



## **Devotional & Article Writing Starters**

### **Topic: “Candy Cane”**

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Take the ideas and build upon them to make them your own. Add in your own points, illustrations, explanations, and relating Bible verses.

#### **More Than a Legend**

- We hear about the legend of the candy cane. The story floats all around the internet, but the story of Jesus birth and His coming to die for our sins is NOT merely a legend.
- The Birth of Christ is a TRUE story!
- Luke 2 (story of Christ’s birth)
- Legends come and go but Christ is forever!
  - Hebrews 13:8
- His sacrifice is forever
  - Romans 6:9, 10

- His love is forever.
  - Jeremiah 31:3

### **Every Sweet Gift**

- The Gift of God's Son is so sweet
  - John 3:23
- The gifts and blessings God gives us is sweet.
  - James 1:17
- Are we counting our blessings this Christmas?
- Even when it's tough?
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:18)
  - Colossians 1:15
  - Philippians 4:6

### **The Story the Candy Cane Tells**

- Upside down - the letter "J" for Jesus!
  - Matthew 1:25 (called His name Jesus)
  - Luke 1:31 (call His name Jesus)
  - The Name of Jesus (hymn by W.C. Martin)
    - first verse
    - The name of Jesus is so sweet,*
    - I love its music to repeat;*
    - It makes my joys full and complete,*
    - The precious name of Jesus.*
- Upside right - the shepherd's staff (Jesus is the Good Shepherd)
  - John 10
  - Key verses 11 and 14 (does the job of a shepherd)
- Sweet - the love of Jesus
  - John 15:12 (love as Jesus loved)

- 1 John 3:16 (God loved the world)
- Ephesians 3:17-19 (love that passes knowledge)
- Stripes - the suffering Jesus did for us on the cross
  - Isaiah 53:5 (by His stripes we are healed)
  - 1 Peter 2:24 (by His stripes)
  - John 1:19 (scourged or whipped)
- Red - the blood Jesus shed for our sins
  - Ephesians 1:7 (forgiveness through His blood)
  - Revelation 5:9 (redeemed by the blood)
- White - Jesus takes away the sins of the world
  - John 3:16 (none should perish)
  - John 1:29 (takes away the sins of the world)
  - 1 John 4:14 (Savior of the world)

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