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Title: Candy Cane Bible Promise

Theme: All the really good gifts come from God and they come attached to Jesus.

Object: Candy Cane with Bible verse attached describing a gift from Jesus.

Text: Romans 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

This is another verse in the Bible that tells us about how God gives good things to us.

All the really good gifts come from God.

Last week we talked about the greatest gift ever given. Remember?

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to die on the cross for our sins, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

There’s no greater gift that has ever been given than the gift of Jesus.

But this verse in the Bible says that, even though God has given us the greatest gift already, He’s not done giving yet.

God has more gifts for us, and they all come to us through Jesus.

The verse that we read says that if God already gave us the greatest gift in Jesus, we can depend on Him to freely give us all that He wants us to have if we accept Jesus as our Savior.

All the really good gifts come from God, and they come through Jesus our Savior.

Now there is something very special that we see only at Christmas time that reminds me of Jesus.

And I brought it in my bag today. [Get out candy cane.]

It’s a candy cane! Can you think of any ways this candy cane can remind us of Jesus?

1. It’s sweet. It’s refreshing. It’s good. Just like Jesus: He’s sweet. He’s refreshing. He’s good.
2. It’s a cane. People lean on a cane in order to walk straight. We can lean on Jesus and He can help us to walk straight and make good decisions in life.
3. It’s a shepherd’s staff. Jesus is the Good Shepherd that lays down His life for the sheep.
4. If you turn it upside down, what letter is it? “J”. And J is the first letter in the name Jesus.
5. It’s colored red and white. What does the red remind you of? The blood that Jesus shed so we could be forgiven.
6. And white in the Bible always represents purity. Jesus is the only one who never sinned. He was good and pure and holy his whole life.

So when we see a candy cane, there are a lot of things that can remind us of Jesus.

Now as I look in my bag this morning, I can see some more candy canes.

These candy canes are special for two reasons: first they were bought by Pat Gosselin because she wanted to give a candy cane to each of you.

And second, they are special because they each come with a little card attached that tells you about one of the gifts Jesus gives to you.

Let me read them…

[Read the gifts indicated on each card. Put them all back in the bag.]

After we pray, you can take a candy cane out of the bag.

But remember this: All the really good gifts come from God, and they come attached to Jesus.

The only way we can receive these gifts is to receive Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

Do you want to receive Jesus today? Let’s do it! Let’s invite Him into our hearts again!