



A Season For Giving

Projects to
Make and Give



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"It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Acts 20:35b

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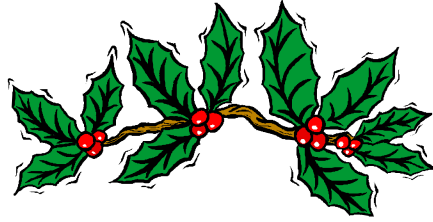
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INTRODUCTION



Welcome to ***A Season for Giving***. Recently the Lord laid on my heart the idea for this ebook. An ebook that would not only provide some simple gift ideas, but the recipes, instructions, gift tags and cards to go along with each gift. Gift giving does not have to be elaborate or expensive, and there are many, many ways that we can give of ourselves during the holiday season.

I pray that this little ebook will give you some resources and ideas to get you started. There are twenty (20) projects to choose from...some from the kitchen, some printable gifts, some handiwork gifts... Hopefully you will find some ideas that will encourage your family to give more of yourselves to others during the holidays and throughout the year.

I would encourage your family to sit down together and discuss how you, as a family, can give to others during this special time of year. Take a look at the ideas in this ebook, but don't limit yourself to these! This ebook is intended to give you a starting point, so let your creative juices flow! Once you have decided on which project(s) to do, then set aside time in your schedule to work on them as a family.

During a season in which many people focus on what they will "get", help your family shift their focus on what they can "give". Jesus Christ gave up everything for us...even His life! Can't we do the same for others? We have so much...surely we can find something we can give to others.

Wishing you a holiday season filled with loving and giving!

~ Sheri

"Freely you have received, freely give."

Matthew 10:8b

Project #6

The Legend of the Candy Cane Bookmarks & Ornament

I made these bookmarks one year for one of my children to attach to their Christmas gifts. These bookmarks can be attached to candy canes (or homemade candy cane ornaments-see instructions below) and included in gift baskets or attached to gifts.

Choose one of the homemade candy cane ornament below to make or just buy some real candy canes.

Print out the Legend of the Candy Cane bookmarks onto white cardstock paper. Cut out. Put the candy cane and bookmark into pretty plastic gift bags (the clear kind that you can buy to put party gifts or candy in).

Print out a Christmas card onto cardstock paper, cut out, fold in half, then personalize with a Christmas message.

Tie the top of your gift bag with a pretty red or green ribbon with your Christmas card attached (Punch a hole in the corner of your gift card to attach to the ribbon).

This is a simple, inexpensive gift that expresses the true meaning of Christmas! Make a bunch of these up and give along with a plate of cookies to neighbors as a witnessing tool. Enjoy!

Here are two different candy cane ornament ideas...

Make a Bead Candy Cane Ornament

This will make 1 candy cane:

12" white chenille stem

18 clear translucent tri-beads (non-translucent beads may be used)

16 red translucent tri-beads (non-translucent beads may be used)

Wire cutters

How to make it:

1. Cut the chenille stem in half.
2. Put on one clear bead, turn end of chenille stem around the bead. Feed next clear bead on the chenille stem all the way down to cover the sharp end.
3. Feed the rest of the beads, starting with two red beads, followed by two clear beads, until all the beads are used.
4. After the last clear bead is added, bend the chenille stem around the bead. Feed the stem back through the second clear bead to cover the sharp end.
5. Attach your Legend of the Candy Cane Bookmark and give away!



Make a Pipecleaner Candy Cane

This will make 1 candy cane:

- 1 white pipe cleaners
- 1 red metallic pipe cleaner

Instructions

1. Line up the red and white pipe cleaners.
2. Holding the ends together with one hand, twist the red pipe cleaner around the white one in regular intervals like a real candy cane. The red pipe cleaner won't cover the entire white one so cut off the excess where the red one ends. Twist the red pipe cleaner around the white one at each end to keep the ends from unraveling.
3. Cut the twisted pipe cleaners to the length of 6".
4. Bend the 6" piece of twisted pipe cleaners to form the candy cane shape. You can use the leftover smaller piece of twisted pipe cleaners to form an additional candy cane to decorate your tree.
5. Attach your Legend of the Candy Cane Bookmark and give away!





The Legend of the
Candy Cane

Look at the Candy Cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me

White is for my Savior
Who's sinless and pure!
"J" is for Jesus,
My Lord, that's for sure!

Turn it around
And a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd
Was born for Me!

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