

# The Meaning of the Candy Cane

## Hard Candy

Reminds us that Jesus is like a “rock,” strong and dependable.  
(Read Psalm 31:3.)

## Peppermint Flavor

Reminds us of the gift of spices from the wise men.  
(Read Matthew 2:11.)

## White Candy

Stands for Jesus as the holy, sinless Son of God.  
(Read 1 John 1:7.)

## Cane Shape

Is like a staff used by shepherds in caring for sheep.  
Reminds us of Jesus, our “Good Shepherd.”  
(Read John 10:1-18, 27-30.)

## The Letter “J”

Is the first letter in the Name of Jesus, our Savior.  
(Read Matthew 1:21.)

## The Color Red

Reminds us that Jesus is the Gift of God’s love.  
Reminds us that Jesus shed His blood for us.  
(Read John 3:16 and Revelation 1:5.)

## The Stripes

The large stripe reminds us of the cross on which Jesus died.  
Three small red stripes remind us of His sufferings from  
the whip on His back, the crown of thorns on his head,  
and the nail wounds in His hands and feet.  
(Read John 19:1-30.)