

(Continued) happened which the lord has made known to us.”

And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph and the baby as He lay in the manger.

The Gospel of Luke 2:6-16

Isaiah 9:4

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.



TAKE THIS CUP AWAY

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In the manger He did lay
as His mother knelt to pray.

My dear Son you've given more
than I've ever known before.

You are more than I can know
the day will come when You must go.
It makes me proud that you're the one,
I gave you life but you're God's Son.

In the garden He did pray,
oh take this cup away.

Sweat like blood upon His brow,
as He prayed both then and now.
What if one should choose his sin;
I can't pay this price again.
Not my will but thine be done
cried the Father's only Son.

In the tomb where He did lie,
a borrowed tomb He could not buy.
Broken body, mind and soul,
He had played the sinner's roll.
Now the stone was rolled away,
as it came the break of day.
He was gone they know not where,
He's coming back His home to share.

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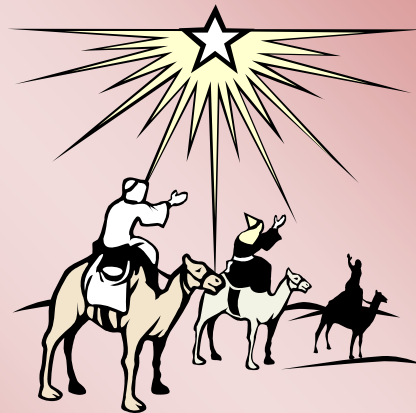
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**To encourage the Faithful
To save the Lost.**

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE
GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL
NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

JOHN 3:16

IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, DO IT TODAY.



**Jesus
is the Reason
For the Season**

**Have a Very Merry
Christmas
And a Happy
New Year**

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The Candymaker's Witness

A candymaker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would be a witness, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols of the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church, and a firmness of the promises of God.

The candymaker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to the earth as our Savior. It could also represent the staff of the "Good Shepherd" with which He reaches down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs, who like all sheep have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candymaker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the bloodshed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life.

Unfortunately, the candy became known as a candy cane, a meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time. But the meaning is still there for those who **"have eyes to see and ears to hear."** I pray that this symbol will again be used to witness to the wonder of Jesus and his great love that came down at Christmas and remains the ultimate and dominant force in the universe today.

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Name Will Be

Called...

And it came about that while they were there; the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped him in cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrible frightened.

And the angel said to them, ***"Do not be afraid for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all the people,, for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."***

"And this will be a sign for you, you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ***"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peach among men with whom He is pleased."***

And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying one another.

"Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing which has (Continued)"