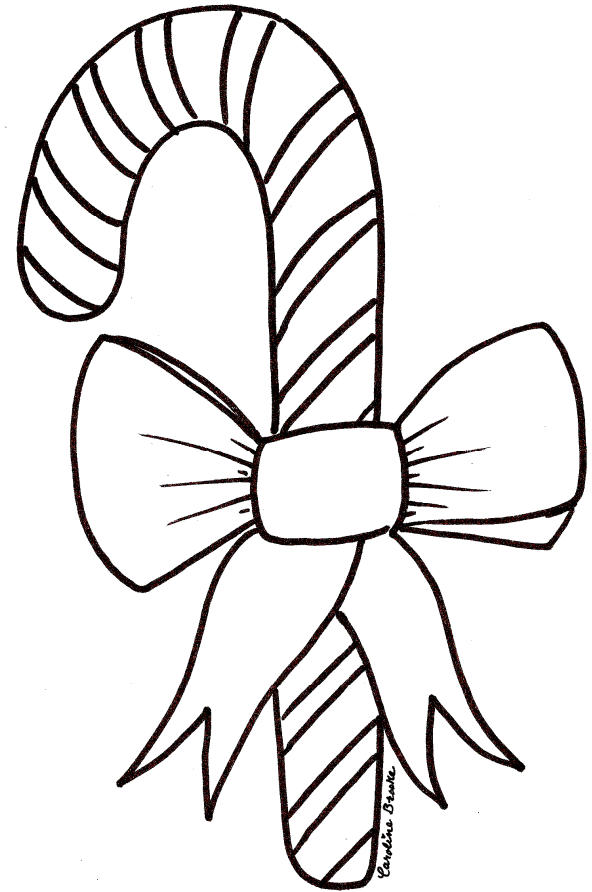


# Merry Christmas



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## The Candy Cane and Its Meaning

The shape of a candy cane represents a shepherd's staff because Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

Turn it upside down and you have a "J" for "Jesus."

White is for purity; red is for the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

The three red stripes are for the Holy Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The hardness is for our Church built on solid rock and the rock solid promises that Jesus made.

The peppermint flavor represents another mint, hyssop, used to purify.

*Oh taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.  
Psalm 34:8*

