

Director's News

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The Symbol of the Candy Cane



The candy cane begins with a stick of white candy. The white symbolizes the purity of the Christmas season. Red stripes are for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we may have eternal life. The candy cane is formed into a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus. It can also represent the staff of the Good Shepherd. Its hard consistency represents the Solid Rock, the foundation of the church, and the firmness of the promises of God.

Dates to Remember

- **December 10**
Credit Union Day
- **December 10 and 11**
Civi-Days
- **December 14**
Christmas Program
- **December 16**
Pajama Party
- **Dec. 24-Jan. 1**
Winter Break
- **January 4**
Staff Development
- **January 5**
Students Return



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The Real Meaning of Christmas

It's hard not to be captivated by gifts and glitter this time of year. Amid the toys and trimmings, how can you teach your child the true meaning of Christmas?

1. **Start a family tradition of reading the story of Jesus' birth.** You'll find the account in the second chapter of the book of Luke in the Bible. Even younger children will understand much of the story, and their questions can lead to family conversations about the deeper meaning of Christmas.
2. **Listen to and sing Christmas music that focuses on the reason for the season.** Kids will never tire of "Jingle Bells" or "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and songs about Santa are part of the holiday fun. But the simple melodies of "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night" and the exuberance of "Joy to the World" will have your children singing about the Christ child and the impact of his birth. Make these songs part of a family sing-along for a tradition your children will remember all their lives. Or try the Cedarhurst Kids' albums [Christmas Favorites](#) and [Christmas Carols](#).
3. **Involve your kids in displaying a Nativity scene.** If you're nervous about exposing your heirloom Nativity to little hands, check out Fisher Price's [Little People Deluxe Christmas Story](#). Consider combining this tradition with reading the Christmas story, having your children place each figure in the scene at the appropriate point in the story.
4. **Celebrate Saint Nicholas Day.** The Wick family from Fort Collins, Colorado, gives Saint Nicholas Day gifts and leaves Santa out of Christmas Day to make a distinction between Santa Claus and the celebration of Christ's birth. Observed on December 6 in countries around the world, Saint Nicholas Day features a kindly old man who comes in the night to leave gifts in children's shoes. Miki Wick, a stay-at-home mom, suggests telling children the true story of Saint Nicholas and how he became associated with Christmas. You'll find this information on the [St. Nicholas Center](#) website.
5. **Attend a Christmas program, pageant or concert at an area church.** Your holiday viewing is sure to include classics like *Frosty the Snowman* and *A Christmas Story*. Consider adding a live performance that emphasizes the spiritual significance of Christmas. Some churches encourage you to use onsite childcare for preschool-aged children, so check ahead to find a program that will keep your kids' attention.

Attachments

Finance

Smart Tuition Notice

Nurse's News

Invitation to "Happy Birthday, Jesus"

Welcome to a Pajama Party

