



*Merry
Christmas*

The Candy Cane Gospel

The Shape: When held as a "J," it stands for Jesus the Savior. Turned the other way, it resembles a shepherd's staff or crook, symbolizing Jesus as the "Good Shepherd" who cares for and guides his people (sheep).

The White Color: The pure white color of the candy represents the purity and sinless nature of Jesus Christ, who was born of a virgin birth. Through his sacrifice, believers can be made "as white as snow."

The Red Stripes: The red stripes symbolize the blood that Jesus shed for the sins of the world during his crucifixion. The three smaller stripes are sometimes said to represent the stripes from the whipping he received, by which we are healed, or it could also symbolize the Holy Trinity.

The Hardness: The hard candy represents that Jesus is the solid rock and foundation of the Church, and the firmness of God's promises.

The Peppermint Flavor: The flavor is often associated with the hyssop plant, an herb used for purification and sacrifice in the Old Testament, which points to Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for purification from sin. The strong flavor also reminds people to spread the "good news" (gospel) of Jesus' love!

