of Christmas with them!

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