



## The Candy Cane Legend

(Based on circulating legends of the candy cane)

May our eyes and ears of faith be newly opened  
Today, I share with you the Candy Cane Legend  
Many, many years ago, so the story is told  
A special Christmas candy, a candy maker wished to mold  
Wanting to include signs of Jesus and his ministry  
He began with a stick of pure white hard candy

It was shaped into a 'J' for Jesus the Lord  
Who came to free us from our sins and all discord  
White to symbolize his virgin birth and sinlessness  
Hard to represent his rock foundation and faithfulness  
Turn it around and you have a humble shepherd's staff  
Yes, Jesus our Good Shepherd would die on our behalf

The maker thinking that this sacred treat was too plain  
Decided to highlight the candy cane with a red stain  
Adding red stripes to signify the blood of Jesus  
Shed on the wooden cross; this saving gift so precious  
This Christmas let us look deeper and beyond the surface  
Seeing the candy cane and its true meaning so wondrous

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