

The Legend of the Candy Cane

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“⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid.

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ ¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’” **Luke 2:8-14 (TNIV)**

How is the candy cane a parable about Jesus?

C (hristmas is about Jesus)

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:11 (TNIV)

A (ttention to our souls)

“You were lost sheep with no idea who you were or where you were going. Now you’re named and kept for good by the Shepherd of your souls.” 1 Peter 2:25 (Message)

N (egate sin and its impact)

“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.” Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)

E (mbrace a relationship with God)

“⁷But if we live in the light, as God does, we share in life with each other. And the blood of his Son Jesus washes all our sins away. ⁸If we say that we have not sinned, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth isn’t in our hearts. ⁹But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.” 1 John 1:7-9 (CEV)