

### The Legend of the Candy Cane

Long ago, a Candy Maker wanted to make a candy that would remind his customers to celebrate Jesus at Christmas. The Candy Maker began with white candy that stood for the purity of the Lord. He shaped it like a "J" for Jesus. When he turned it upside down, he saw it became the staff of the Good Shepherd. The red stripes would remind everyone of the cost of salvation that came through Jesus' blood. He added the peppermint flavor to symbolize the spices that were gifts from the Wise Men. Today this simple candy cane still reminds us to celebrate the sweetest gift of Christmas – Jesus!

*... the gift of God is eternal life...*

