



Candy Cane

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One of the sweetest (no pun intended) symbols that we associate with Christmas is the candy cane. I love the fact that it is sweet, but also that you can turn it upside down to make that “J” for Jesus. I’m sure you have all seen the “Candy Cane” story somewhere along the line.

It truly is a great time of year to stop and consider what Christ has done

for us. After all, Christmas is all about Christ!

Christmas Party Event Concept: Candy Cane

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The event themes on the website can be used for showers, parties, women’s ministry retreats and activities, or church functions. Each theme will have one or several possible spiritual applications. *I give you lots of info and ideas—You pick just a few to enhance your event. More ideas can be used for showers and parties, but less is always more for ministry events.*

Theme Titles

- "J" is for Jesus!
- A Candy Cane Christmas
- A Sweet Christmas
- Candy Cane Kisses and Christmas Wishes
- Candy Cane Lane
- Christmas in the Air
- Jesus is the Reason
- Jingle & Mingle
- Joy in Jesus
- Merry & Bright
- Old Fashioned Christmas
- Peppermint Kisses and Christmas Wishes
- Peppermint Party
- Sweet Celebration
- Sweet Fellowship
- Sweet Happy Birthday Jesus Party
- Sweets & Treats Christmas Party
- Taste the Sweetness
- Tis the Season
- Walking Down Candy Cane Lane

Spiritual & General Applications

- Focus on the sweetness of Jesus, God's Gift.
- Focus on the story of the Birth of Jesus.
- Celebrate the Birthday of Jesus with family and friends.

Theme Verse Suggestions

O taste and see that the LORD is good...
Psalm 34:8 (KJV)

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD. Psalm 104:34 (KJV)

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11 (KJV)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14 (KJV)

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. Ephesians 5:2 (KJV)

Devotional Starters & Workshop Ideas

- Download the "Candy Cane" Devotional Writing Starters.
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/devotional-helps/devotional-starters-candy-cane.pdf>

Simple Decorating

- Decorate using Christmas decorations.
- Use candy canes on tables, wreaths, and decorations.
- Use dishes or mason jars filled with peppermints for the tables.
- Simple Décor: Fill a tray with a jar or Christmas cup of candy canes, a candy dish of peppermints, a candle, and several small Christmas decorations.

Icebreakers

Candy Land Game

Have a few Candy Land board games set up to play.

Peppermint Toss

Have tin cans set up and wrapped peppermints for a tossing game. See how many your guests can make into the tin cans.

Discussion Starters

- *What is the sweetest Christmas you remember from childhood?*
- *What is the sweetest Christmas you have had in the last 10 years?*
- *What is the sweetest Christmas gift you have ever received?*
- *What ways can we show others the sweetness of Christ at Christmas?*

Christmas Discussion

Start some Christmas table talk.

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/ICEBREAKER-Christmas-Chatter-Questions.pdf>

Music

- Christmas songs
- *In the Sweet By and By* (Bennett)
- *Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus* (Stead)
- *The Name of Jesus is so Sweet* (Lorenz)

Favor Ideas

- Candy cane shaped pens
- Candy canes
- Christmas ornament
- Christmas snow globe
- Packaged candy cane cookies
- Hot chocolate package with peppermint stirrer sticks tied to it with ribbon
- Mints of any kind
- Peppermint sticks
- Peppermint tea
- Candy cane cookie cutter

Door Prize Ideas

- Box of candy canes
- Box of peppermint tea
- Candy cane Christmas decoration
- Christmas ornament
- Christmas snow globe
- Gift basket of hot cocoa, candy canes, marshmallows, Christmas mugs
- Devotional book
- Fuzzy socks
- Peppermint candy
- Throw blanket
- Warm scarf
- Tin of Christmas cookies

Just for Fun

Candy Cane Hunt

Hide some candy canes around your event area and give time for everyone to search for them throughout your event. Give a prize to whomever finds the most by the end of the event.

Candy Making

Make some type of Christmas candy as a group. Christmas bark with crushed peppermints on top is an easy group project.

Cookie Making

Make candy cane cookies as a group.

Group Craft

Do a candy cane craft as a group project.

Group Project

Purchase small form wrapped candy canes and add candy cane story tags to them to use as an outreach. Search "candy cane tag printable" in your favorite search engine and you will find many to choose from. Or even make up your own printable tags to use and add your church name such as "a gift from _____ Church. Fellowship together as you tie the tags onto the candy canes.

Food & Serving

- Have different flavored candy canes available to use as coffee and hot chocolate stirrers.
- Candy cane shape cookies
- Christmas bark (topped with crushed peppermint)
- Peppermint candies in candy dishes
- Christmas snacks & treats

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